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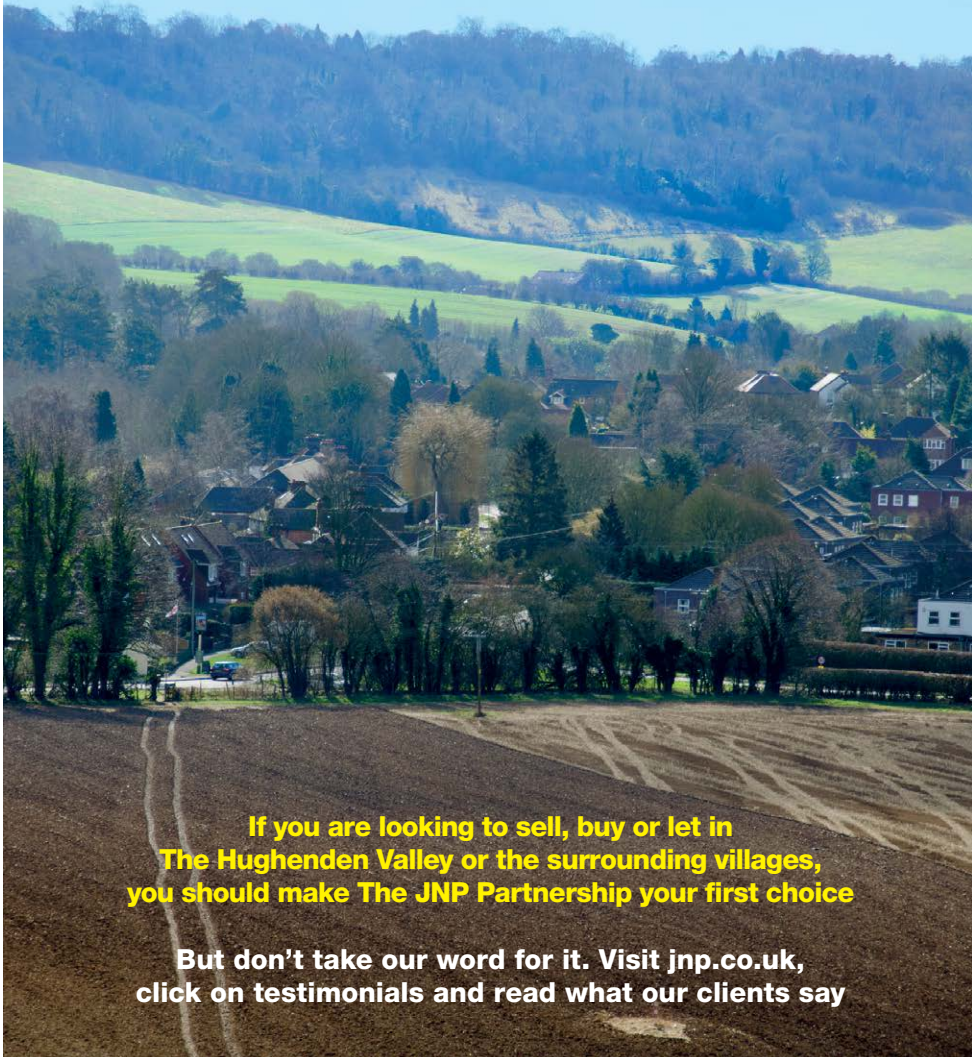
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Monday

Pre-School	9am-1pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Pre-School	9am-3pm	S Jenny Ing	463521
Beavers	5-7pm	L Lynda Wallwork	564582
Pilates	1:15pm – 4:15pm	L E Harwood 07803	123092
Art	7-10pm (most Mondays)	S Jill Graves	563813
Valley Players	7:30-10:00pm	L Sheelagh 07468	462023
Village Hall	1 st Monday, 8-10pm	C Michael Sole	563516

Tuesday

Pre-School	9am-1pm	B Jenny Ing	463521
Badminton Tuesday	1:30-3:30pm	L Nancy Hussy	563767
Children's Dance	3:45-5:45pm	L Mrs Ruddock	286095
Sains' Veterans	3 rd Tuesday, 2-5pm	S Sandra Jones	715219
Seido Karate	6-8pm	L Roger Thyer-Jones	565341
Residents Assn.	1 st Tuesday 8-10pm	S Angus Idle	563673
Pilates	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Not 1 st Tuesday of Month)	S E Harwood 07803	123092

Wednesday

Pre-School	9am-1pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Pilates	9:30-11:30am	S Rosie Lewin	812796
Pre-School	12noon-3pm	S Jenny Ing	463521
Badminton	1:30-3:30pm	L John Veysey	562332
Flower Arranging	3 rd Weds 6:30 - 10:30pm	L Jan Collins	563890
Pilates	6:45-9pm	S Karen Letham 07973	384817

Thursday

Pre-School	9am-1pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Painting	9:30-11:30am	S Jim Eastgate	528698
Painting Class	12noon:2pm	S Bucks Adult Learn	475504
Good Companions	1 st Thursday, 2-5pm	L Pat Furness	563071
Tai-chi	2:15-4:15m	L+S Pam Felix	440198
Dance Class	4:30-8:30pm	S Jessica 07792	518455
Diet & Fitness	5:15-7-:15pm	L Rachel	452286
Pregnant Yoga	7-9pm	S Sue Friar	564530

Friday

Pre-School	9am-1pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Pre-School	9am-3pm	S Jenny Ing	463521
Valley Friends	1 st Friday, 7:30-10:30pm	L Jill Graves	563813
HAGA Gardening	4 th Friday, 7:30-10:30pm	L Debi Hoare	816304

Saturday

Jazzercise	8:30-10:30am	L Marthese 01753	889746
Multiple Sclerosis	1 st Saturday, 12noon-5pm	L Judy Biggs	562204

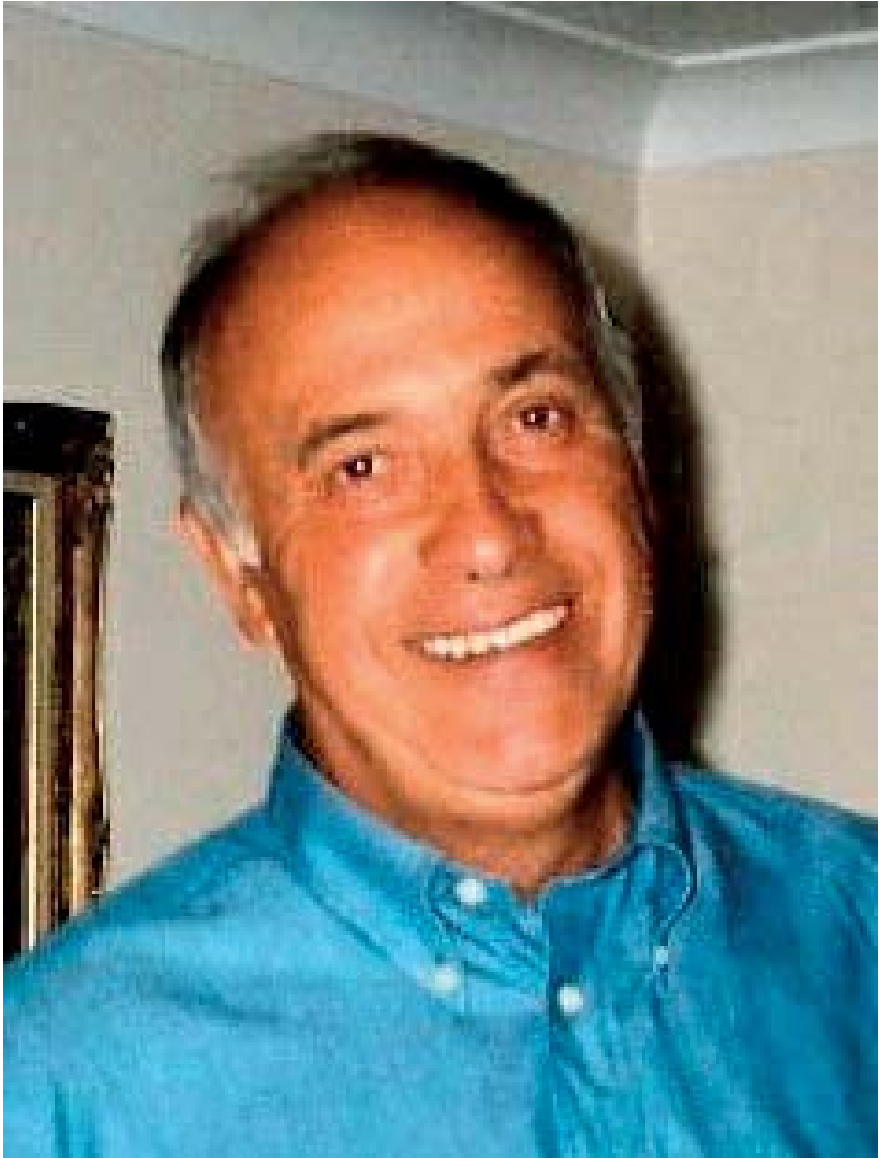
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Mervyn Wallen

10th November 1935 – 28th September 2016



Mervyn was one of those people that could bring happiness and a smile to anyone that knew him or indeed, those that just met him. He was always working tirelessly to support his family and yet always managed to find that special time to enjoy his family. He was supportive of others, whether that were his friends or the groups he became involved with such as sports clubs, bird clubs and indeed people he met through his other interests and hobbies.

Mervyn was born in Princes Risborough into a large family of uncles and aunts. It was in his early school years that he picked up a passion for trains — apparently he often managed to jump a ride on the train home from school by standing on the footplate of the carriage — this would often land him in trouble with his father but it never killed his passion or hobby of trains.

Mervyn started his working life at Compare Broomwade in Wycombe working as a draughtsman in the drawing office. This is where he met Margaret some 62-years ago! He went on to spend his whole life working for the same organisation, where for the last 15 years, having risen through the ranks he was Managing Director of Compair Autopower. During his time at Compair he spent a year working in the US, returning for just 1 week of every month.

Prior to embarking on his successful career Mervyn spent a couple of years in the Royal Navy which he enjoyed enormously. He enjoyed sharing many a story about his sea faring days.

He had many lifelong family friendships, holidaying together for over 18 years at the same place - Elm Grove in Wales, so you would get some 20 or so kids maybe 8 or so mums and dads arriving 'en mass' somewhere along the Pembrokeshire coast. There would be a game of twenty five a side football and loads of fun meaning many happy, treasured memories for all.

Mervyn and Margaret settled at Silver Birches in Hughenden Valley for what turned out to be over 56 years. They were both very active members in the local community and were very well known, as was Margaret's father, Harry Potter, who lived with them for many years.

One of the passions they both shared was tennis and they spent most weekends at the Broomwade tennis club where they made some great friends - the likes of Jim and Inge, Carol and Harry and many more.

Their interests also included their children's so it was with no surprise that with 3 boys and a strong passion for football, Mervyn along with some others in the village helped form Hughenden Football Club (located right behind their house). Today this has grown to something like 11 teams which is fantastic! Even at home games they would sometimes be required to go and collect the players from the Wycombe area just to ensure there were 11 in a team on the day and Mervyn running the team which he enjoyed immensely. As next door neighbours to the Village Hall and Field they helped where ever possible and rarely moaned.

There was the annual fishing trip on a rowing boat for Steve. With Mike it was the annual trip to Skomer Island off the coast of Wales to count Puffins and Guillemots, as well as several local walks with all the other birders. Mervyn helped Martyn with tools and DIY many a time.

Mervyn had a great knack of coaching, persuading, and these traits and skills Mervyn possessed in abundance and praising people who deserved it. He had an abundance of cheerfulness. He was a good friend to a contingent of his sons' friends making them feel wanted and at home with a permanent welcome. So his quality of being supportive through each of his son's interests was further underpinned by being one of the most tolerant people they knew. In the Village he would walk to the shop and collect the daily paper even when struggling with his hips, and keep up with world affairs.

Several grandchildren appeared on the scene. They all had their own interests and needs and as with his sons before – he had the knack of being there just when needed, saying the right thing at the right time.

As a Dad Mervyn was kind, generous and loving; great at sharing his experiences and showing how to do the things the right way, and always with a smile. He was someone his boys always looked up to and respected and continue to look up to and respect as did many people.

Mike has a Quote he would like to share by Thomas Campbell "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die". We love you very much Dad, you've been a gentleman, a fantastic father and Grandfather and a brilliant husband. God bless you Dad.

Taken, with permission from Martyn, Steve and Michael's, memories of Mervyn at his funeral which was packed with many who knew and loved him.

Home to Rome



On 20 August 2016, I took on the challenge of cycling from Winchester to Rome in 14 days to raise money for cancer research. A few members of my family have suffered from cancer, and I wanted to do something to raise money and awareness, alongside my love of cycling.

I started training after Easter, alongside studying for my GCSE's and then suffered a set-back of falling off my bike and breaking my wrist at the beginning of July, but I managed to maintain my fitness with plenty of cycling in the gym. At the same time that I was declared fit, Julian, my step-father fell off his bike (dangerous sport this cycling!), and broke his collar bone.

Fortunately for me, the group that we were cycling with "inspired living", allowed me to ride as long as Julian came in the support vehicle, so with all our kit packed for 2 weeks away, we set off for Winchester in the car.

Once there it was bags in the 2 support vans, on our bikes and we officially started from Winchester Hospital. After that it was cycling to Southampton, and on a ferry.

Cycling through France was brilliant, as the roads were so good, and we generally covered about 90 miles a day. The riding was smooth and flat to start with, but the temperature at the end of August was up into the high 30 degrees. We would start cycling at about 8.30am and then finish at about 4pm, so it was a long day.

I especially love hills, so really enjoyed the Alps, and was given the "King of the Mountains" award from my team. The highlight of the trip for me was riding the Col d'Iseran at 2770m (9087ft), which has been used in the Tour de France.

Jesper Howe (aged 16)

Reverend Keith Johnson

My name is Keith Johnson, and I have been the Vicar of St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden since July this year. I am married to Rachel and we have two sons – Luke (20) and Samuel (17), and three cats.

We are enjoying living in Hughenden Valley immensely, and I am finding my feet in a new parish, with a warm and supportive Church family, and a welcoming community.

I was born in Leamington Spa, in 1968, raised in the West Midlands, met my wife in Tunbridge Wells, and have also lived in Hastings,

Nottingham, Redditch and Chatham. I served my curacy in Redditch in the Worcester Diocese, having been ordained a deacon in Worcester Cathedral in 2006, and then as a priest in 2007.

I support Somerset County Cricket Club, enjoying watching other sport, reading, listening to music and hope to get fit living in the midst of this wonderful Buckinghamshire countryside, as I begin exploring the local footpaths and nature trails.

We moved to Chatham, in North Kent in 2010, where I served as Vicar of St Paul with All Saints Church for six years. The parish had a thriving church with about 120 regular members, and a particular strength of the church was the community engagement which took place, through the All Saints Community Project Trust. Many living in the parish struggled with debt, addiction, mental health issues and unemployment. Understandably a considerable proportion of the population sought support through the vital work of the trust, giving advice, signposting people to other agencies, and helping out those in debt, through the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP).



I was interviewed for the post of Vicar here in Hughenden in early March, and was thrilled to be offered the post by Bishop Alan, which I accepted without hesitation. I felt particularly drawn to the church because of the variety of different worship styles which our services offer, from traditional Matins to a more contemporary style in our family services. St Michaels is a beautiful church in Hughenden Park, and has a fascinating history. It is also a friendly Church and one where visitors and newcomers are always welcome.

I consider myself privileged to have been called by God to serve this parish, and I hope to meet you sometime soon, either at church, or in our local community.

Come and celebrate Christmas with us at St Michaels & All Angels Church, Hughenden:

Sunday 18 December 10:45am Family Christingle service

6pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve - 3pm Crib Service

11:15pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day - 8am Said Holy Communion

9am Sung Holy Communion

11am All Age Holy Communion

5pm Christmas readings and Carols & Mince Pies

Reverend Keith Johnson ~ keiththevicar@gmail.com

Valley Players, Hughenden

It all began with a pantomime.....oh, yes it did!!, arriving in the Village Hall just before the switching on the Christmas lights last year.

The audience must have enjoyed it because it sparked an idea with the Hall committee that the village could benefit from having its own drama group. After an approach by the Village Hall committee the process of forming a group began in March. That process also became something of a pantomime and, like Dumbo learning to fly, we did wonder at times whether it would get off the ground, but as the saying goes “from little beans great beanstalks grow”



So here we are a fully-fledged drama group. We would like to thank those members of the public who showed their support at the village carnival earlier this year and who provided the momentum to carry on.

With the summer holidays fast approaching the committee felt that we should truly begin in September with our first production being.....a Pantomime. So here we are with a good number of locals assisted by friends of the group rehearsing Dick Whittington. If the audience find it as funny as the cast then it should be quite a success and as Director I hope it is because their efforts deserve it.

Valley Players will have a stall at the upcoming village Christmas Bazaar, where you will be able to buy tickets for Dick Whittington, your local pantomime and where we hope you will show you interest in this new village social venture.

*As with any drama group we are looking for help. A performance isn't just about actors, it involves so many others. Stage crew, lighting crew, front of house staff – the list is endless, no experience necessary – then please come along and see us on Monday evenings in the large hall at 7.30pm, or call Sheelagh on **07468 462023** no experience necessary.*

Dick Whittington by Bob Heather – a LazyBee Script
December 20th, 21st & 22nd
in the Village Hall at 7.45pm
Adults £10 Concessions £7 – Box Office: 07808 091512

Barbara Havers



Self-confessed people person, Barbara Havers, is putting her passion for working with people to wonderful use by volunteering her time to South Bucks Hospice.

Barbara, 85, who moved to High Wycombe 18 months ago to be closer to her daughters - one of whom who lives in Hughenden

Valley - has been volunteering at South Bucks Hospice for 2 months.

"I lived in Cheshire for 50 years and I was very involved in the community where I lived," Barbara said. "I was part of CommuniCare, a volunteer car scheme, and drove elderly, frail or disabled people who couldn't drive themselves, to doctors or hospital appointments."

Barbara, who has four grandchildren, applied to be a volunteer driver at South Bucks Hospice because of how much she enjoyed volunteer driving but has since decided to volunteer at our Hazlemere shop instead.

"I found the driving difficult as I don't know my way around here as well as I where I used to live," Barbara said. "I might have another go when the nights are lighter and the weather is better, but for now I am looking forward to helping in the Hazlemere shop. I am also looking forward to helping in the Hospice with the patients as I like working with people."

Barbara, who has enjoyed getting involved with her community over the 18 months she has lived here, is a member of other local organisations including St Francis Church and the High Wycombe Decorative and Fine Arts Society (NADFAS).

If you would like to volunteer for South Bucks Hospice, call 01494 537775 or email volunteer@sbhospice.org.uk. Visit www.sbh.org.uk to find out more about the Hospice.

Livi Wilkes, on behalf of South Bucks Hospice.

Email: livi.wilkes@sbhospice.org.uk **Telephone:** 01494 572091

Co-Chair's Report

We have shortened our report in Hughenden News this time to allow for one or two longer than usual items elsewhere in this issue.

We are hoping to restyle the minutes of the HVRA meetings, but we will continue to email them to the Road Reps as usual. They will be able to email in details of residents' problems or observations to us or the Secretary, if we have been able to find a volunteer to take on that post. We have been trying for what seems a long time to find someone who will be our Secretary... Please help us if you can! Reply to secretary@hughendenresidents.org.

Other Residents Associations are now keeping in touch with us on such subjects as the multi-occupation of large houses and cases of insufficient parking spaces.

When the weather gets colder and we get icing remember that Road Reps can purchase de-icing salt and gravel from BuildBase to keep our steep side roads clear.

It was really lovely to see and meet so many residents enjoying themselves at the HVRA Harry Potter Cup Quiz in October. See page 23.

According to a report in the Bucks Free Press, Wycombe District Council will delete some plans to take some areas out of the Green Belt and will not have new plans for building in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Do keep safe and enjoy the Christmas festivities. We wish you all the very best for 2017 which we hope goes more slowly than 2016 seems to have done

Janet and Angus ~ Co-Chair, HVRA. 01494 563673

People Before Us - 7a

THE START OF THE KING GEORGE V FIELD - HUGHENDEN VALLEY

Before the War, Hughenden Valley didn't have a village hall and didn't have a playing field. However, 1946 Mr George Stevens offered a loan of £700 at 4% for the Village to acquire both of these facilities. The Ministry of Education turned down a Grant application from the Village Hall because there was not enough land available. That extra land did become available, from Arthur Fleet, as well as from John Hopkins who generously sold their potential building land to the Village Hall at agricultural prices, at a loss to themselves.

In 1937 there was a particular covenant on land bought by Frank Adams (of Wycombe Wanderers fame) to do with himself and the Abbey family. In 1948 when the site for the Village Hall was finally chosen, that 1937 covenant still stood, as it did in 1950 when the Playing Field was bought. It is still valid today, together with the 1948 covenant which accompanied the conveyance of land for the Village Hall site. Unlike these covenants we do not know what Frank Adams' original one said.

In 1953, the future 6½ acres (approx.) of the Field was still farmed by Mr Broom-Smith, who had owned it or had a share in it with someone else. He farmed right from the top of Coombe Lane down to Valley Road, hay cutting and constructing gorgeous haystacks, under War-Ag control. These were in the corner of the field where, present day, Whitfield Road joined Coombe Lane houses. Then, the Ministry of Education directed that the flat part of the Field must be given over to "physical education for ALL and places to play". They did not give a grant as there was not enough land available at that stage.

Many people came forward to level the Field to give a cricket sized pitch. The Management Council (now the Village Hall Committee) followed the rules and advice given by their choice of the King George V Foundation for the Field. An energetic Committee Secretary ensured that all avenues were followed and they obtained grants from both the King George Playing Fields Association and the British Sports Association. For the first

five years the Village Hall Committee got the grass cut, reseeded it, helped to found the Cricket Club and helped to make a wooden pavilion far out at the south end of the field as it was then (not as far as now though).

At every Village Hall Committee AGM the Playing Field was always on the agenda, because sport was so popular then. They wanted to get a grant from the Ministry of Education, but that was turned down again because there was still not enough land available. Mr Arthur Fleet took control and the cricket team did well and were a beacon of pride for the Village Hall. Ladies provided teas, which was extra income for the Village Hall and the Village Hall then provided the Pavilion with a cess pit! The Village Hall was then a wooden cabin, but a brick built one was their aspiration.

By 1958-60 money was hard earned, but eventually Sebhom Rowntree gave a loan of £600 which was paid back by getting a mortgage and Mr Hopkins donated the Field £50. For the five years from 1955 the Hall Committee's energies were taken up with fund raising for the new brick-built hall, (which allowed the condition of the Field to deteriorate). There were fund-raising dances, Bingo, a river boat shuffle and the first small Village Day on the Field. The new Hall opened in 1964 with much publicity.

However, at some stage interest in the cricket waned, until the cricket Club was wound up in 1975 and disbanded. During that time, when Burnham and Whitfield roads were being built, an enterprising estate agent put "Cricket on the Village Green in Hughenden Valley", with photographs in the Bucks Free Press. It worked!

In 1972 the field was extended again with more excavating and levelling. The possibility of joint use of the Field with a football club arose. Mr Bob Jemmett came to the fore, joining with Mr Hugh Steel. The Football Club became affiliated with the Bucks and Berks FA, equipment was bought, but a referee was badly needed. Progress was still good. Boys paid 5p(or was it 5d) a week to play football. The boys organised discos and jumble sales, but to help, the Residents Association gave some money for a mower. There was also a joint cricket/football application to the Playing Fields Association. Football paid back £35 when Mr Gerald Cusdin was Treasurer. Hughenden Parish Council gave their support and £300 and

the Field was again extended even further with excavations well into 1973 when the Village Hall Committee tried to invite the Hughenden Parish Council to take over the Field. The King George V Foundation was not consulted. Then, in 1974 the Cricket hut was vandalised. Their plight was put to the HVRA, but they had to send them to the Village Hall, as it was their responsibility. No Joy! But they did get the District Council to mow the grass.

The Football Club began as Hughenden Rangers FC. Their application to use the Field and to build another “proper” pavilion there, was refused by the Village Hall, as the players didn’t live in Hughenden Valley. At that time the Village Hall had too many calls on their finances, and as a result the Field took second place. To help footballers out the HVRA gave £35 again in July 1975. (There were still some Naphill members in the HVRA).

In 1976 George Suter, who lived at Church Farm, was made a new District Councillor and he urged the formation of an under 11s football team. Miss Lewis, Headmistress at Great Kingshill CofE School, offered three teams to swell the numbers, but the Village Hall declined her offer. This meant that numbers and other criteria were insufficient for a 75% grant from the Sports Council! However BroomWade gave a donation for their kit, thanks to Mervyn Wallen.

Both in 1948 and in 1976 when the Field was discussed at length, tennis courts were discussed but found to be too costly. The HVRA chipped in again. Then the Football Club took over, by getting a twenty year lease from the Village Hall which lasted until 1996 and then another one till 2016; these leases were at a peppercorn rent. They always fulfilled the agreed maintenance conditions. They have kept the Field, though often unused in summer, in good condition.

Part 2 to follow.

Janet Idle, 01494 563673

There must be people in Hughenden Valley who can tell us more. Please do for part 2 if you can. Photos especially welcome.

Hughenden Valley Conservation Group

The Hughenden Valley Conservation Group formally laid down its roots this year and is now a formulated group under the auspices of the Village Hall committee. I am deeply honoured to become the first chairman, and with the other members we hope to keep things on an even keel and



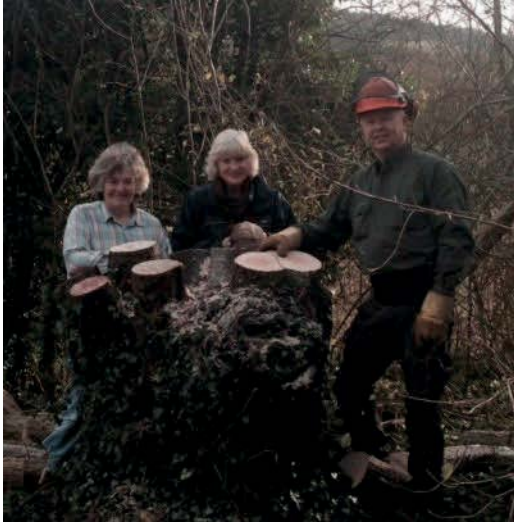
ensure this fantastic sight is there for our younger successors!

The remit hasn't changed since 1991 and that is to CONSERVE the four odd acres of land surrounding and above the football pitch.

Our regular meetings give us an opportunity, away from our manual labours, to contemplate our endeavours, set our sights for the future and publish these outcomes on the Village Hall web site.

The following has been written by our technical guru John Moorby and gives you a flavour of what it's all about:

'The conservation group is proud of the many years of work to maintain a bio-diverse habitat on the bank above the football field, a mosaic of scrub and grassland combination offering the widest options for all forms of wildlife, be it butterflies, bugs and birds, or grasses, wild flowers, fungi and shrubs.



The Scrub shelters parcels of grassland from wind and creates warm sun traps at different parts of the day so butterflies can bask and feed.

Our orchid count increases each year due to the annual 'hay' cut, by keeping the fertility low (the grass would rot down over winter and give a rich compost) it limits the vigour of the grass that would otherwise crowd out the orchids and all the other wild flowers that all

grow well in poor soil conditions.

Each year we push back the edges of the grass patches as the brambles and scrub want to spread back over the grass

Brambles are enjoyed by hedgerow pickers in the autumn and we will always leave some patches, away from the richest orchid areas.

The natural state in this part of the world is for open land to return to woodland which it does quicker than one thinks, see what happens if you abandon your garden even for a few weeks in the growing season!

This flower rich chalk grassland is far more scarce than the beautiful beech woodlands that Hughenden Valley is so lucky to have surrounding it.

In our efforts to keep a balance of scrub and grassland, each year we reduce the height of one or two larger trees that begin to shade out areas. These trees are not killed, but are carefully cut with a style of traditional management that is called 'pollarding'.

This work is done during the dormant part of the year, it may look odd for a short while, as the tree trunk stands without branches, but come the growing season, fresh branches burst out the bark and it is always spectacular how much growth there is!

The trees have already set out a large root system in previous years so all it has to do is grow branches, it rejuvenates the tree and through this type of management can prolong the life of the tree by hundreds of years, especially if it is repeated on a rotation cycle of a set number of years, we use a short cycle of between 8-10 years so they do not get too big.'

We always welcome new volunteers even if you want to join us just **once** a year!

The group meets about every other Sunday during the autumn/winter/spring at 10.00am covering all of the above and much more besides. We hope to be doing some hedge laying during January 2017 so come and participate or just watch!

HUGHENDEN VALLEY CONSERVATION TEAM
DATES FOR 2016/17

SUNDAYS 2016

Dec 11

SUNDAYS 2017

Jan 8 22

Feb 5 19

Mar 5 19

Apr 2

This conservation bank is maintained for the wildlife ESPECIALLY for YOU to enjoy.

Contact us on the following:

Chairman Bev on 07793 546580 jgbev@hotmail.com

Team Leader John Moorby on 07803 278107 moorbyjohn1@aol.com

Juniper (Juniperus communis)

The deep green of juniper stands out at this time of year. One of the only three native British conifers, juniper is part of our culture, producing aromatic berries used as flavouring for gin and in game dishes. Unusually, it is able to grow both on acidic and alkaline soils, from upland screen in the north rolling chalk down land in the south. Despite this versatility, juniper is slowly dying out due to a lack of young plants. Decline of more than 60 percent in the south of England have led to its listing as a priority species for conservation action. To help combat this on a local level the National Trust in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council have been replanting them on West Wycombe Hill, Coombe Hill, Bacombe Hill, Grangelands Nature Reserve and Bradenham Estate so if you're out and about on these sites keep your eyes open for these beautiful trees.

Steve Kirkpatrick ~ Area Ranger, Hughenden Manor
steve.kirkpatrick@nationaltrust.org.uk

This is Steve's last article for Hughenden News as, together with his wife Jenna (who has elped edit Hughenden News) their children and dog (Oz), he will be moving to Cornwall at the end of December. Steve has been offered the position of Countryside Manager at the National Trust property Lanhydrock, near Bodmin. We wish them all the best for the future.

Hedges

The problem with hedges is that they grow, which means that, if they are next to a pavement, they can intrude into walking space. If not continually attended to, they tend to grow thick branches, which makes it more difficult to maintain: a trim of the leaves and twigs does not then remove the hedge from the walking space and the encroachment starts again in the spring. The same goes for grass verges. The pavements in the village are not generous in width, so it is essential that hedges do not intrude. It is also a legal requirement. Hedges can be cut back severely. This may make them look ugly, but new twigs and leaves will grow in the spring to restore their appearance. When cutting back, remember that overhanging branches, when weighed down with rainwater or snow, can drop by half a meter, so please allow for this. Many villagers use our pavements for exercise, walking for a bus or walking to school, so please ensure that you are not a 'hedge intruder'!

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Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group (HNAG)

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

No doubt you have noticed that the MVAS (Mobil Vehicle Activated Speed) device located outside Deeters in Valley Road has been facing traffic travelling in the direction of The Harrow for a couple of months. The latest downloaded data for the periods 5 – 14 September and 21 September to 21 October show that approximately 3,170 vehicles have passed by each day, totalling 123,704 for the whole period in one direction only. That is a huge number of vehicles passing through the village and even more reason that they should do so safely and within the speed limit.

However, sad to say, the figures are very disappointing indeed and reveal that only 60% of drivers drove under 35 mph and the rest exceeded 35 mph. At 60% this figure falls way short of the 80% (approx.) recorded in the other villages in the Parish where MVASs are located. Below is the breakdown:

% Not Speeding	20%
% Speeding over 30 MPH	80%
% Speeding over 35 MPH	40%
% Speeding over 40 MPH	14%
UNDER 35 MPH	60%

On Tuesday, 25 October a small team from South Oxfordshire Police came to observe the way we carry out our Community Speed Watch sessions because our well-organised and committed teams provide the best results here in the Parish than in the whole of Buckinghamshire. Well done CSW volunteers.

If anyone would like to help at the hourly sessions that are held once a month on a random basis, please get in touch with me.

Rosemary Hewitt ~ HVRA HNAG Co-ordinator 01494 562752

The Hughenden Valley Potter Cup Quiz 2016

The Potter Cup Quiz this year was held on Saturday 8th October in the Village Hall.

The theme this year was 'Queen Elizabeth 2nd – Her First 90 Years' and each question was related to an individual year from 1926 to 2015, giving 90 questions overall which were set in six rounds of 15. The questions included those relating to the UK and rest of the world, including history, geography, sports, achievements, music, art, royalty, etc, etc. In addition to these questions there was a 'table marathon' of 25 questions relating to the Queen's family tree by matching names and dates of birth to pictures. The teams also had to make a model of a Corgi dog.

The night also included the usual sumptuous buffet – and all for £10!

There were 13 teams totalling 102 competitors and the 'buzz' on the night really demonstrated that everybody seemed to be having a good time. Within these teams was last year's winning team – The Brittins – who's 'patriarch' was actually 90 on that day – and so we all sang happy birthday to Fred!



This years results were very close and the 'Where's Tony' team just pipped 'Dad's Army' by three points with two teams equal third only two points further back. 'Where's Tony' actually scored an overall total of 80%, which was a super effort – even the teams lower down scored well over 60%. We did of course get the odd disputed answer but James our MC seemed to have the bases well covered!



Lin Smith, Kevin Sumner, Pat Beveridge, John (Bev) Beveridge and Helen Sumner.

So a very loud **WELL DONE** to all the teams for both supporting this annual event and for scoring so well.

Of course events like this don't just happen, there is a fairly large group of volunteers who with a lot of effort allow the night to go smoothly and at the same time be enjoyable and fun.

So massive thanks go to the all the team consisting of Angus and Janet Idle, Daphne Hicks, Dory Morgan, Christine Bowyer, Marilyn Pettinger, Alison Burnham, Alison Geiler, Mary Wright, Yvonne Cawte and James Perkins.

The night was also a financial success so that we have just over £500 already available for next year's senior citizens event.

Thanks again to all those who supported this event and lets get even more next year.

Al Bowyer – Potter Quiz Chairman albert.bowyer@btinternet.com



A brand new radio station serving High Wycombe and the surrounding area has been launched. Wycombe Sound burst onto the airwaves on 31st October on 106.6 FM after being awarded a five year licence earlier this year by regulator Ofcom. The station promises a truly local service, including regular traffic updates, and a commitment to covering local news, issues and events. There are also specialist shows in the evenings, ranging from phone-ins to live music.

Wycombe Sound, based on Bridge Street, also differs from other stations because it is not for profit. In total, about 100 volunteers are involved in everything from presenting shows to co-ordinating guests. Following a series of successful pop-up broadcasts, the team moved into permanent studios on Bridge Street last year, featuring a dedicated space for live bands, choirs and performers.

If you have an event you wish to publicise or an item of interest, then email contact@wycombesound.org.uk with the details. The station is also keen to profile local businesses. Call 01494 449900 for more information.

You can listen to Wycombe Sound on 106.6 FM in the local area, or online at www.wycombesound.org.uk.

You can also download an app for Apple/Android devices. Just go to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for “Wycombe Sound”.

You can also follow Wycombe Sound on Twitter (@WycombeSound) and on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/WycombeSound/>

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Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

On 5th October 2016 a Public Meeting was held at the Village Hall, chaired by newcomer to the Valley Ian Penfold, to discuss the proposed MUGA at the Wycombe end of the Football Pitch outside the Village Hall on the King George V Playing Field. The meeting was attended by over 70 residents and friends of Hughenden Valley.

The meeting was opened by Janet Idle giving the background of why the MUGA was proposed by the HV sports initiative committee with the benefits to health and recreation opportunities derived from the all weather surface suitable for a multitude of sporting activities including tennis, netball, basketball, hockey and soccer. Neil Bellamy, Chairman of Hughenden Valley Football Club, outlined the plan of building and maintaining the MUGA with a comprehensive Business Plan.

There then followed a lively Q&A session with both suggestions and questions to the Sports Initiative Committee, most of which were answered on the night. A Q&A document was developed to cover outstanding items and made available to residents who were concerned about the perceived disturbance to their life brought about by the increased use of the sporting facilities on the King George V Playing Field. It is being made available on the HVRA web site. Most attendees of the meeting were supportive of the proposed but there were concerns from those that lived near the proposed location whether it was the most suitable place for it to be sited. Planning permission has not yet been granted with the original proposal being withdrawn until parking objections from Bucks County Council can be resolved.

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Can you lend a HELPING HAND?



Local charity, Child Bereavement UK, has lots of lovely events coming up over the next couple of months and is asking for volunteers to help out. From bag packing at M&S and manning stalls at a Family Fun Day to accompanying Santa on his sleigh, there are opportunities to suit all.

For more information, or to register an interest, please email Ruth on ruth.sanger@childbereavementuk.org or call 01494 568 932.

Trustees for Voluntary Groups

There are an estimated 60-80,000 volunteers in Bucks supporting over 2,500 local charities and voluntary groups. But did you know that one in five of these groups is crying out for new trustees to join their board?

Trusteeship is about providing vision and drive to lead an organisation into the future; just like a board director in the commercial world. Being a trustee is a unique and rewarding experience. It's a great way to be involved with a cause which matters to you, it can help you boost your career, learn new skills or use existing skills in a new way with new people. Trustees come from all walks of life; working or retired, young or old but all are united by the desire to make a difference to their local community. And what a satisfying way to make a difference!

Trustees are right at the centre of things, making critical decisions as part of the board – and the more effective a board is, the greater the positive impact the organisation can make.

But why is it so hard to find trustees? For some it may be the level of responsibility, for others it could be the concern they can't commit the time. But trustee roles are flexible and supported. You won't be alone; training is available (and encouraged) and becoming a trustee means you are joining a network of like-minded people who can help and guide you.

Community Impact Bucks holds a number of training events throughout the year, both to support charities in finding and supporting trustees, but also helping new and experienced trustees in their roles. From 7-13 November 2016 it's Trustees Week; an annual event to showcase the great work that trustees do and highlight opportunities for people to get involved and make a difference. During the week we're running a session on becoming a trustee and, because Community Impact Bucks has been awarded the Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation (VCQA) and is the only accredited Volunteer Centre in Buckinghamshire, you can be assured you'll be getting the highest quality level of advice and training. 24 January 2017 is our key date in the calendar for trustees and potential trustees with our conference and matching event where we match charities looking for trustees and people interested in taking on the role.

So why not take the plunge? There are many charities across our area who would love to hear from you. Find one to suit you at www.volunteeringbucks.org.uk or find out more about our events at www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk; it really will be worth your while. Your skills could help change the lives of other and it could also change yours!

*Caroline Hatton ~ Communications & PR Manager,
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Hughenden and Chequers Patient Participation Group

A successful hub for Carers Bucks took place on the 20th October at the Hughenden surgery. Those attending this event were warmly welcomed by Lucy from Carers Bucks.

She informed those present that there was now a Carer Bucks office based at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, and if carers were experiencing difficulties that they could ask for their advice/help at this resource.

She advised emergency planning for care issues in the event of illness.

A talk was given on Live well - Stay well.

Life style changes were being funded by Bucks County Council, and also the CCG.

There were life style questionnaires, personal health plans, advice on alcohol intake, smoking and weight management with dieticians, physiotherapists and coaches to help.

Referrals can be made by the GP or by self-referral.

The event finished with a talk on top tips for healthy teeth.

Tea and coffee was served by the PPG during this event held at the Hughenden surgery.

Carers Bucks provide support and help to those caring for a relative or a friend, and they have a website with contact details if you wish to register with them. If you are a carer it is advisable to register this with the surgery, and so that staff are aware of your caring role.

Elizabeth Carless ~ Chair PPG, elizabethcarless@talktalk.net
Heather Dempsey ~ Committee Member PPG,
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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION



Your Village Hall is on the receiving end of some significant investment to upgrade its facilities.

Firstly, and to support the increasing popularity of shows being staged in the hall, new lighting has been installed to provide a professional standard of illumination for the stage. These specialist fittings have resulted in a significantly enhanced visual impact for stage performances and will, no doubt, be a major factor for many organisations when deciding on the most suitable venue for their production.

Secondly, the “old” PA system has been replaced with a modern audio system including high-specification speakers, wired and wireless microphones, and a digital mixer/amplifier to suit all requirements. To compliment this new audio technology, the acoustics of the hall will soon be transformed by the installation of a number of acoustic panels to improve the sound quality and aesthetic appeal of the hall.

Thirdly, additional security features are being considered for the protection of the hall and hall users. These will include a new CCTV system plus added security measures on access and egress routes.

The above enhancements are being made in response to user feedback and will ensure our hall continues to be one of the most attractive and appealing venues in the area.

The hall continues to be the chosen venue for organisations and groups to meet and hold events. Since Village Day in July, the hall has seen a number of wedding receptions, anniversary celebrations and birthday parties, in addition to the comprehensive weekly programme of meetings and activities hosted by local organisations.

The Village Hall committee includes representatives from many of these hall users. They meet formally once each month to review activities and bookings, as well as to consider items of expenditure, both necessary and desired, to maintain and enhance the hall for all users. The Annual General Meeting of the hall committee is scheduled for Monday 5th December 2016. This is an open meeting to review the past year, nominate and elect the officers of the committee, and to listen to a short presentation by a guest speaker. The speaker at the forthcoming AGM will be *Reverend Keith Johnson*, Vicar at St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden, and the proceedings commence at 8pm in the village hall.

Michael Sole, Chair – Hughenden Valley Village Hall Committee
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Hughenden Village Hall

The Perfect Choice for your event whatever the reason.

Set in AONB Hughenden Village Hall has two halls both with fully equipped kitchens. The large hall can accommodate 100 sitting and has an elevated stage and the small hall benefits from an outside patio area.



There is plenty of off-road parking and the extensive grounds incorporate a playing field for hire for sporting events, weddings and recreation; a conservation area, children's playground AND the grounds benefit from an adjacent village shop and coffee shop overlooking the play area.

So if you have a party, meeting, class, club wedding, special celebration, or show call now on **07815 163269** to find out more.



Hughenden Primary School

Macmillan Cancer Trust Fundraising Event

We would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who came to our Macmillan High Tea event last Friday. It was lovely to see so many people. We are delighted to inform you that we managed to raise £282.50 for the organisation. It wouldn't have been possible without your kind generosity.

Macmillan Reflection from Year 6

"At Hughenden Primary, we are always looking to find new ways to help our local community as much as they help us. With this in mind, our class and Mr Meatyard, our teacher, decided that we should try and raise money for Macmillan Cancer support, which is charity that many people in our local area are supported by.

We began by coming up with ideas to raise money and we finally settled on the idea of having a 'Hughenden High Tea' event to raise money for this important cause. After splitting into groups, we each decided on a cake or treat that we would bake, researching the recipe and cooking times, as well as the equipment we would need to make it.

Next, we created a presentation to encourage our friends and their families to come, whilst also creating flyers which we posted in homes around our local area. Some residents were so impressed that we raised £56 before we had even sold a cake! The day came and we all helped served Tea, cakes and treats to our family and friends, raising over £260 for Macmillan Cancer support. We would like to thank everyone that came.

As our one of our flyers read 'Cake, chats and cancer, three things that are better shared.'

Year 6 Pupils, Hughenden Primary.



Davenies Maths Challenge

“Congratulations to our Year 4 Mathematicians!”

On Friday, 23rd September four children took part in the '2016 Davenies Year 4 Mathematics Challenge'.

It was quite a nerve-wracking experience as the Year 4 children in 27 teams from local preparatory and state primary schools piled into the gym at Davenies School in Beaconsfield.

Teams of 4 mathematicians from each school were split into smaller teams of two couples ('Nonagons' and 'Hexagons'). There were several different types of mathematical problems and puzzles to solve over 90 minutes, many of which were very challenging indeed - and all of them had to be solved under time pressure.

Hughenden got off to a slow start, scoring only 1 and 2 points respectively in the first round (at which point I was beginning to panic!) However, after that we were flying and concentrated hard on each challenge.

We were finally placed 1st in the Nonagons section and at the end of the challenge, the Hughenden team was announced as **OVERALL CHAMPION**, scoring a whopping 118 points! Juniper Hill and Thorpe House Schools came overall second (113 marks) and High March School took fourth place (112 marks).

Needless to say, I am very proud indeed of our young Mathematicians in Year 4 and hope we will go from strength to strength this year!”



Mrs Kittler

School Expansion

We are delighted to announce that following the approval from the Assets Strategy Board our school expansion is on track and progressing well. The expansion incorporates three new classrooms, a new link corridor together with a storage facility onto the school hall and an extended staff room for our growing team! Our car parking facilities will also be extended. The appointed contractors, Woodbar, started work in June 2016 with an expected completion date by the end of this year. Please view our website for further pictures.



Trailblazer Standard for Teaching Apprentices

Hughenden Primary School is proud to embrace the Apprenticeship scheme and to date we have had 9 apprentices working with us either as Apprentice Teaching Assistants or Apprentice Assistant Administrator in Business Admin.

In June 2015 we were absolutely over the moon to win this year's 'Apprenticeship Employer of the Year Award' at the Buckinghamshire Business Awards, which was testament to our dedication in helping young people develop, helping to give them a sense of direction again and having pride in themselves.

Shortly after this, we heard that the SASE framework our Apprentice Teaching Assistants currently work to on the Level 2 and Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning framework wasn't going to be supported past August 2017. In order for us to continue offering the opportunity to young people, it became paramount that swift action was needed.

Subsequent meetings and discussions led us to working with City & Guild to create an Employer Group of at least 10 educational establishments across the country in order that we could write an Expression of Interest (EOI) to Business, Innovation and Skill to write a new Standard and Assessment Plan for the position of Teaching Assistant before the old framework was discontinued.

Jenny Brinkworth from Hughenden Primary School received a majority vote from members of the Employer Group to be Chair and drive this forward. Our EOI was submitted in February and after much deliberation with the Education Ministers we were gained approval to create our new Standard under the Trailblazer initiative in July 2015. We have since met with our assigned DfE Relationship Manager who will be supporting us through this process.

We are working closely with a growing number of training providers and schools across the country to ensure we collaborate and carry out wide-ranging consultations throughout this process before our final Standard is submitted to the DfE. It is our intention to have this new Standard ready for implementation by September 2017.

Roald Dahl Day Year Reflection

On Friday 16th September 2016, we at Hughenden Primary School had a 'Roald Dahl' themed day to celebrate the late Author's 100th birthday. Miss Sleight asked everyone to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters and to bring a copy of our favourite Dahl book.

When we walked into school, there were lots of Roald Dahl characters like George from Georges Marvellous Medicine, Big Friendly Giants and lots of Matildas. Most people dressed up and even the teachers got involved!



In the afternoon, we did Roald Dahl crosswords and discussed our hopes and dreams for the future which were then written into a BFG style potion bottle. We also had Roald Dahl homework based on our comprehension skills to learn about Roald Dahl before the big day and it even helped us complete our crossword.



One year 5 student dressed as George from the popular novel Georges Marvellous Medicine and made such an effort with his homemade costume! He really enjoyed the day, saying "It felt like being in a Roald Dahl world, it was a wonderful day!"

Altogether, the day was really exciting and we would love to have another day like this again with another theme! We loved dressing up and coming to school! Hopefully we will do another themed day... watch this space!



Year 5



There's a fairytale Christmas at Hughenden Manor this year, but don't expect Disney princesses

There's fairytale festivity throughout the estate at Hughenden this Christmas as the National Trust manor presents the fantastical folk tales of the Brothers Grimm.

The magical and sometimes macabre stories behind the popular 19th century fairy tales are explored through family-friendly tableaux, talks, walks and storytelling.

Hughenden's staff and volunteers have recreated scenes from the stories throughout the Manor with typically creative flair. Visitors will see Rapunzel's golden locks tumbling from the top of the stairs, wonder at Rumpelstiltskin's spinning wheel transforming hay into gold, discover a wolfish imposter in granny's bed, and can ask the wicked stepmother's mirror who is the fairest of them all.

The theme extends into the woodland with a fairytale trail through the German Forest. The copse was planted by Victorian prime minister Benjamin Disraeli to recreate the mysterious atmosphere of the Black Forest which inspired so many of Grimms' tales.

On special days, Father Christmas will visit Hansel and Gretel's woodland grotto in the Study Base at Hughenden. Visitors will need to book to see him via the website as the wicked witch is keeping a gimlet eye on his appointments. nationaltrust.org.uk/hughenden

A Fairytale Christmas Thu 1 Dec – Wed 4 Jan 11am-3pm

Discover the 19th century fairy tales of the brothers Grimm, brought to life this Christmas at Hughenden. Includes a themed children's trail and decorations throughout the Manor.

Father Christmas Grotto

Sat 3, Sun 4, Sat 10, Sun 11, Sat 17 & Sun 18, Mon 19 & Tue 20 December 10am - 3.30pm Meet Father Christmas in his Hansel & Gretel inspired grotto at Hughenden.

£6 per child, Normal admission applies. We strongly advise booking in advance online.

Storytelling for young children

Fri 2, Wed 7, Tue 13, Mon 19 December 11am and 11.45am

Listen to a traditional fairy tale read by one of Hughenden's storytellers. Normal admission applies

A history of fairy tales – the Grimm brothers

Tue 6, Thu 15 & Tue 20 Dec 2pm

Find out more about the dark history of 19th century fairy tales and the folklore that inspired the brothers Grimm. Join a member of Hughenden's house team for a 30 minute talk on fairy tale history.

Normal admission applies, Not suitable for children.

Wycombe Abbey Choir

Tues 13 Dec 1.30pm

A performance inspired by 19th century fairy tales especially for Hughenden. Normal admission applies.

For further press information please contact

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PROJECT PHOENIX!
Your New Village Shop Update
Nov 2016

We are delighted to announce that the shop has finally received planning permission for the new store and cabin.

Work is now underway to ensure that we are up and running again as soon as possible. It is difficult to imagine a different space to the original portakabin, but it will be very much improved, with a much safer and more comfortable working space for volunteers as well as a more convenient place for customers.

We have been given permission by the Village Hall to re-erect part of the former cabin as per the planning application and this, along with the end section of the building, will recreate the former Cabin space. Again it will be improved with better heating and the provision of a toilet for everyone to use including dog walkers, cyclists, and play area users!

We have received a huge amount of supporting comments on the WDC website and have been constantly heartened by the encouraging words of support from residents that we hear almost every day. The committee continues to be passionate about the shop and would like to assure you of its best efforts to reinstate the shop and cabin facility as soon as possible.

The planning application process was not an easy one and hard work is still ahead! The insurance company has paid out for some fixtures, fittings and stock but as we were only hiring the previous building there was no money to be claimed for the re-build cost. Therefore we still need to raise funding for mainly the internal building and conversion work. So if you have a skill such as building, electrics, decorating, plumbing or would like to donate to the build fund, please complete the leaflet inserted into this Hughenden News or contact Louise on 07909 527990. (Please also see the details on Easyfundraising which is a really quick and easy way to donate going forward – AT NO COST TO YOU!).

We will also need MORE VOLUNTEERS! The shop will be a far nicer place in which to work and we hope that as many people as possible will join our team. You don't necessarily need to use the till as we will need just as many people to do the equally important roles such as helping to serve teas and coffees, housekeeping, and general help. So, if you are interested or just want to have a chat to find out more please call Louise on 07909 527990.

Once again, the shop committee would sincerely like to thank everyone for their warm wishes of support and encouragement over the past eight months, the level of which as kept us going through this difficult period. We will update you with further news regarding opening as soon as it is available.

If you would like to receive email updates and information please email shopmanager@valleyshop.org and we will communicate any forthcoming news to you.



For updates and news see our Facebook page or visit www.valleyshop.org (*Site being updated*)

Hughenden Allotments and Gardens Association (HAGA)

Hello Plotters,

Apologies if you missed us in the last edition of the magazine – not my fault, but not to worry....like the bad penny, I'm back!

Well, it's now mid-October and it's only just beginning to chill-down at night, otherwise we're all thinking it's still late summer. Most of our plants are still doing well which is quite good of them seeing as many didn't make an appearance till much later than usual – particularly the tuberous begonias.

My soft fruit crop was a bit odd – good return from my three redcurrant bushes but very poor from the blackcurrants and the jostaberry. I can only put it down to redcurrants being an earlier crop than black and josta, and they didn't mind the strange spring/early summer. The gooseberries at the allotment were on track for a good crop but then, along with other allotmenters, I suffered for the second year running from an attack by the Phantom Gooseberry Thief. It's not animals because they don't tend to be particularly adept at removal and then replacement of the netting. But, Hoorah!! I have had a good fig crop (after 3 poor years) and I am soon going to pick 6 large quinces (3 others fell a month or two back, but I suspect that may have been self-thinning, like plums). But sadly I have seen little evidence of damsons, sloes or medlars in the locality so there will be nothing in the way of jellies or gin from them. Weird weather I say.

HAGA's trips have all gone well. From the first trip in May (York House and Ham House) to the last one in September (Hampton Court) plus the long weekend in Eastbourne and Sussex we have been blessed with good weather: that seems to be a HAGA speciality. The trips and the monthly meetings have been well-supported throughout the season too; our membership numbers are very healthy and if we carry on as we are, we are in danger of needing 2 coaches for our trips which have all been fully subscribed.

HAGA had its stall at the Village Day in July: another great success for us as well as being a wonderful day for the Village Day organisers – our congratulations to them.

We are rounding off this year with the AGM on 25 November and the HAGA stall at the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar on 26 November. Remember that the AGM will also be the opportunity for members to collect their Dobies seed catalogue (as well as being the main chance for membership renewal).

We hope to see you soon: everyone is welcome, be you newcomers or regulars. Be part of the best-value Association in the Valley.

Remember.....Keep Blossoming

Andrew Flint ~ Chairman

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Barrie Tackley ~ Vice Chairman / Membership Secretary 01494 565 383

An Introduction to the HVDIG **(Hughenden Valley Drainage Improvement Group)**

In this introductory website post, I want to outline the background to the HVDIG's formation and its achievements since its inception a little over a year ago.

The sewage flooding in early 2014 affected residents in Valley Road between the Surgery and Coombe Lane. At the time, the initial response from Thames Water was poor and the help offered was much less than when similar flooding happened in 2000, specifically only an offer to clean up after the flooding had subsided.

When the problems were happening, like-minded residents got together to swap understanding and stories. This progressed to sharing resources and assisting each other with small working parties to shift sand bags and provide other help. We also coordinated with letters, emails and telephone calls to ensure that pressure was maintained on Thames Water to do their duty.

David White of Leaside took a lead role in coordinating action and was instrumental in bringing the group to life. During the early stages, much outside help was received and we want to particularly thank David Lidington MP, Dave Carroll - Bucks County Councillor, John Gladwin - Chiltern District Councillor and Allen Beechey - Chiltern Chalk-streams Officer. We also need to thank the HV Residents Association and others in the valley for their support.

So what has been achieved through the auspices of the HVDIG since last summer?

- Worked with Agencies to drive actions on:
- Clearance of blockages, root balls in sewer network
- Camera surveys to check sewage piping infrastructure in key areas
- Checking of and repairs to leaking inspection pits
- Sealing of sewer lids to prevent surface water ingress to sewage system
- Introduction of pumping systems by Surgery and in Boss Lane to pump into the Hughenden Stream in order to reduce pressure in the sewage system

- Checking and clearance of road drains/gullies and open ditches to reduce road flooding during downpours
- All Agency meetings have been introduced to formalise the relationships and communication between the affected parties.

What of the future?

Undoubtedly, the establishment of regular meetings with the Agencies, albeit only once or twice a year, has led to much improved relationships and a better understanding of how to deal with the Valley's flooding issues. The key result of all this activity is that Hughenden Valley is now recognised as an area at risk and in need of special support when floods threaten. The Agencies have put in place systems to ensure that they respond effectively when Hughenden Valley residents raise the alert.

Most satisfying of all is the decision taken by Thames Water to place on standby a mini sewage treatment plant, which is reserved for Hughenden Valley's use. This system will be installed in the Valley probably near the Surgery if and when the sewage reaches an overload point again.

What is important is that residents continue to be vigilant and to alert the authorities when we see or experience issues that require action. Please let us at the DIG know at the same time so we can work with you and also disseminate the news using the blog, emails etc.

You can post a comment or question to the Blog by going to the comments link on their website.

You can read the whole of this very informative blog at www.hvdig.org . It's an excellent example of what a small local group can do.

Angus Idle 01494 563673

Membership of the Group is open to residents in the Hughenden Valley area and to those in organisations with an interest in or responsibilities for the Hughenden Valley area. Please look at our website

<http://www.hvdig.org/page2.htm>

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sarah Mustapha (secretary@hvdig.org).

Valley Friends

"David Austin Roses" was the subject of a talk, with photographs, by Edwin Rye at our meeting in July just when all varieties of roses would be flourishing in David's magnificent Rose garden which houses over 700 different varieties. As a teenager David Austin was interested in scented roses. Graham Thomas at 97 years old worked on a plant nursery in Surrey, and he gave David a book on Crossing Roses. In 1944 he produced his first rose named "Constance Spry". He is now over 90 years old and still does most of the work on the breeding programme himself. David spends over one million pounds per year breeding roses, three to six are processed and take 8 to 10 years to mature. He exhibited three new roses at the Chelsea Flower this year. He donates all the profit he makes on his roses to shanty town children in South Africa. It buys things they need and is not given as money. Edwin gave out booklets with information on the David Austin rose garden and plant centre. He was warmly thanked for his very knowledgeable and interesting talk.

During the summer the Valley Friends joined in the Carnival day procession Disguised in Venetian type masks which we had fun making at Doreen's using cardboard moulds decorated with bits and sparkly pieces. After the procession in normal clothes and dainty aprons we served very popular cakes and tea in the small hall and made a most acceptable profit to donate to the carnival fund . Our August Pot luck supper was delicious and were able to relax and spend time chatting about recent events and holidays etc.

Joan Steel joan@steel33.plus.com 01494 562648

Hughenden Valley Football Club

The football season is well and truly up and running with 230 boys and girls signed up for another thrilling season.

The new sport pavilion at Hughenden Primary School has been completed & donated to the school from the football club. We look forward to a grand opening ceremony before Christmas with pictures in the next edition.

The Club entered two teams for the recent Potter Quiz with varying success - the trophy was never threatened although “HVFC-A” finished a very creditable 3rd place. Well done to all involved and thank you for another great evening.

Our next big fundraising event is the HVFC Christmas Party on **Friday 3rd December** at Magnolia Park. See Victoria Bellamy or Kath Gourley for tickets but hurry they are selling very quickly.

Good luck to all teams as we enter the tough part of the season in the buildup to Christmas - all readers are more than welcome to come along and support the Club every Sunday. A hot cup of tea, bacon roll and thrilling football always awaits you!

Mervyn Wallen

Unfortunately, we end on a sad note as last month we said goodbye and thank you to one of the founders of the Club .

“Merv the Swerve” was our founder, first Chairman & Honorary Vice President and despite failing health, would still wander out of his house and watch a game over a cup of weak HVFC tea.

We would talk about the early days of the club, founded by Mervyn and Hugh Steel over 43 years ago. My favorite memory was how Merv used to run the floodlights off a huge extension cable through his kitchen window & the kids (me included) put 10p in a pot for subs! Happy days.

He was very proud of how the Club had developed over the years but without his initial vision and determination – literally thousands of boys and girls wouldn’t have had the opportunity to play for our great village club. Personally, I am hugely indebted to Mervyn and more determined than ever to ensure we continue to honor his legacy.

Thank you Mervyn for all you contributed to the Village but for the football club in particular, we will always be eternally grateful.

Neil Bellamy ~ Chairman neilbellamy@icloud.com

Good Companions Club

The Good Companions Club have been meeting at Hughenden Valley Village Hall for more than 40 years! Pam Herman, who has been the Social Secretary for all this time, is now unable to carry on any longer. We wish her a happy "retirement" and welcome Pat Furness as our new Social Secretary.

We are a friendly group of over 60s, have some interesting speakers and entertainment, followed by tea, cake and a raffle. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, from 2.15pm until 3.45pm approx.

New members would be most welcome at the first meeting on 5th January 2017 which is going to be a Beetle Drive. As we are not sure what the weather will be like in January we decided to have a fun afternoon!

Thursday 2nd February is an excellent speaker returning to us with a talk and films on the Canadian Rockies.

Thursday 2nd March will be the "Bell Ringers".

I'm not going any further with our programme, why not come and see the rest for yourself! We look forward to welcoming you.

Pat Furness ~ 01494 563071 and Sheila Veysey ~ 01494 562332

HVRA is looking for a new secretary

HVRA is looking for a new secretary. We need someone who is keen to hear all about activities in the village & wants to provide one of the key parts of running HVRA. The secretary is responsible for writing up the minutes for each meeting (10 meetings / year), & distributing them to members along with the agenda before each meeting. The minutes are a record of attendance, topics discussed, facts, conclusions & actions. The secretary presents the draft minutes to the joint Chairs for comment before they are distributed. The joint Chairs prepare the agenda. We use e-mail for everything so distribution is easy. As the role of secretary is identified on the HVRA web page you may get some ad-hoc correspondence, which is either easy to deal with or is best answered by some other member of the Association. A dedicated email address can be provided so you can easily keep HVRA & private correspondence separate.

Please apply to Andrew Capey ~ a.capey@talktalk.net

Hughenden Art Group

First off on our return from the summer break, Sandra gave us a demo on how to present our pictures correctly for our coming big exhibition. This useful information was noted and it enthused us to prepare our paintings early! The next couple of weeks were Informals.

Wilma Johnson encouraged us to get brave with pastels - her subject 'was still life', her display of numerous objects certainly gave us plenty of 'still life' to choose from!

Berry Gidman was our next tutor, proving you don't need colour if the tones are correct to produce a very attractive piece of art. Biddy Lee gave us a very interesting evening on eyes, noses and lips showing us how many of us draw what we think we see, not what is really there. She accomplished this by painting lights and darks with very little drawing, her features jumped out of the page – it didn't happen for all of us!

Mid October was our big exhibition, only one word to describe it 'BRILLIANT' the hard work put in by the exhibition committee was really worth it. Friday night was launch and party night, and was packed with friends and family supporting us all. The atmosphere was totally euphoric (OK there was wine, but we like to think it was caused by our art display!). It never ceases to amaze us, when our efforts are displayed on mass, the amount of good work produced by a small Monday night village art group. The rest of the weekend followed in the same vein with plenty of sales, which is very gratifying! We really appreciated the fact that four of our tutors visited – not to mark us out of ten but to see the results of their efforts on a Monday evening! They reported that we 'did them proud' We are looking forward to, an evening with Sue Gray – always popular, the mysteries of 'Brusho' with our own Judy Maynard - sounds exciting as we have not tried this medium before We have heard on the grapevine that it is a medium that thinks for itself, so hopefully there will be some 'happy accidents!'

Summer has ended, well into autumn now and already sleigh bells on jingling on the radio.

A peaceful and content Christmas to everybody, and hopefully onto a happy and healthy New Year.

Margaret Hunter ~ wellhouseway@btinternet.com

High Wycombe Flower Arrangement Society

**Affiliated to
NAFAS**



We meet at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month except July, August and December.

at

**The Village Hall
Hughenden Valley
HP14 4NX**

Demonstrations by Area/National demonstrators

Practical Evening (Hands on)

Theme evenings

Plant / sales table

Garden visit in July

Summer tea in August

Christmas lunch in December

Come and join us
**Call Jan Collins
on 01494 563890**

High Wycombe & District Philatelic Society

The new season is now well under way, and we were delighted to welcome some new members who, having now more time on their hands, joined to improve their collections. More recently we have found that enthusiasts have been looking to sell their collections, and we have managed to help a few in that direction, so it is a pleasant change to meet collectors who want to continue with their collections. You couldn't have chosen a better hobby!!

We continue to have our selection of Stamp Markets, Auctions and visiting speakers, and more recently one of our own members gave a very interesting presentation of Estonia, a country not widely collected by members.

The recently introduced Minor Competition was won by Ian Wallace who gave a nice display of Swedish stamps, being one of the favourite parts of his collection.

At Christmas we have our Annual Christmas Dinner and Grand Draw which is being held once again at the Hazlemere Golf Club, on 15th December. Our full programme is now posted on our website www.hwphilatelicsociety.co.uk

Ken Richardson, Secretary. (01494-563155)

Can you help Marie Curie?

Can you and a group of friends get together to help build the awareness and fundraise for Marie Curie in the parishes of Hughenden.

Marie Curie is here for people with any terminal illness, whether that's cancer or any other illness, and their families. We offer expert nursing care, guidance and support to help them get the most from the time they have left. And we want more people to benefit from our support.

As a charity we rely on volunteer fundraising to raise vital funds and awareness of the charity's work and we are looking for volunteers to help us in the parishes of Hughenden

Please make contact if you are interested in finding out more or would like an informal chat:

*Hazel Bendon Buckinghamshire Community Fundraiser
01604 258758 or email hazel.bendon@mariecuroe.org.uk*

Hughenden Valley & Kingshill Conservatives

Our Quiz Night was held at 'The Gate' in Bryants Bottom on 22nd October, and proved a very successful evening, with the team 'We're only here for the beer' winning in the very last round by just 1 point. What an exciting finish, the top 3 teams were within 6 points of each other.

On 2nd December we are having our Christmas Lunch at Stowe Landscape Gardens, with options to see the garden, weather permitting, and Stowe House. According to when you receive this newsletter, we may still have room on the coach which leaves Hughenden Valley at 9.00 am. Full details from Ken Richardson on 01494-563155.

You may be aware that the Boundaries Commission are looking into reducing the number of constituencies from 650 to 600, and at the same time equalising the number of electorate in each constituency to around 75,000, since at the present time there are many areas which have considerably less numbers. Our branch is currently in the constituency of Aylesbury, but the initial proposals for the new boundaries will take us into the constituency of Chesham and Amersham along with Naphill, Speen, Lacey Green and the Hampdens.

The Boundaries Commission review is a long process, and they are consulting on the plans until 5th December. As soon as possible after then all of the representations will be published on-line, and there is a further period of 4 weeks to submit comments on those representations. If the proposals are revised, there will be a further period of 8 weeks for written representations to be made before the final recommendations and report. If you would like to comment about the proposals, whether you agree or disagree with them, you can write to The Boundaries Commission, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP, or give your comments with any supporting documents on-line at www.bce2018.org.uk.

As we enter the New Year we will be turning our attention to the County Council Elections, to be held on Thursday, 5th May 2017. We are part of the Ridgeway East Buckinghamshire County Division, which includes the whole of the Greater Hughenden District Council ward, the Hampdens, and extends as far as Kimble and Ellesborough involving a total of around 8,000 electorate. It is a very large area, and we will be looking for volunteers to help with delivering leaflets so that we can make sure that every single household receives the candidate's election address. If you are not already a helper, and would like to assist, again, please contact me:

Ken Richardson ~ Branch chairman (Tel: 01494-563155)

Your Hughenden News Needs You!

Volunteer Marketing & Advertising Manager

After many years Al Bowyer is relinquishing the responsibility he has been taking for the marketing of, and advertising in, the Hughenden News.

This role is fundamental to the financial success and therefore the very existence of the Hughenden News and it is therefore essential to find a new volunteer to take on this responsibility for 2017.

The actual tasks involved include:

- Marketing the advertising space in the magazine
- Obtaining advertisers for the magazine
- In a number of limited cases, assisting in the preparation of simple adverts
- Producing invoices and sending them out to the advertisers
- Collecting the income
- Producing an advertising summary and statement for the treasurer for accounts and audit purpose

The amount of time required to carry out these tasks varies according to the time of the year. The most work is required at the beginning of the calendar year when all advertising for the year is generally booked for the whole year in advance. This may take up to 2 to 3 days roughly spread over the months of February and March.

Following this initial workload other time will be spent over the year simply updating the advertising lists, managing possible new adverts, producing invoices, collecting the revenue and producing statements for the treasurer. This will probably take another 2 to 3 days spread over the year.

Additional time may be required initially to pick up the details of the role but all in all it is a role that is very rewarding as the revenue collected directly affects the quality of Hughenden News.

Al Bowyer will give as much time as is necessary to hand over the work he has previously done, but the new volunteer will more than likely have their own ideas and ways of operating and they will have a free hand to carry out the tasks in the best way suited to them.

If you are interested in helping with the Hughenden News in this way please contact either chairman@hughendenresidents.org

or treasurer@hughendenresidents.org

or for details please contact Al Bowyer direct on 01494 562862.

Your Hughenden News also Needs You!

Assistant to Editor of Hughenden News

After a couple of years John Dockett realises that the interesting post of Editor-Hughenden News could do with an extra helper as one of the Team, Jenna Kirkpatrick, is moving away to Cornwall. Her husband, Steve, has a promotion within the National Trust. Jenna's contribution is mainly helping with proof-reading, three times a year, although she has contributed articles as well.

What I am looking for is a person to augment the team. As well as proof-reading to help with the DTP aspect of production and able to take over a production run should I not be available. The duties are:

- Contacting the contributors and requesting articles. I do this with a general chase by e-mail followed by another general chase two weeks later. Finally an individual chase a week later to those I haven't heard from.
- The articles are formatted and pictures stripped out.
- The text then proof read by the Team.
- The magazine is compiled with DTP and the pictures inserted.
- Adverts inserted on advice from Advertising Manager.
- PDF of final magazine sent to printers.
- 700 copies received and Road Reps advised for collection.

And that's it. There are four months between each issue so it's not too high pressured and if there are more members in the Team it's not really hard work. If you'd like to join us please get in touch with me.

John Dockett magazine@hughendenresidents.org 01494 564565

Computer Helpdesk - Winter 2016

Welcome to the computer helpdesk. Hints and tips for a better computer and tablet experience.

Photos - The New Age!

One of the things that has surprised me recently is our sentiment towards photos. In the old days photos were kept in albums or drawers and only brought out to show the family on special occasions. Film was limited to 24 or 36 shots so each photo had to be carefully choreographed before being taken. The digital camera revolution enabled us to take an unlimited quantity of photos for free and store them on a computer. However there remained a sentimental attraction to these photos so they were backed up to external storage devices in the event of hardware failure. The problem now was the hardware itself - how to show your photos to friends and family. Huddling round the computer was hardly the ideal way to show your holiday snaps. Then with the introduction of Smart Televisions one could share photos on the large screen. This was an improvement but required some technical knowledge to set up so was limited to the technical savvy. Recently though, there has been a complete mind change. You only have to look at the way the younger generation take photos. They snap away on their phones, often selfies, share them with friends on Social Media and 48 hours later they are forgotten. Rarely are they transferred to the computer for historical purposes and if they get lost, so be it. Google have realised that people would prefer to share their photos across all their devices using the cloud rather than having them stuck in one inaccessible place. As a result they have recently retired their popular Picasa photo album viewer for the newly revamped Google Photos. All that is required is a Gmail account and a couple of downloads. There are of course other providers of similar services but the big plus on the Google side is the option to share an unlimited quality of high quality images for free.

Back-up photos on the computer using Google Photos.

The first most important requirement is a gmail account. A gmail account is one of the easiest to set up. Head off to google.co.uk. Click on the gmail link in the top right hand corner and click on 'Create Account'. Follow the wizard to set up the account and you are ready to go. Go to <https://photos.google.com/apps> to download the software onto your computer. Click on the download link to install the software. When finished sign in with your gmail credentials. On the next screen check the folders you would like to back-up. I chose just Pictures but you can accept the defaults if you wish. Underneath the list of folders are two radio buttons headed photo size. It is here that you have the option for unlimited storage. Unless you have a real desire to back-up the images at their original size then choose the top option 'Free Unlimited Storage' The images are still high quality, more than adequate for viewing across tablets and phones. There is a 15gb limit if you choose the Full Resolution option after which there is a charge. You can always migrate to the free unlimited option later. Uncheck the box next to 'Help improve photos by sending anonymous usage statistics. Click 'Start Back-Up'. Click 'OK' to start the back up process. All your photos will now be backed up into your cloud space ready for sharing across your devices.

View Your Photos on Other Devices.

The good news is the Google Photos App is available for all Android and Apple devices, either at the Google Play Store for Android or the App Store for Apple. Alternatively just search for the Google Photos App and you will be directed to the download. Once installed Tap 'Get Started'. Choose the default options for back up and sync unless you want to change the resolution size or sync whilst using mobile data (not recommended as there could be mobile data charges). On the ipad there is an option to be notified when friends share photos and albums. Choose this option if you so desire. Tap the links on the bottom right on the next two screens and you are ready to go. Tap on the assistant link to create Albums, Collages and Share Albums. Not limited to just

viewing photos Google Photos also has some simple editing tools for you to re-master those slightly disappointing photos. Tap or Click on a photo to open it. Tap or Click on the pencil at the bottom of the screen to display the tools. The adjustments are made using the slider. Tap the tick when finished and then Save at the top of the screen. Delete unwanted photos by tapping a photo to select it then tapping the dustbin. There are many other features for you to explore so give Google Photos a try it could change your photo experience.

Clive Mannerings clivemannerings@btinternet.com

Hughenden Parish Council News

First and foremost upon the retirement of Peter Wetherman, our Clerk Hughenden Parish Council have appointed Shona Hadwen as Clerk. Shona took up her position on November 1st, 2016.

As you may well know Hughenden is now one of over 84 Parish and Town Councils to have taken on grass cutting from Bucks County Council. We are however ONLY responsible for those roadside verges within a 30MPH or less. Transport for Bucks remain responsible for the rest.

Having taken over some of the verge and hedge cutting services from Bucks Country Council back in April, there have been a few teething issues that have got residents fuming. We've therefore been busy highlighting these oversights, errors and issues with the County Council. They are not all resolved yet but mainly have to do with the County not having accurate records of where all the small sections of urban 40mph (which BCC are responsible for) are within the Parish. Please be patient but do get in touch with the Parish Office about any verges or hedges which are causing an obstruction or dangerous and we will endeavour to get it sorted quickly.

Our Planning Committee issued its objections to the Local Plan suggestion to take away the Green Belt status of a field off Clappins Lane, opening up the possibility of it being developed in the future. It was also great to find that many residents had also submitted their objections along similar

lines. There was a delightful suggestion on the NAWA Community FaceBook group that we convert the field to an orchard with residents chipping in to buy fruit trees to plant. Whilst a lovely idea, as the field is privately owned we would have to first buy the field first!

There is unfortunately little progress to report on the continuing saga of parking on Cryers Hill Road. We continue our discussions with BCC.

Peter Gieler – Parish Councillor 01494 562473

Councillor Vacancies

Hughenden Parish Council is urgently seeking applicants to serve as councillors in Hughenden Valley and Widmer End wards. Expressions of interest can be sent to the Clerk using the contact details above or telephone 01494 715296.

David Carroll – your County Councillor

Can I just take this opportunity to thank my residents for their support over many years. We have had many challenges which we have taken on board and resolved together e.g. the flooding and drains issue in our area which we have formed a group of residents to look at the past but most importantly the future to have a plan in place to alleviate problems in the future. I have tried my utmost to keep Bryants Bottom and Hughenden Valley a great place to live and I will continue to do that with your help. Local Government have limited funding available for me to spend but I try to be fair with my budget bearing in mind my area now goes from Ellesborough, Kimble and all the way up to Widmer End so it is a big area to accommodate. In conclusion I am very proud of being part of your community. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kind Regards David. 01494 716967

The Big Sleepout 2016

Local resident and Wycombe District Councillor (Greater Hughenden ward) Steve Broadbent will join other volunteers sleeping out in the elements for the night in support of Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Steve says "We can all contribute to a better society. I am fortunate enough to be able to go back home after choosing to sleep out for the night - others don't have that choice and for them sleeping rough is a fact of life. This is my attempt to raise funds and awareness of the work of Wycombe Homeless Connection in tackling this issue"

The Wycombe Homeless Connection Big Sleepout 2016 will take place on Friday 18th November in All Saints Churchyard, behind Costa in the centre of Wycombe. The Big Sleepout is a sponsored event, where people volunteer to spend a night sleeping out in the churchyard to raise a worthwhile sum to support Wycombe Homeless Connection's vital work. We help homeless people who do not qualify for council assistance and have nowhere else to turn. Homelessness can affect anyone, and in the last year over 400 individuals have come to WHC for help. Follow the sleepout on Twitter or Facebook using the hashtag #WHCsleepout2016

Steve Broadbent - District Councillor 01494 488907

Steve continues: "At this time of year, when the nights draw in and the temperature drops, every little bit of assistance can help improve someone's life and their opportunity to make a change. By the time people read this edition of Hughenden News the event may have been held - but on the same day that you, the reader, have read this article people will be sleeping outside in our district and the work to help them goes on. If you are able to support Wycombe Homeless Connection in reaching out to them then please do so via my fundraising page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StevenBroadbent1> . Thank you"



Elderly local residents are being targeted by scammers purporting to be police. Residents are called on their home phones by someone claiming to be a police officer. The caller informs the resident that a fraudulent transaction has been made on their card/account and asks for their help to catch the offender/s. Residents are told that their bank maybe involved in the scam and are therefore asked to withdraw cash to establish whether their bank are circulating counterfeit notes.

Once the resident withdraws cash, the scammer then asks them to read out the serial numbers contained within the notes which they then confirm is counterfeit. They arrange to send a courier around to collect the 'counterfeit' cash, sometimes scamming the victim out of thousands of pounds!

There can be different variations to the scam in terms of the offender claiming to be from the police or sometimes from a bank. The offender may sometimes ask the resident to withdraw cash, whilst on other occasions they may ask for it to be electronically transferred. It all forms part of the scam and more information can be found on our Thames Valley Police Website:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/phone-scams>

The scammers emphasise the need for discretion and tell the resident they cannot speak to friends or family due to it being part of an ongoing investigation and tell them they cannot speak to the bank as they are not trustworthy and being investigated. This is designed to isolate the resident.

Police will never ask you to withdraw or transfer money to help them. Banks will never ask you to withdraw or transfer money to help them.

Since May this year, there have been 24 incidents of this nature in the Chiltern and South Bucks area; predominantly centred in and around Beaconsfield. Nine of these attempts were successful and continue to be investigated by police.

If you believe you have been scammed or are in any doubt, please contact police on 101 to discuss any calls you may have received.

Please share this information with elderly friends, relatives and neighbours.

If you are part of a group attended predominantly by elderly residents and feel they would benefit from a crime prevention talk around Fraud, then please get in touch with one of your neighbourhood officers by emailing

beaconsfield@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

PC3687 Iain TORBET

Local CID Team 4 Taplow

Be a Better Driver...

Calling all drivers!

FREE Winter Driving Workshops

Would you like to brush up on your skills when driving in difficult weather conditions?

Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) is once again running the Winter Driving Workshops and would encourage all drivers to attend.

Workshops are being held at three venues around the county throughout November and December. Each workshop is FREE to attend.

- **Tuesday 29th November 2016** STS Tyre Pros, Chesham
- **Tuesday 6th December 2016** Kwik Fit Tyre Pros, High Wycombe
- **Wednesday 7th December 2016** STS Tyre Pros, Aylesbury

All workshop times: 7.00 – 8.30pm.

The Winter Driving Workshops include:

- A presentation on essential driving skills
- How to drive on winter roads
- Preparing your car for winter
- What to do if you breakdown
- Checking tyre pressures, tread and depth
- How to change a wheel



For more information or to book your place contact TfB.

Email: roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk

or telephone: **01296 382416**

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Hugh 'n' Den's Pages

Wycombe Sound 106.6mh Now there will be sound in Wycombe
With traffic news every 15 minutes!

Hedges, large bushes and trees. Where they overhang pavements or obscure road signs they need cutting during the autumn and winter, because they are dangerous for new drivers or those who do not know the area well. Some corner junctions need to have much clearer vision available, so get cutting. In some places they are reducing the width of the footway making people have to step into the road, which is not good in the dark.

Edna Parker left Hughenden Valley last July having served 30 years as Road Rep for Frogmore Close. She has written back a short note to her friends here in the Valley:

"I live in a nice village in Kent near Canterbury which has a huge history, but sadly I haven't been part of it like HV but I have some catching up to do having grown up and gone to school down your way. It will come and everyone is welcoming. Good luck, I hope it goes well for all my friends in Hughenden Valley".

Warrendene Road residents need their view back! The hedges have become very straggly. Perhaps the Parish Council could remind land owners to get it done this winter before they get totally unmanageable.

Birds will also benefit from thicker hedgerows rather than straggly unmanageable ones, so they can hide from predators and keep some protection from wind and rain.

Coombe Lane Traffic incidents and signage. Another case of road signs being obscured by branches or dirt. Heavy tonnage lorries are being driven up the steep winding hill without their owners giving their drivers adequate route plans, as happened recently. There needs to be very distinct warning signs at both the bottom and top of Coombe Lane

warning of the steep gradient and bends. We are working on this. Naphill Main Road, except for the section between Coombe Lane and the Crick (because BCC ran out of money), has been resurfaced recently and is much improved.

Take note! There are reports of several lone travellers combing the area on foot unobtrusively eyeing the area. Two were arrested for burglary in Naphill after being seen loitering. Don't leave messages or parcels on doorsteps or they may disappear. Get neighbours to push papers or post through letter boxes when you are delayed, especially around Christmas time.

Hugh & Den are going to enjoy Christmas, but they don't leave litter about – they're good!

Cover Photo

Mervyn and Margaret Wallen's wedding in 1960. See page 6.

Copy Deadline

Spring 2017 copy due in by Friday 24th February 2017

Situations Vacant

We desperately need more helpers at Hughenden Valley Residents Association namely:

- Road Reps
- Marketing Manager ~ Page 51
- Editorial Assistant for Hughenden News ~ Page 52
- Parish Councillor ~ Page 56

Hughenden Parish Councillors

Great Kingshill Ward

Cllr Rick Gould	01494 714566
Cllr Brian Swain	01494 713743
Cllr Paul Nicholls (Chairman)	01494 717381

Hughenden Valley Ward

Cllr Simon Kearey	01494 564607
Cllr Peter Gieler	01494 562473
2 x Vacancies	

Naphill and Walters Ash Ward

Cllr Peter Williams (Vice-Chairman)	01494 565695
Cllr Martin Burch	01494 566047
Cllr Chris Waterton	01494 715296
Cllr Phil Crawford	07500 007644

Widmer End Ward

Cllr Kelly Gilmore	07931 322207
Cllr Stan Jones	07900 581703
Cllr Nick Keegan	07717 712586
1 x Vacancy	

District Councillors

Cllr David Carroll	01494 716967
Cllr Audrey Jones	01494 563435
Cllr Steve Broadbent	01494 488907

Parish Clerk

Shona Hadwen	01494 715296
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County Councillor

Cllr David Carroll	01494 716967
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Councils

Bucks County Council	01269 395000
Wycombe District Council	01494 461000
Hughenden Parish Council	01494 715296

(Emergency numbers are given on the Hughenden Parish recorded message)

Hughenden Valley Residents Association Officers & Road Reps for Winter 2016

Office	Officers	Phone
Chairman	Angus & Janet Idle	563673
Vice Chairman	Jerry Morley	
Treasurer	Al Bowyer	562862
Secretary	Vacant	
Road Rep for	Road Rep	Phone
Boss Lane	Karen Dynes	563682
Bryants Bottom north	James Perkins	488442
Bryants Bottom south	James Perkins	488442
Bryants Bottom south - upper	Heather Dempsey	489800
Burnham Road	Andrew Capey	258724
Cherry Tree Close	Clare Atkinson	564792
Church Farm	Daphne Hicks	562170
Coombe Gardens	Jerry Morley	
Coombe Lane	Angus & Janet Idle	563673
Cryers Hill north	Daphne Hicks	562170
Cryers Hill south - lower	Alison Gieler	562473
“ - upper	Virginia Foster	565797
Fleet Close	Lin Smith	562533
Friars Gardens	David & Susan Sharp	562033
“	Jo Holt (resigning)	562423
Frogmore Close	Becky Bonnerjea	562792
Hampden Road	Carole Palmer	565152
Orchard Close	Rachelle Fountain	565123
South Maundin	Anna Burniston	565586
Stocking Lane	Al Bowyer	562862
Trees Avenue	David Mynors	562004
Trees Road	Geoff Wright	563281
Valley Road mid	Rosemary Hewitt	562752
Valley Road north	Carole Palmer	565152
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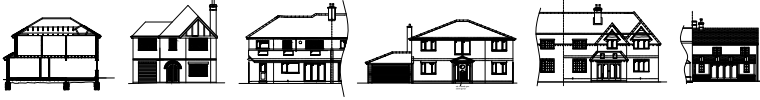
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