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Birds of Prey at Village Day

Photo by Pete Brown (Brother-in-Law of Al Bowyer)

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Friday 26th October 2018

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Regular Village Hall Users & Contacts: Summer 2018

Monday

Pre-School	9am - 1pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Pre-School	9am - 3pm	S Jenny Ing	463521
Beavers	5pm - 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	7:30pm - 10:00pm	L Sheelagh	07468 462023
Village Hall	1 st Monday, 8pm - 10pm	C Michael Sole	563516

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Pre-School	9am - 1pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Pilates	9:30am - 11:30am	S Rosie Lewin	812796
Pre-School	12noon - 3:00pm	S Jenny Ing	463521
Badminton	1:30pm - 3:30pm	L John Veysey	562332
Flower Arranging	3 rd Weds 6:30 - 10:30pm	L Jan Collins	563890
Pilates	6:45pm - 9:00pm	S Karen Letham	07973 384817

Thursday

Pre-School	9am - 1pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Painting	9:30am - 11:30am	S Jennifer Chalmers	531119
Painting Class	12noon - 2:00pm	S Bucks Adult Learn	473795
Good Companions	1 st Thursday, 2pm - 5pm	L Pat Furness	563071
Tai-chi	2:15pm - 4:15pm	L+S Pam Felix	440198
Inner Core Restore	7:15pm - 9:15pm	S Vicki Causer	07901 756173
Rachel Fitness	5:15pm - 7:15pm	L Rachel	452286
Pregnant Yoga	7:30pm - 9:30pm	L Sue Friar	564530

Friday

Pre-School	9am - 1 pm	L Jenny Ing	463521
Pre-School	9am - 3pm	S Jenny Ing	463521
Valley Friends	1 st Friday, 7:30-10:30pm	L Heather Mayer	436044
HAGA Gardening	4 th Friday, 7:30-10:30pm	L Debi Hoare	816304

Saturday

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

Village Hall Booking Phone Number:- Christine Powell 07815 163269

From the Co-Chairs

Hello All residents.

First, The Beast from the East; cold and frozen ground, then a rainy and wet time, making the ground sodden. Now in just a few weeks of high temperatures we have managed to have it all!

The Residents Association has covered a lot of ground, but it still could do more maybe.

We have our calendar extending into June of 2019, with some 2018 events already passed, such as the AGM, Senior Citizens' Treat and helping with the Village Day Carnival. Saturday 29th September has been booked for a number of events to extend the Residents Association into Village spheres. We are planning to have a children's disco for years 5, 6 and 7 in the afternoon from 4pm until 5.45pm. Then we want to have something in the evening for adults to enjoy socially, with, separately a light lunch at midday. Thus we extend to all age groups.

The AGM was not the spectacular overview of village politics we had hoped to give, but our guest speaker Charlie Munro was very patient, waiting to speak about the Royal Star and Garter Home due to open in High Wycombe's Hughenden Quarter. This gives us the honour of such a fine humanitarian opportunity close to our village. We wish the Royal Star and Garter Home an exceptional time for all they do, especially near us. We never anticipated when we walked around Richmond quite often years ago that one of their homes would come near here.

Some of us are taking a new look at our Constitution document. It is already more than twenty years since it was last revised, and things have changed a bit, so we want to make it more relevant to today's changing village residents. Every so often we consider the frequency with which we report back to the residents with the Hughenden News Magazine; it's currently just three times a year. It does not have the immediacy of social media, but it does reflect the Village's clubs and societies well through the medium of the copy they send in. The HVRA Website is also used for this purpose.

The HVRA exchanges representatives with the Village Hall, the Village Shop, the Buckinghamshire Street Association and the Vicar attends the Committee when he can. Also The National Trust at Hughenden Manor and the Hughenden Parish Council (where we at last have four Councillors representing us) come to our meetings at times.

It was good to support the Village Surgery, through the efforts of a group of RGS 6th Form boys to raise funds for the purchase of a Doppler Scanner, a piece of modern diagnostic equipment for use in our own Surgery. Over £2000 has been raised so far, which has allowed it to be purchased already. We have received extremely pleasant letters from the Surgery, thanking the HVRA and residents for their support, which thanks we pass on here.

When a village family has great sadness, but quickly begins to raise funds to help others similarly affected we give what help we can so that their fund raising can get off to a good start for them. The HVRA consequently enabled them to raise their first £2,200 for Brain Tumour Research. Not wishing to give names but we wish them well. Our hearts go out to anyone similarly affected.

In our three villages we are surrounded by the Chiltern Hills and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and we have a lovely Church and the National Trust at Hughenden Manor. Generations of farmers and farm hands have kept the fields and their boundaries and roadside hedges regularly clipped to allow the glory of our vistas (some unfortunately getting lost now) uniquely the Chiltern views to be seen. We also have our historic pub, The Harrow. IF the Chilterns are designated as National Park Status this will be even more important!

There is also much history around here, some of it yet to be discovered or publicised.

We must plan for the future of all of us and make sure we keep fit, healthy, and happy and work as one great team. The HVRA works to promote all this and more.

Several Committee members need special thanks - Rosemary, James and David Mynors who go out in all weathers to record traffic speed, Peter Cannon our Treasurer who has probably worn out several pairs of shoes collecting subs, John Dockett, the Editor of the Hughenden News and all the Committee for their support.

HVRA Co- Chairs, Angus and Janet Idle ~ 01494 563673

Revised 2018/19 HVRA CALENDAR

(from August 2018)

- 2018 Sat. Sept. 29 **Extending the HVRA to our 3 villages; and a bit of fundraising.** The Large Hall available to HVRA helpers from 10:30am - 11pm. Suggested events:
11am - 12noon Coffee morning.
2pm - 3pm Tea and cakes in the Small Hall, perhaps with a short film.
4pm - 5:30pm Children's Disco for School Years 5, 6, and 7.
7:30pm - 10pm Adult event (to be finalised).
- 2018 Sat. Nov 24 **Village Christmas Fair** at the Village Hall.
HVRA Tombolas.
- 2019 Sat. March 16 **Potter Cup Quiz 7:30pm.** Large hall. Al and Christine Bowyer in charge. Hall will open at 11am for HVRA helpers.
- 2019 Fri. May 24 **HVRA AGM 7:30pm** (only that day, Friday May 24 available). Small Hall, light refreshments at end. Audio/visual needed.
- 2019 Sat. June 22 **Senior Citizens Treat.** Large hall available from 11am. No village Day in 2019 . (Closest day available to Midsummer). Doors open 5:15pm.

Please note that the earlier times, before the doors open, are for the HVRA helpers with the preparations for events

Christine Powell and her grandson
Thomas Worby invite you to a

Tea and Cake Fundraiser

raising money for his school's

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Delisle School has been running educational trips to Namibia for over ten years. Tom and the other students will have the opportunity to take part in local project work to improve the lives of rural communities, and to learn about the country's history, culture, and natural environment. Profits from this fundraiser will go directly towards purchasing new supplies and equipment for the local community, and will contribute towards the students' travel costs.

For further info, contact Christine
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Nationwide Historic Archives

By the end of WW1 Mr George Holt Thomas, a famous aircraft pioneer lived at North Dean House. Since he owned the land on both sides of Stocking Lane, he embarked on building himself another residence, up the lane. In 1928, as the new house was nearing completion, Holt Thomas – now in his 60th year – unfortunately died and tragically his wife also died less than three weeks later.

The uncompleted Chiltern House was sold to a Mr Ian Purdy who, with a number of local figures including Frank Gomme (of Gomme Furniture), had plans to turn the house into “The North Dean Country Club”. Building was re-started and a sun lounge was added to the original design. Before the Club opened in 1932, Purdy also installed a skittle alley, a swimming pool and a block of garages.

The Club prospered, boasting among its visitors the then Prince of Wales, although it later acquired an air of notoriety, with rumours of midnight nude bathing, intoxication and consequent accidents in the narrow Stocking Lane. As a result of these the passing places, visible today, were created and the edges of the road were painted white!

In 1937, Purdy’s interests turned elsewhere and the North Dean Country Club was closed, the building being sold to the Co-operative Permanent Building Society in 1938.

With the imminence of war, the Society (later to become the Nationwide Building Society) wanted to move its Head Office, Administration and records to a place less vulnerable than London and major alterations and additions were made to

Chiltern House. The adjacent hillside was excavated to construct a strong room for the Society's deeds, approached by an underground passage that ran the length of the house.

When war was declared in September 1939, the majority of those Head Office staff who had not been mobilised were moved to Chiltern House. The reconstruction work having not been completely finished, the male evacuees took turns in guarding the deeds in the strong room, which was still awaiting its door!

After the war, the Head Office staff returned to London and Chiltern House became a centre for re-training demobilised former employees and later new employees. These courses gradually diminished in number and for the remainder of the time the house was used as a holiday centre for the Society's employees. These activities ceased in 1959, the deeds and other contents were removed back to London over several years and in 1967 the house was purchased by the Timber Research & Development Association (TRADA), which had previously been based in Tyler's Green, about 4 miles away, NE of High Wycombe.

TRADA's staff at first occupied the two wings of hutments that the Co-operative had added, and it was not until 1974 that a start could be made on the new office and laboratory accommodation that are still a feature of the present-day site.

The extra offices and dormitories at Chiltern House



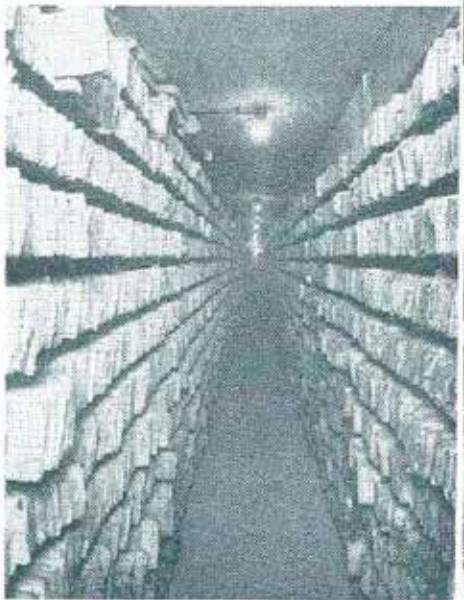
Right: A recent photograph of
Chilton House.

Below: the main entrance.



Below: deeds stored in the
passageway leading to the
strong room.

Below left: the famous
fireplace in the dining room.





Left and below: members of the staff fire-fighting team.

Below left: the girls practice air raid shelter drill, and

Below right: trying out the rope ladders.



Nationwide historic Archives

The Co-operative Permanent Building Society needed to provide safe storage for the mortgage deeds, which were at the time held in the basement at the head office in Bloomsbury Way, London.

The isolated location of Chiltern House was not only chosen by CPBS (Co-operative Permanent Building Society) but un-beknown to them at the time the secret underground bunker of Bomber Command was only a short distance away. When war was declared in 1939 most head office staff where moved to Chiltern House along with all the mortgage deeds, which only took 2 days to complete!

Two long wooden huts were all also erected at the back of the house, one for accommodation and the other as an office block.

After the war ended many of the serving members went to Chiltern House to learn accounts procedure in preparation for the decentralisation of accounts to branches. This eventually led to the development of training courses for staff up until Uplands was opened in October 1959.

The post-war years saw the house used for staff holiday up until **mid 1966** and even the last of the deeds were not removed from the strong room until March of the same year.

The Information supplied from Nationwide Archivist Sara Kinsey,
TRADA "boards" and Pyramid Staff Magazine
with grateful thanks

Quiz Night in aid of Brain Tumour Research

Following my article in the previous edition of Hughenden News, I wanted to publicly thank everyone who came along to what turned out to be a really very successful quiz night. Everyone had a really good time, helped by the warm evening, plentiful food and nicely stocked bar.

Local resident Emma Keen took on the responsibility for food and she spent the week beforehand busily preparing oodles of lasagne, served along with salads, French bread and a wonderful array of desserts. Whilst Hilary Waterston assisted with the catering, serving, washing up and clearing away.



Our host, Mark Hastings did a fabulous job compering the quiz and got quite into his stride. You'd have thought he did this for a living! Thanks also go to Martin Humphrey, the regular quizmaster from John Lewis High Wycombe, who set the questions and to Lisa Carlo for making such a fabulous cake.

As I said in my previous article a number of Hughenden Residents have died from a brain tumour in recent years. In fact every two hours, someone is diagnosed with a brain tumour in England.



Before the start of the quiz Mark asked the assembled quizzers to stand up if they knew someone who had been affected by a brain tumour – the majority of the room stood up! This hit home, all these people stood up because they knew of someone with a brain tumour, yet still brain tumour research represents just 1.37% of national spend on cancer.

After counting up and following some monetary donations we are proud to announce that we made £2,243 for the charity.

Additional good news followed on from the quiz night, John Lewis High Wycombe, for whom my late husband worked for have decided to make Brain Tumour Research their charity of choice. Thanks to Mark for proposing this to them and to John Lewis High Wycombe for their support.

We had some wonderful donations to the raffle and we would like to thank the following:

- Wycombe Swan
- Cineworld High Wycombe
- The Harrow Pub, Hughenden Valley
- The Black Lion, Naphill
- The Whip, Lacey Green
- The Summerhouse - Nicky Boughton
- Bel Ami – Vicky Bellamy
- Rebellion Brewery
- Hughenden Village Shop
- Wild Strawberry Café at Peterley Farm
- Lisa Carlo
- John Lewis High Wycombe
- Hughenden Autos
- Booker Cash and Carry

Thanks also go to Hughenden Residents Association who kindly donated £125 for the cost of the village hall.

Gill Graham ~ 07887 691381

The HVRA AGM held on 18th May 2018

Report Of The Talk On The Royal Star And Garter Homes

After the business part of the HVRA AGM had concluded, Chief Presenter of the Royal Star and Garter Homes, Charlie Munro, gave a very interesting illustrated talk.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. The first Home in Richmond was opened by King George V and Queen Mary in 1924. When this Home was no longer fit for purpose subsequent Homes opened in Solihull in 2008 and Surbiton in 2013, looking after ex-military personnel requiring dementia care. Their latest, a beautiful state-of-the-art Home, will open in the Hughenden Quarter in the Autumn creating approximately 130 jobs: nurses, physios, home managers, activity managers etc. They will be working with local groups and schools as well as carrying out projects locally.

Currently, their Homes look after 123 residents – 63 in Surbiton and 60 in Solihull, plus an anticipated 74 in High Wycombe, making a total of 197. Staff wear colourful clothes and aprons that contain props that promote conversations and reminiscences. They have specialist equipment, physiotherapy, speech and linked therapy/dietary approach services all in-house. Also, a “Reach-out” café for family and friends of residents that live-in with dementia.

The Royal Star and Garter Homes have won numerous awards and were rated Outstanding in 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. They have a choice of 50 activities each week including music, singing, dancing and a variety of crafts. Residents go on outings to local parks, garden centres and visits that have military connections.

Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their partners, can all benefit from their pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care. Anyone who is physically disabled or incapacitated and has served in Her Majesty’s Forces is eligible to apply for a place in one of The Royal Star & Garter Homes, as well the partners of ex-Service people.

They also offer day-care for ex-service people and their partners with fun and friendship, delicious food, free health checks plus private transport.

They have a team of 70 dedicated volunteers who are an invaluable force. Their youngest resident is only 34 years old and was injured in Iraq, but he is out of place among so many elderly residents. They will need to create a Home for their young heroes in the future. However, they have a shortfall of £3,500 for each resident per month. They rely on fund-raising so that they can provide personal individual care. Legacies and donations in memory of a loved-one play a big part in their funding.

As all of the Royal Star and Garter Homes are part of the local community, they are currently running a competition and asking people to name each of their 4 floors with a local military hero, past or present, and adding a little about their military background and links to Buckinghamshire. The Naming Ceremony will take place in the Spring of 2019. To enter the competition:

- Choose a local person with an inspiring military history.
- Tell them why your story interests you
- Submit your suggestions by 20 July 2018 to:
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Rosemary Hewitt, HVRA Secretary ~ 01494 562752



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Artists impression of the Home

About The Royal Star & Garter Home High Wycombe:

- Opening in late 2018.
- Bringing around 140 new jobs to the area.
Visit www.starandgarter.org or email highwycombe.jobs@starandgarter.org for more information.
- Will provide specialist nursing and therapeutic care for 74 residents and will include a specialist dementia care wing for 30 residents.
- Will offer large, en-suite bed-sitting rooms, a spacious dining room, cafe-bar, a piano lounge, library and landscaped sensory garden and balconies.

- A wide-ranging programme of over 50 activities per week will enable residents to live full and active lives adapted to individual's abilities and interests.
- Residents will have access to in-house therapies including physiotherapy and speech and language therapy



Health Care Assistant, Carly, with Army veteran, Arthur

Volunteering Helps You Stay Physically Healthy

Jumping on the bandwagon of June's Volunteer's Week, studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not. Older volunteers tend to walk more, find it easier to cope with everyday tasks, are less likely to develop high blood pressure, and have better thinking skills. Volunteering can also lessen symptoms of chronic pain and reduce the risk of heart disease. Sound good? Read on! The Hughenden Street Association has been strengthening the community by recruiting local residents as members to be the eyes and ears on their road that identify vulnerable residents and raise awareness of scams.



The community led scheme is managed by a steering group who meet every six weeks to support the growth of its members and is looking for a keen resident from Hughenden Valley to join the team as a Ward Lead.

The role requires an individual to attend the meetings and contribute in group discussions for the promotion of the scheme. The friendly group welcomes anyone wishing to gain or contribute teamwork and leadership skills. An interest in protecting vulnerable residents from scams and isolation would also be helpful.

Steering Committee: Stan Jones, Gloria LeFlavre & Ann McCarthy

Held at Hughenden Parish Council in Great Kingshill, the meetings are attended by the council, Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and Ward Leads for Great Kingshill, Widmer End, Naphill & Walter's Ash. You don't need extensive knowledge or experience of Hughenden Valley as this role can help you get to know local influencers, community groups and residents. There is also an opportunity to take actions away from the meeting from time to time or attend events to represent the Street Association. Is the role right up your street? If so, please contact:

Helen Cavill, Project Lead, Bucks County Council
communities@buckscc.gov.uk or 01296 382345

Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association

The award is for the work Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association has carried out over the past 2 years warning people about cons and scams. It is sponsored by Trading Standards and the certificates were presented at the last Council meeting by Bucks County Councillor Noel Brown, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement. The one for the Association was presented to Stan Jones, chairman. The other recognises the exceptional work of Geoff Pegg, Director of Operations, who is made an Ambassador.



Stan, Noel & Geoff

Stan Jones, Chairman stan.jonestheelectric@btinternet.com

A colorful advertisement for Yellow Cars. The background is a bright blue sky with a sunburst, a road leading to an airport terminal, and a white taxi car. The text is bold and eye-catching. The Yellow Cars logo is in the top left corner. The main headline is 'NEED A TAXI?' in large, bold letters. Below it, it says '4,5,6,8 Seaters 24 Hours a Day' and 'Free Text Back'. The bottom section features the slogan 'A brighter way to travel' and 'AIRPORT TRANSFERS RIGHT TO THE AIRPORT DOOR'. The phone number '01494 444402' and the website 'www.yellowcarshw.co.uk' are prominently displayed at the bottom.

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Speeding through the Village

Speed Watch Sessions continue to be held throughout the Parish and you never know when you will come across one. So, please be aware of your speed and drive within the limits that are set locally. Warrendene Road has a 40 mph limit and Valley Road is 30 mph although not every driver sticks to the limit. This is particularly re-enforced when the data from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs outside Deeters is downloaded. The HVRA has received complaints from residents about “racers” whizzing along Valley Road, in the evening, at 70 mph!

Please drive with care, especially as there are many more pedestrians now making their way to the Village Store & Coffee Shop and lots of children walking to school.

Rosemary Hewitt, Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group 01494 562752

Wycombe District Council (New) Local Plan

For those who have a keen interest in WDC’s proposals to remove the Green Belt status from land in the District, and in particular Glynswood/Green Farm which on the left, just past the town boundary and adjacent to Hughenden Park and also the Clappins Lane field in Naphill. Below is the Local Plan Examination Hearing Timetable:

The Her Majesty’s Planning Inspector has now confirmed an indicative timetable and programme for the Wycombe District Local Plan examination. The Examination will start on 16 July 2018 (1.30 pm) for two weeks. There will then be a five weeks break. The Examination will resume on 3 September across two weeks. The timetable is still indicative and a final timetable will be issued two weeks before the Hearings.

More information will be available at www.wycombe.gov.uk.

Search “New Local Plan”.

Rosemary Hewitt, HVRA Planning sub-Committee 01494 562752

Hugh 'n' Den's Pages

The Children's Playground Sub Committee of the Village Hall Committee is awaiting the outcome of the gift Aid procedure to start accepting funds for the new playground.

TfB (Transport for Buckinghamshire) has repaired the roundabout at the bottom of Coombe Lane by replacing the damaged stone sets with tarmac. The reference number is 46061278.

Geoff Wicketts of the Church Farm area along Valley Road, has been voted to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy for Hughenden Valley. He will be working with Councillors Peter Gieler, Simon Kearey and Hilda Stearn.

Although the crime rate is low in Hughenden Valley, anything suspicious or noticeably worrying should be reported to The Police on Phone number 101.

With windows open during hot weather, the perception that traffic noise has appeared to have increased considerably is understandable. Heavy lorries with inadequately secured loads are also a problem. There has been one accident, with a plank falling from such a lorry, where actual injury was caused.

Some motor vehicles are very noisy indeed; sometimes deliberately so; that is very annoying.

The residents of Bryants Bottom are still working with the Bucks Free Press to publicise the occurrence of potholes in their roads. One day they will get them all mended, perhaps? Their photographs have been printed in the paper as well as their potholes. Bryants Bottom Road is also a recommended cycle route, but the potholes do not make it compatible with keen cycling.

Hughenden Primary School

Energize 2018!

On Thursday 15th March and Saturday 17th March, 32 students from Hughenden Primary School along with other schools from the local area took part in Energize at the Wycombe Swan Theatre.

The theme of the performance was History Matters written by Jane Smith and Fliss Coombes. The story is based on a group of school inspectors who want to stop teachers from teaching their students about history. It was a musical where some historical characters, ranging from Tudor times with Queen Elizabeth I through to the early 20th century with the Suffragettes came to life. Historical characters came to life through song and dance that helped the inspectors realise that history has an important part to play in our school education.

There were lots of rehearsals to learn the songs, dances and actions. Year four and five in our school worked hard and performed the dance of Queen Elizabeth I. We were all quite nervous before we went on but as we made our way on the stage our nerves went and we all really enjoyed ourselves.

It was a great experience to take part and we learned a lot more about History!"

Written by Grace and Daisy, Year 4

Mid-Summer Mosaic Madness!

What a fabulous time we have had over the past couple of weeks, making a large circular mosaic of our school logo, which will hang in the Reception area of the school! Each child has also designed their own little square mosaic (about 10cm x 10cm) and these will be displayed together either on the corridor wall or in the main school hall. They are all so bright, cheerful and unique!

We were assisted in our endeavours by some very kind and very patient ladies from the Art Society. They were so helpful and gave us advice on how to space the tiles and make them look neat, as well as some hints on which colours went well together. Thank you so much!

If you would like to come and see our school logo mosaic, it should be ready by the first week of July, hanging in the school foyer.

Mosaic Week

What a fabulous week we had after half term! We made lots of marvellous mosaics! Not only did each child in the school design their own unique little mosaic on a square board, but we all collaborated to make a huge circular mosaic of our school logo for the entrance area.

Mr Brinkworth kindly cut out over 200 small boards sanded them all down for us and then cut a wonderfully accurate circle for the main mosaic. As well as this, some kind ladies from The Art Society donated money for us to buy all the equipment and then came along each afternoon to help us create our individual designs. They advised us how to place the tesserae (mosaic tiles) neatly on our boards, before gluing them down. These wonderful ladies had to be so patient with us! We would like to say a huge “THANK YOU” to them! The individual mosaics are going to adorn either our school hall or the main corridor and we can’t wait to see them up in place!

We are delighted with the main school logo mosaic, which will be radiant when it hangs in the foyer. Each class had a small area to cover in mosaics and we used our artistic licence to jazz up the design a little, by adding some poppies and buttercups to our school fields and some apple blossom to the trees. The finished product is more extravagant-looking than the actual school logo, but we all wanted it to look good!

Our mosaics are sensational – why don’t you come and see them?

Written By two Year 5 Pupils

The Hobbit - a surprise treat

On Thursday 21st June (the longest day of the year) we had a special treat! Four actors unexpectedly turned up at our school hall. It was certainly full of madness and an occasion to remember. Not only did they re-tell the story of “The Hobbit”, but they modernised it by following all the popular crazes, such as “flossing” and “dabbing”. Bilbo Baggins, the main character, teased all the children in the audience – especially Luke in Year 5, as he went in for a “High-5” but was “dabbed on” instead! All the audience was filled with happiness and enjoyment as the characters bounced around on the stage. We had never seen a production quite like this at our school! Although it was so much fun, the clever actors managed to make it poignant at the end when one of the characters died.

We are looking forward to welcoming the same troupe back next summer!

By 2 Pupils in Year 5

Hughenden's Got Talent

Hughenden's Got Talent (HGT) was soooo fun. I performed an act with my friends. We were called "Friends" and we dance to the song "Friends". How ironic was that? The judges were Mrs Suchowierchi, Mr Pounder and Mrs Slade. We did well, 24/30, that's good, right? However, not enough points to get to the final which was disappointing. Loads of my friends did get into the final and I cheered for them. I can't wait until next year - I might even win the trophy.

Year 4 Pupil

As I walked onto the stage, I was trembling with fear. I saw the judges, including our own Mr Pounder. Hughenden's Got Talent was our school talent contest and everyone loved it.

When the annual competition was announced, straight away the entries were full for our Year 4 class. There were acts from Horrid Henry and Matilda the Musical. As the song When I Grow up from Matilda ended we eagerly awaited the scores . . . ten, ten, ten. Our class had a winner to go forward to the finals. We will all remember Hughenden's Got Talent 2018.

Year 4 Pupil

Bikers' Breakfast

On Thursday 21st June 2018 Hughenden Primary School had a scrummy Bikers' Breakfast. This encouraged all of us to get active, whilst having lots and lots of fun. This breakfast was on the same day as 'Bling Your Bike' and it was amazing to see how many people were excited and involved in helping the community and helping themselves too!

We were sponsored by Morrisons for this breakfast, so we would love to say a BIG thank you to them for being Community Helpers and really loving the idea of happy children getting involved with helping everybody in the world!

Everyone who came thought it would be a great idea if we did this again next year because they loved seeing friends whilst eating lovely food! So get involved and help the community with a Biker's Breakfast.

Year 5 Pupil

The school would like to thank Morrisons for their generosity in supplying the breakfast of cereals, scotch pancakes and coissants. It is nice to know that a local supermarket can put the community before their commercial interests. And the children made light work of it all.

Growth Mindset

At Hughenden Primary School, we talk a lot about 'Growth Mindset', but what does it actually mean?

Having a Growth Mindset means that you try your best and if you don't understand things, you have to keep on trying because you will get there eventually. We have a saying in school 'we can't do it YET'. It is also known as 'The Power of Yet'.

We all have a Growth Mindset wheel, and you can get stickers for; trying something new, being a team player, asking good questions, communicating well and showing a kind attitude.

If we fill up our wheels, we get to go out on a treat with all the children who have completed theirs. When we go on these trips, we get either ice cream, go to the park or hot chocolate!

Modelled write by Year 3

Preschool Buddy Reading

Yesterday we went to the Pre-School to read to some toddlers and children. It was epic because we got to know others. The two children I read to like the stories because I read confidently to them, and I read with expression as well. The stories I read to them were Rapunzel and Thomas the Tank Engine. The Pre-School was at the village hall. We had a great time.

By a Year 2 pupil

A Spaceship has landed!

Last Monday morning, Key Stage 1 returned to Hughenden Primary School after the weekend to find a dramatic event had occurred! A mysterious looking UFO had crash landed outside the Year 1 & 2 classrooms. Fortunately, the authorities had taped the area off while it was under investigation. We have since discovered that an unusual yellow creature that goes by the name of 'Beegu' was in the spaceship. Will she ever make it home to her family? Children will be finding out more in their English lessons next week.

A New Preschool for Hughenden Primary

Hughenden Hoppers – ‘Leap into Learning’

In September 2018, Hughenden Primary School will be opening their new preschool for children aged 3-4 years old.

It is a safe and friendly environment for your child to thrive in their learning. Hughenden Primary School got a ‘Good’ from Ofsted and will soon be sending their Year 6’s onto thrive in their secondary schools.

Our school is really friendly and everyone goes out of their way to help each other. We have a strong pastoral leader, Mrs O’Malley, who is always there to support us. We Year 6’s enjoy our buddy reading across the school, especially with the younger children. On Friday’s, the KS1 children read to the KS2 children.

Hughenden does a lot for local activities and fundraising. We have a great connection with the community and invite them to special days with us like Remembrance Day. We have completed a Sponsored Litter Pick around our local community and the money we raised helped fund our crossing patrol. We value our school crossing patrollers who help us cross the road safely every day.

When your child does join, the staff at Hughenden will make sure they are happy and enjoying their learning. Our school trips reinforce this and we are lucky to have plenty of opportunities to extend our learning outside the classroom.

If you want to leap into learning, the Hughenden Hoppers is the preschool for your child! We hope to see you in September.

Written by 2 Year 6 pupils

Maths success for Hughenden pupils



Cllr Green joins staff and pupils at Hughenden Primary

DELIGHTED staff and pupils at Hughenden Primary School were presented with an award following major success in a UK maths challenge.

New Wycombe District Council chairman, Cllr Tony Green, presented pupils with awards for achieving second place in the UK Matific maths challenge on Friday.

Students at the school who entered the UK Matific Maths Games had two weeks to complete as many maths problem-

solving tasks as possible - points were awarded for each successful completed activity.

John Meatyard, senior lead teacher, said, "We are incredibly proud of our students and the tenacity they have shown towards the Matific competition. Getting up early, giving up break times and burning the midnight oil, our students have loved the competition that this contest has offered. Maths is such a vital skill and Matific has engaged our pupils in new and lasting ways."

Teaching Assistant Standard

We received news today from the Institute for Apprenticeships that the Minister for Education has approved our Teaching Assistant Standard, such brilliant news that certainly raised smiles in the staff room today! This Standard is now available for use by both apprenticeship levy and non-levy paying employers and ensures the continuity of apprenticeships for Level 3 following the move to transfer all apprenticeships across to the new Trailblazer scheme.

It has taken almost 2 years from start to finish and is the result of a collective team effort from employers and assessment organisations across England to reach this stage. As Chair of the Employer Group for the Teaching Assistant Standard, I'm delighted to be able to share this with you.

Jenny Brinkworth ~ office@hughendenprimary.co.uk



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Unique New Restaurant open in Saunderton

The Grange, opened by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, serves wholesome and delicious meals, drinks and snacks in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere, nestled in the beautiful Chiltern Hills, with all profits supporting the charity's life-changing work. The Grange is a family-friendly, dog-friendly and highly accessible restaurant for those with deafness or hearing loss and those without. Nestled in the beautiful Chiltern Hills, the restaurant is spacious, bright, elegant yet relaxed, and has been designed with acoustics and accessibility in mind, with state of the art design to enhance customers' listening experience while dining.

A new restaurant, which mixes colourful and fresh cuisine with traditional British favourites, has opened at The Grange in Saunderton, Buckinghamshire, the home of national charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. The restaurant is open every day between 9am and 4pm, with plans to extend to early evening service later this summer and offers a delicious and healthy menu of freshly prepared dishes prepared by a team of experienced chefs – from the unique to old favourites.

Visitors can drop in for breakfast, where dishes include 'Posh Toast' of grilled sourdough topped with a delicious choice of fillings, a full English breakfast, freshly grilled sweet or savoury waffles, or simply a freshly prepared bacon or sausage sandwich. Lunch offers the choice of a range of delicious and nutritious salads with protein boosts, tasty paninis and simple sandwiches. For those who wish to enjoy something more substantial, a range of seasonal favourites are available, such as Cornish fish pie, West Country braised lamb shoulder, and a tempting vegetarian chilli, garlic and tomato linguini. The Sparkling Afternoon Tea offers a taste of luxury – with or without Prosecco, or diners can opt for a light-bite, freshly roast coffee or mouth-watering cake.

The Grange also features a gift shop where visitors will find a range of original gifts, and a dedicated Hearing Hub, run by Hearing Link, which offers useful products, information and advice for visitors on how to better manage their hearing. Every penny of profit from The Grange restaurant and gift shop supports Hearing Dogs for Deaf People's life-changing work of training dogs that change the lives of deaf people.

The Grange is easy to reach, located on Haw Lane, Saunderton, Princes Risborough, HP27 9NS. Parking and free Wi-Fi is available at the venue.

For further information and menus visit www.thegrangesaunderton.org.uk.

The Hughenden Church Alpha Course

**Venue: Hughenden Church House. Hughenden. HP14 4LA
(Just up the path alongside the church)
Each Wednesday evening from 19th September for 11 weeks
7.00 pm till 9.30 pm Everyone is welcome**

This is a personal invitation for you. You have been invited because someone cares very much about you. The Alpha Course starts on 19th September 2018 at Church House Hughenden and continues each Wednesday evening (except for the schools' half term holiday) at 7.00pm for 11 weeks. Each session begins with a dinner where people chat and get to know each other. There is no charge either for the course or for the meal.

You may feel that Christianity is pretty outdated or even boring or alternatively just something you have never had time to really think about. OK, but if you are brave enough to consider investigating it just come along and find out.

This should enable you to increase your knowledge and even decide if there is anything in Christianity for you. If it's not for you then then we will fully understand.

One of the classic questions people often ask themselves is

“Is there more to life than this?”

And the presenters specifically try help you to answer this question

The course is based round a short film session each evening followed by group discussions that can be lively, thoughtful, questioning or even sometimes emotional. The group members help each other and incredible friendships often result. Over the years we have had people from 16 to 90 come along and it has usually proved relevant and interesting to them all.

Globally over 29 Million people have attended the programme and the results have been outstanding in answering many questions they have and in making amazing friends who have also had similar questions about Christianity

More general information is on line at www.alpha.org.

For any specific queries or to book a place please call or text Frank on 07850 150462 or email him at office@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

Alternatively, please speak with Keith the Vicar or Helen the Associate Priest at Hughenden Church. Please do it now. It may be the best thing you ever do.

From the Vicarage

One day Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, who was staying in her much loved Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, decided that it was a perfect day for a stroll, so she went out alone for a walk. After she had been out for quite some time, she felt parched, and so she decided to knock on the door of a cottage, in the hope of getting some refreshment from whoever lived there.

Meanwhile in said house, lived Mrs Sharp, who was having a lovely afternoon snooze in her favourite chair in the parlour. She heard the knock on the door, but couldn't see who it was from where she was seated. She felt lethargic, was slightly annoyed that she had been awakened from her nap, and she decided that she was not feeling up to entertaining that day – so she ignored the determined knocking.

The Queen gave up after knocking several times, convinced that there was no one at home, and she left the house and returned back to Osborne House in much need of her afternoon tea and cake.

Mrs Sharp would have been in complete ignorance about the missed opportunity if it wasn't for one of her neighbours who bumped into her a few days later. They had been passing her house at the time that the unmistakable and imposing figure of her majesty was seen knocking on Mrs Sharp's door.

“You will never guess who you missed the other day”, they said, desperate to share their big news – “Queen Victoria knocked on your door, she looked very disappointed that no one was in – what a great shame that you missed her!”

Mrs Sharp was left speechless. She was too embarrassed to admit to her neighbour that she had in fact been in at the time, but too lazy to answer the door, and so she had missed the opportunity of a lifetime to entertain her monarch with tea in the parlour – poor Mrs Sharp was never quite the same again!

I wonder, would you be ready and expectant, if God came and knocked on your door today?

Each year in September, at St Michael & All Angels Church, we begin the Alpha Course, which is a great way of discovering more about God, and Jesus Christ, and the Christian faith. The course runs for a couple of months, on a Wednesday evening, and starts with a wonderful two course supper each night, followed by a film presentation for 25 minutes, and then an opportunity to discuss what we have seen with others interested in exploring the Christian faith.

We consider a wide range of topics including:

Is there more to life than this?

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- Why and how do I pray?
- How does God guide us?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?

The first session takes place at 7pm on 19th September, and you can book your place on the course by calling Frank on 01494 565050.

There is no charge for Alpha. Why come along for the first night and bring a friend too!

Reverend Keith Johnson ~ 07772 642393

Gill Barnard

My husband and I have been visiting friends in Holmer Green for nearly 50 years and have enjoyed being shown many local areas. Recently our interest intensified after discovering an adopted family members' birth name and eventually tracing them through the 1911 census as living at Widmer End. In light of this information when we visited our friends, a couple of weeks ago, they took us to local cemeteries in the Parish. At the Methodist Church at Cryers Hill we came across a double headstone with the name Bye, but more recent. I hope that if this letter is circulated locally that perhaps someone may be able to give us some more information. We didn't see the name Bye in any other cemetery. Also at the far end of the same cemetery were two headstones with the name Langston. It may be a coincidence but in the 1901 census, the sister of the female J. Bye that we are tracing, A. Bye was married to a W. Langston.

Gill Barnard ~ gillbarnard19@hotmail.co.uk

Hughenden Valley Carnival Day 14th July 2018

Well what a weekend we have just had!

On Friday at 10 am we started out with an empty field and on Sunday at noon we finished up with an empty field again but in between it was filled with a variety of tents, gazebos, a huge marquee, a central arena and, most of all, a huge gathering of village folk socialising and having a great time!



The first event of our day was the procession which was very well supported by various organisations marching proudly along, accompanied by a selection of classic cars and, of course, our local mini-steam engine being driven excellently by its owner Dave Simmons.

This year's arena activities were of a spectacularly high calibre and they were enhanced by the super PA system and commentary provided and managed by our friends at **Wycombe Sound** (listen to them at 106.6 FM on your radio).



We kicked off with songs from the **children of Hughenden School** and I think everyone was blown away with their renditions, particularly when those young soloists stepped up to the microphone. Absolutely astounding!

That was a hard act for The **Village Shop choir** to have to follow but follow it they did and they delivered a brilliant collection of songs!



My favourite was Sweet Caroline but then I am a real Neil Diamond devotee. The youngsters of **Castle Street Dance Studio** did a special routine for us. Their timing, athleticism and coordination was

amazing. How they kept up their intensity levels throughout I do not know; I was whacked out just watching them and the huge applause showed how much the audience appreciated the display.



The **Birds of Prey** display drew a large crowd of fascinated observers many of whom were startled when the falcon and the bald eagle seemed to sweep just inches over their heads. Tall Derek Ransom felt particularly imperilled!

The **dog show**, ably judged by Jollyes, produced its usual moments of great humour with young handlers being dragged along by large dogs and one dog who decided it just didn't want to be in the arena and bounded off to find another handler!





The arena activities were rounded off by the infamous group known to us as the Red Barrows. Their daring display was orchestrated by **Acting Wing Commander 'Chocks away' Chandler** staying safely away from the action by hiding behind the microphone! The re-embracing of **Under Par Pinner AKA the Black Barrow** back into the squadron drew large cheers from the audience. It's sad to report that increasing age and decreasing fitness levels (due to excess consumption of certain beverages) means that we have probably seen the last of the Red Barrows but, who knows, as there have been lots of famous performers who have reappeared

for yet another farewell performance in their dotage!





At 7pm the field filled up again with some 220 people spreading out around the marquee enjoying the lovely summer evening, socialising and dancing to the **Larkrise Ranters** Group. It was great to see so many young people and teenagers barn dancing the evening away. What a memory they have to take away with them and I'm sure they will be talking about that evening for years to come.

There are too many people and groups who helped to make this event a success and who provided prizes for the raffle and the tombola for them to be all named here individually but you all know who you are so thanks to you all and give yourselves a big pat on the back! However I would like to give a little plug to some of our major suppliers: **Hughenden Autos, Buildbase, Turville Printing, Tom Morgan (our electrician) and his dad, and, of course Wycombe Sound.**

Finally a mention for Thames Valley Police. A police car turned up unexpectedly at the Village Hall and when they tried to drive in they were politely told by gate monitor Bob "I'm in charge" Hawkins that the car park was down Boss Lane. To Bob's utter surprise they said "Yes, Sir" and scuppered off to park in Boss Lane. When questioned later, Bob commented that he never imagined that he could exert such power over our police force! We would like to thank the policemen in the car because they didn't take umbrage and they stayed around helping us out with the road closure. A credit to TVP all 3 of them!

2020 here we come! The planning starts now.

John Hazelden 01494 562570 (on behalf of the 2018 organising committee)

News from the Village Day Carnival, where specifically the HVRA sold Pimms with the help of Diageo with more sold at the Barn Dance. Thanks to James and Mary Perkins for giving up the whole day, and Rosemary, Anna, Lin and Janet Howe who all helped. The Hughenden Valley History table generated considerable interest. Please could the retired policeman re Uplands, and the lady who wanted cricket photographs of her father, and other people who had interesting information please contact Janet and Angus when they can.

The Junior Photographic Competition winners were:

Casper Rose Age 7 for 'Rainbow in the rain'

Allissa Wood Age 10 for 'Buttercups'

Annaliese Rose Highly Commended for 'The Allotments'

All the other entries were very good and very aptly titled; that makes so much difference.

Janet Idle ~ 01494 563673



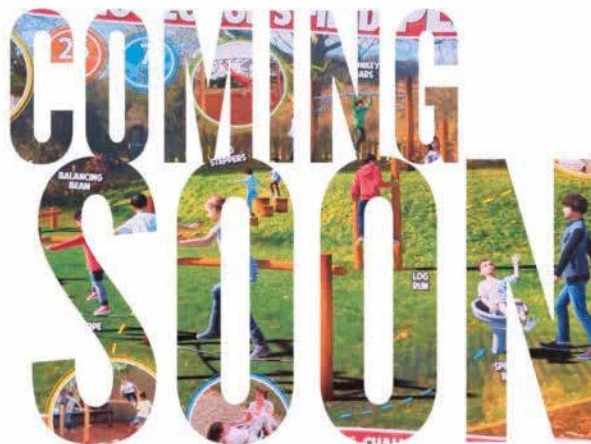
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Hughenden Playground Friends

Hughenden Playground Friends have been busy in the background over the past few months. The plan for the playground is set, the price has been negotiated and we are ready to GO once the funds are in the bank.

We have applied to the Village Hall for a grant which has been approved and gratefully received. We have also applied to the Parish Council for a grant to match the Village Halls and are awaiting formal notification (by the time this article goes to print we will hopefully have had a formal positive response). We are pleased to also announce the residents association have donated a fantastic £500 to the playground too - thank you very much for this.

Jonathan Hilder (Piers Photography) held a Charity Photo Shoot on Father's Day which raised a fantastic £100. Everyone was really pleased with their photographs and we would like to thank Jonathon for his time and support.

The Harrow raised a fantastic £131 from May's quiz night. Karen's support is really appreciated and our PINK charity box is still by the till in the restaurant side of the pub for any change and donations you would like to make.

Jenny and the team at Hughenden Pre-School are arranging a fundraising Toddle around the Village Hall field which all the children are very excited about.

Events coming soon:

- Bingo Night at The Harrow - August 4th
- Charity Disco - September/October-watch this space.
- Raffle by Hughenden Valley Village Shop

Our online Go Donate application has been submitted and the details shall be with us soon. Thank you for everyone's patience with this. We will circulate this information via our Facebook page shortly.

We are keen to hear from anyone who has any ideas to support our campaign or if you have any questions please contact us HVplaygroundfriends@gmail.com

Lisa Thyer-Jones ~ 07577 052398

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The Senior Citizens' Treat 2018

As Usual, the Senior Citizens arrived very lively and really cheerful, quickly choosing their seats with their friends.

This year it was ably organised by Al and Christine Bowyer, with a good deal of support from Daphne, Lin, Rosemary, Yvonne, Mary, James and Peter and Louise Cannon. We were very happy to see Geoff Wright there too. Our wine waiters and those who laid out the repast were kept very busy!



Banjovi Revival gave a professional rendition of a wide variety of traditional and modern songs on some very good strings and a confident singer too. They were without two of their performers on the day, but well done to all of them. We noticed Joan happily singing to herself, as did many others.

Thank you for the letters of appreciation that we received from Hugh and Joan Steel and also Jill Sayer. The next Senior Citizens Treat will be on Saturday, 22nd June 2019. The hall is already booked, so if you have any super suggestions for the entertainment then, please let us know and we'll see what we can do for you.

Lastly, three cheers for Al and Christine.

Angus and Janet, Co-Chairs ~ 01494 563673

Annual Hughenden Vs Widmer End Cricket Match



Following a narrow 1 run victory by Hughenden last year the scene was set for another exciting game. This time, in order to avoid the heat of the day, the match was played in the evening however with outside temperatures getting on for 30 degrees both sides found it pretty hot going.

Hughenden batted first and thanks to knocks from a number of players and a number of dropped catches made it to 112 in their 15 overs. At the break there was a chance for both teams to replace lost fluids, courtesy of the Village Shop and cool down for a bit. I seem to remember the umpires saying that they were pretty thirsty as well!!

Starting slowly, the visitors built up an ever increasing total and managed to surpass the 112 needed with 3 overs to go.

In presenting the cup, both umpires were thanked for their management of the game and Jack Bridges, the winning captain, received the cup on behalf of Widmer End .

We'll see how Hughenden do next year!!!

Simon Kearey ~ 07956 183262

Hughenden Art Group

The period in the New Year after the A.G.M was fairly quiet, winter hibernation set in for some of us! And winter weather spoilt the rest!
So, lets wake up to March!

We had several informal evenings interspersed with some interesting demonstrations. Angela Fielder showed us how to paint a landscape from a photograph. We were able to use our chosen medium for this evening, which gave an assortment and variety to the finished pictures.
Dawn Oliver was going to give us a lesson on using coloured pencils but unfortunately was unable to keep her appointment.

Moving into April, a great favourite of ours, Sue Grey demonstrated with her usual vigour and energy 'Wild Seascapes' She creates amazing energy and enthusiasm in her classes and we go home exhausted (in a good way!).
Jane Coulson caught up with us with Portrait from a photo, originally planned for December, but the weather had other ideas! Jo Laurie tried to teach us how to draw 'moving figures' a difficult concept but she showed us one or two tricks! A member of our club arranged a day's painting at his boat club, a chance to observe and paint static and moving crafts.

And so to June - Acrylics and Pet portraiture were Ruth Ablett's evening
We are looking forward to a Saturday workshop with Sally Fisher- subject Clouds, using oil paints.

Still to come, pastels with Joel Wareing, an urban scene. And to finish our summer, Biddy Lee will be encouraging us to paint a turtle in abstract form- That will be something turtley different ? sorry couldn't resist it!
We return after the summer break on September the 3rd 2018. Hope it is a summer of everything you wish for.

Hughenden Art Group Art Exhibition 2018

12th October - 14th October

Hughenden Village Hall - Coombe Lane - HP14 4NX

Free admission and refreshments

For more information please email hughendenartgroup@outlook.com

Margaret Hunter ~ 07484 652079

Hughenden Valley Football Club



Another season is over and we celebrated in our usual fashion with our 43rd AGM & Family Fun Day. A record crowd of over 550 Mums, Dads and kids gathered in the Village Hall for trophy presentations followed by fun & games on the playing fields. The weather was beautiful and really helped us to raise lots of funds for the kids.

Special awards were presented to Dave West as Manager of the Year for reaching the County Cup semi-final. Gary King was awarded the Terry Bellamy award for Outstanding Contribution to the Club – presented by Doreen Bellamy. Finally, Clive Webb & Jeremy Pinner were both elected to the position of Hon. Vice President status for their many years of dedicated service to the Club. Congratulations and thank you to all our special award winners.

Finally, we need new players for the next season – so if you are new to the Village or know someone who would like to play please see our website www.hvfc.co.uk

Neil Bellamy, Chairman, Hughenden Valley Football Club ~ 07500 902066

Karate and Polish Hospitality



Sucha Bezkidzka . Where is it. Sucha Bezkidzka is a town in the Beskid mountain range in southern Poland. It is near the Skawa river, about one hours drive from Kraków.

Why was I there?

We have over 1000 Seido karate students in Poland as part of our worldwide organisation. We have roughly the same number of students in the UK in our schools and other programs.

About eight months ago we opened a new dojo at the Polish club in Mickfield and this club is slowly growing. We have close ties with clubs in Poland and their students have attended many of our UK competitions.

The head of the club is called Kyoshi Piotr Michulec. He was celebrating his 20th anniversary of teaching karate in that town. I had been invited as a special guest, together with one of my senior UK instructors, to teach

for two days. Also attending was a very senior instructor from our headquarters in New York.

We arrived on Thursday night and the following morning we set off for the Tatry mountains near Zakopane. At 2 1/2 thousand metres the mountain that we set off to climb was quite a challenge. We did, however, have help as the first half of the mountain was a bumpy but very easy ride in the horse-drawn carriage. We then walked to within about two hours of the peak but unfortunately didn't have time to get to the top. The scenery was spectacular and I would love to go back and finish the climb.

On Friday night I taught for couple of hours and then once more on Saturday morning we were up early and into the gymnasium to teach for the whole day. My speciality was teaching chokes and strangles as well as interpretation of kata, which are a complex series of fighting moves. The students were eager to learn and a pleasure to teach although of course we had to use an interpreter in order to get our points across.

After many photographs, not only in the dojo but in the town square, we changed from our karate suits (gis) because we have been invited to a banquet with the town mayor in an old castle. Dinner was very atmospheric and warm with exchanges of presents, speeches, and quite a bit of vodka.

Early on Sunday morning we left to go rafting on the river. This proved to be a wonderful experience and our two guides could trace their river rafting heritage back 300 years. The river crossed from Poland into Slovakia and back into Poland passing under the towering mountains and wonderful scenery. The rapids were fairly shallow but quite fast and in the winter when the snow melts the river can rise over 30 feet. You would not want to be rafting then.

We left the town to get the British Airways flight back on Sunday evening but this was delayed because of thunderstorms and at one time we thought that we might have to spend the next night in Kraków. But we arrived home safely at about 2 AM in the morning.

Nearly every minute of our time during our short visit was meticulously planned and our hosts couldn't do enough to make us feel welcome. The area surrounding the town is very popular with tourists for walking and hiking and even skiing in the winter. It is certainly worth a visit.



One thing that I really liked, was that the mayor and his administration fully supported all the sport in the town and made funds available to actively promote sport for young people at all levels. There a great sense of community in the town just as so many of you work hard in Hughenden Valley for the benefit of others.

Don't forget that we a great program for juniors, 7 yrs and upwards at our Hughenden Valley dojo on Tuesday evenings and Kingshill on Thursday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm. Adults, why not start at our newcomers programme at Lacey Green on Mondays or Tyler's Green on Wednesdays. You will be made very welcome and age is no barrier.

Best wishes,

Roger Thyer-Jones ~ 01494 565341

6th Dan WSKO

UK World Seido Karate Organisation www.seidobucks.com

Valley Friends



Our meetings continue to be well attended. New members have replaced some who have moved to other areas. We always welcome guests to our open meetings and hope they will join us on other evenings eventually.

In April Jane Dunsterville dressed in a crinoline costume to portray songs about the life and times around the 1830s. The title of her "talk" was "Not in front of the children". Major changes were taking place at the time due to mechanisation which was causing unemployment and poverty. Gradually people accepted the change and eventually a new Middle Class resulted. The songs which Jane sang were almost like diaries and many were describing the lives of Irish workers e.g. "Mountains of Mourne".

Dinah Latham gave a talk at our May meeting entitled "Walking Forward, Looking Back" which is also the title of the book she wrote about her career as a highly qualified midwife. In the book she described community midwifery as it was in her early career when she knew all the mothers and their families well and said how different it is now that technology has altered it to make things less personal and much less rewarding. Dinah

hopes she has left a legacy by writing the book about community midwives as they were proud to serve the community and were so dedicated to their work.

Our Indian Cultural Evening in June was arranged for us by our member Nina Patel, helped by her niece, relatives and friends who had all worked sp hard to give us wonderful entertainment. Exquisite costumes were worn by the group. Nina opened the evening with some prayer words and a song in her language, also a chorus where all of the group joined in. Two ladies performed a traditional dance from Eastern India and explained the movements of head, hands, neck and graceful facial expressions. The movements were very controlled and must have needed hours of practise. A second two ladies did an equally pleasing and difficult dance later in the programme. A member of the group spoke of her visit to India for a long holiday to discover everything she could about her richly diverse homeland, which she described as a kaleidoscope of colour, smells, tastes and cultures – some very luxurious areas and wealthy people but also overwhelming poverty in the slums. Our evening continued with poems, songs and finally prayers said by Nina. We were then treated to special Indian tea and refreshments. Nina and the whole group were warmly thanked by all our very impressed members.

Our next meeting is on Friday September 7th “Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers.

Friday August 3rd 8:00 pm – Pot Luck Supper in the Small Hall

Joan Steel ~ 01494 562648

Hughenden Valley & Kingshill Conservatives

The main political events awaited at the time of writing are the deal we will get on Brexit, and the details surrounding the new Unitary Authority, if indeed it does come to pass. By the time you read this we may know the answers to both, hopefully both for the better.

On 30th June we had a very enjoyable classic afternoon tea and river trip on the River Thames at Windsor, and in common with many days during this summer, it was sunny, very hot, the ideal setting for a peaceful cruise on the river. Once under way, the captain turned the boat around 360

degrees, and we had the most beautiful view of Windsor Castle in all its regal glory.

Preparations are now well in hand for our return visit to Highgrove House Gardens, on Friday, 17th August, but by the time you read this the event may have passed, or nearly passed, and tickets anyway have now been fully sold. A report will appear in the next edition of 'Hughenden News'.

Ken Richardson, Branch Chairman ~ 01494 563155

High Wycombe & District Philatelic Society

This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary, and to mark the occasion we will be combining our annual Christmas Dinner and Draw with a special event on Thursday, 6th December at Hazlemere Golf Club. All members, spouses and friends will be invited along with as many past members as we can find. Yes, it was in 1978 that a club was first formed, known then as the Bellfield and Downley Philatelic Society, but I am told the name was soon changed to High Wycombe & District because visiting speakers couldn't find Bellfield or Downley! The Society now covers a wider area, from Radnage to Holmer Green, and although numbers are down these days, those that remain are a very enthusiastic bunch, and for our last meeting in May we had a very good speaker telling us all about POLISH GDANSK, the period after the first world war, until the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, which of course saw huge changes in Eastern Europe especially in and around Poland.

Our new season starts on Thursday, 13th September with our usual Bourse or Stamp Market, and this is a good time for new members because they get a very good opportunity to expand their collections at very little cost. But we also have a wide range of speakers lined up for the season, taking in subjects like SUDAN, PERSIA/IRAN, SOUTH AFRICA and CANADA.

We always welcome new members who are interested in furthering their collections. We meet on alternate Thursdays at St. James's Church Hall, Plomer Hill, Downley, starting at 7.30 pm. and full details of our programme can be found at www.hwphilatelicssociety.co.uk

Ken Richardson, Secretary. ~ 01494-563155

Valley Players, Hughenden

The 2018 AGM began our new drama year and was held on the 19th March. A fun time had by all! It was good to look back over the previous year and to make plans for the future. Major points of discussion included our May production of Anywhere To Anywhere, this year's Panto, and Village Day which will be held in July.

Elected committee members for 2018/19 are as follows:

President – Judy Biggs

Chairman – Sheelagh Jones

Secretary – Mandi McDermott

Treasurer – Louise Bayliss

Committee Members – Tina Clinch

Michael Sole

Wolfie Goddard

Diana Gibbons

Bev Beveridge

Media Manager – Holly Arnold

Anywhere to Anywhere

It was, with sincere regret, that, due to cast illness, we had to postpone our May production of Anywhere To Anywhere.

Panto

As early as it may seem we are already looking at our 2018 panto! Rehearsals for the Panto are planned to start in September..... with show week the 9th-16th of December (Performances 13th, 14th and 15th).

Sheelagh Jones, Chairman ~ sheelagh.jones@maritzcx.com

Postscript: It's Puss In Boots – casting will be on the 16th July at 8pm

HAGA's Allotment and Gardens Plot

Hello Plotters,

The Mystery of The Quinces

After the seemingly interminable winter the Valley woke, in time for the May Day bank holiday, to beautiful sunshine. Quite surprising, and not a little unbelievable, but it stayed....

The trees, which had until this point remained almost bare, suddenly sprang into life and within a week (seemingly) everything was in full leaf. All sorts of flowers and blossom were out together – snowflakes with snowdrops and hellebores; daffs and tulips (these in the same pots), Mock Orange in bloom. It was rather strange to find such a variety of blooms at the same time, indeed some rather later than normal while others were definitely early. Equally strange was the rapid decline of the daffs and tulips – out together and dying together over an unusually short period. Still, hey-ho!the excellent weather continued and precocious blossom remained the order of the day: ox-eye daisies, marsh marigolds in the pond, quickly followed by bluebells, buttercups (sadly Spanish hybrids in the garden these days) geraniums and foxgloves. Only one of the potted fuchsias failed, despite having been left outside to their own devices over winter, thereby making a sly mockery of the relay of deliveries of replacement plants from Thompson and Morgan. Two lavenders, one listed as June-flowering, the other as July have each hopped backwards over a month: “June” has already gone over, “July” has been in full bloom for more than three weeks already. One of the two olives is covered in nascent fruit, the fig is well ahead and promising a good crop and even the grape vine, after five or six years of simply producing beautiful foliage, is fruiting.

And the quince.....Oh what blossom in early May.....joining the exuberant throng. What expectation. Six weeks later, not a sign of fruit.

HAGA

Our first trip this year, in May to Hever Castle, was a great opener to the tripping season....a light shower in the afternoon indicated the time to go round the castle then the journey home was accompanied by a cloud burst/storm. How your mind plays tricks – May wasn't unremittingly fine weather!!!!!! June has our visit to RHS Wisley (June 13) and then the short break in Hampshire/IoW (Jun 29-Jul 2) - we will report back on these in due course.

Did you know Knebworth House has moved????? We're now going to Cotswold Wildlife Park for our Sept 1 trip.

Don't forget Village Day.....HAGA will have its stall as usual. Don't forget, if you have any surplus plants, garden-related items etc. that you want to donate to our stall we will be most grateful. We'll even take knitted items as it's Bastille Day.

Have a great summer

Andrew Flint
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Carbon Monoxide Detectors

As you are no doubt aware carbon monoxide is a poisonous, colourless, odourless and tasteless gas, so it's difficult to detect. It's produced when fuels including gas, oil, coal or wood don't burn properly due to an incorrectly fitted or poorly maintained gas appliance, a blocked flue, chimney or vent, and a disposable or gas BBQ that's not properly extinguished.

It's vitally important to have audible carbon monoxide alarms in your home and to change them when the batteries run low and emit a bleeping signal. This happened to me a couple of weeks ago, but when I rang Honeywell, the maker of our detector to order a new one, they wanted to ensure that there was no leakage anywhere and sent an engineer within the hour to investigate. He urged me to let as many people know as possible about the free National Gas Emergency Service run by CADENT, and that if you suspect carbon monoxide emissions or poisoning to call immediately on 0800 111 999 as it could save your life.

Rosemary Hewitt - 01494 562752

Conservation Walk ~ Monday 4th June

There was a good turn out with some new faces meeting up by the Village hall car park.

The Village Hall's regular committee monthly meetings are now adjusted to accommodate this annual event in June and is also open for all.

There is a small core of volunteers who are happy to give up 3 hours every other Sunday during the winter and 1 Sunday a month during the summer months.



John Moorby , the team leader, led the walk to show how the traditional countryside management skills practiced on this interesting site, can really improve the habitat and diversity for as many wild flowers, grasses, shrubs and all associated insects and wildlife that feed and live in this environment.

By only cutting shrubs and trees in the winter months, nothing is killed by this action but improved with strength and vigor.

Examples of coppicing (cutting close to the ground) pollarding (cutting higher up with a bare trunk) and Hedge laying (where stems are cut part way through, bent over and held in place with stakes capped with a twist of long Hazel wands to bond it all together, this makes a living stock proof hedge and fence combined) are shown.



Areas of open flower rich grass patches are kept protected from strong winds by the cut shrubs or scrub, giving shelter for butterflies to bask and feed in these areas.

At this time of year the abundant wild flowers, including Orchids thrive in this managed land. To make things even better

for the wild flowers the grass patches are cut later in the year when most flowers have set seed and the resulting 'Hay' removed. By doing this every year it slowly reduces the fertility for the grasses and slows them down while the wild flowers enjoy less competition from the grasses and in particular our 3 native Orchids are increasing every year.

So right now you could see Common spotted, Pyramid and Bee orchids on site.

After looking at all these examples and enjoying the views created by the mosaic of pathways and open rides, all returned to the village hall to enjoy wine and cheese to cap the evening off.

If you feel you have missed out, you are invited to join the committee and friends to do this again next year, on the first Monday evening in June at 7.30pm. There will be reminders closer to the time.

John Moorby ~ 07803 278107

Hughenden Valley Drainage Improvement Group

Introduction

In this dry, hot weather we are having it may seem a trifle odd to be reading an article about road drainage and sewage issues when there's hardly any water about. So let me assure you that members of the DIG aren't a bunch of people with a curious interest in pipes and drains, but rather a group of house owners near the village hall brought together during the flooding in the valley in 2014.

Actually, we don't consider that Hughenden Valley has a historical flooding problem per se, but rather occasional excess groundwater and surface water that is entirely manageable and controllable with the correct infrastructure and maintenance in place. Our winterbourne stream and periodic high water table simply don't present the sort of risk that a river can when bursting its banks.

Summer Drainage Works in Valley Road



Most villagers will have seen the road works in May and June near the village hall and wondered what it was all about. Apart from inserting a single extra road drain into the road, much digging was done along the grass verge under the birches and along in front of the village hall. Why do that?

At times of heavy downpours, the road drains are overwhelmed in this area and Valley Road becomes awash with water. Is this flooding? Well no, it isn't. It's bad drainage. Two things result when the road is covered in

water. The first is that drivers run the risk of aquaplaning and/or loss of control when they hit the water spread right across the road – you might have experienced that yourself. The second thing is that water cascades off the road, down onto the pavements on the east side of the road and into drives and gardens. Some households have periodically experienced road water pouring into their garages.

For several years now, members of the group have pressed Transport for Bucks for action on this, including regularly raising support requests and sending in photos and videos of rain events. This recent work is the culmination of that, and we want to thank TFB for prioritising this work.

In their analysis of this problem, TFB determined that the piping under the grass verge which connects to the open ditch further down was inadequate for big downpours and made worse by the connections coming in from the road drains. So the work carried out has installed an extra 50% capacity to the piping, plus also additional connection chambers to help smooth the flow. Further work is planned, which includes raising the setts on a number of drives and also altering the camber of the road which is overly flat at present. We can't wait for the next big storm to see the results!

What Else Does the Group Get Involved With?

Since its creation, the group has developed ongoing relationships with Bucks CC, TFB, Thames Water and the Environment Agency to help shape things like sewage emergency plans and the Bucks CC Land Drainage Enforcement Policy. The latter has important implications for those households with the Hughenden Stream running through their back gardens.

We hope to produce further articles in Hughenden News providing more explanation of these issues.

Meanwhile we are aware that readers may think that this is a group that represents only one portion of the valley. It doesn't! Remember that if the sewage at the lower end of the village becomes blocked and remains unresolved, the problem will steadily work its way back up the valley.

We are also aware that there are several pinch points along the Hughenden Stream where it backs up in times of high groundwater. I'm thinking of the Harrow pub, the crossroads at the top of Warrendene and also in Boss Lane where concerted action may possibly result in improvements to the infrastructure. There may be others, but we would like villagers with concerns to make contact, voice their thoughts and perhaps join the group. If you want to read more, take a peek at the web site and blog at <http://www.hvdig.org>.

*Paul Woodford, HVDIG Treasurer ~ treasurer@hvdig.org
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Turn it off!

We're all fed up with mixed messages from the government especially, is it diesel or is it petrol? No matter what your view the fact of the matter is, all engines pollute even electric ones (albeit many miles away burning fuel to generate electricity!)

So what can we do locally? Well one simple answer is unless you're driving turn your engine OFF. Internal combustion engines are designed for driving, not idling, so its pollution ratio sitting in a car park is much higher.

Living in a Valley, as we do, helps the engines pollutants stay in pockets close to us as we don't enjoy the winds and breezes as they do on the plains and hills.

The more sophisticated our vehicle sometimes the more they can pollute – how? By the drivers leaving their engines running not only in the winter but in the summer to keep their air conditioning going!!

Motor vehicles are about as insulated as a paper bag and lose their heat (or cold) as quickly as gamblers lose money!

Remember engines on tick over clog your particulates filter (and these are expensive to repo) they also clog your engine with carbon making it less efficient and idling COSTS YOU MONEY.

Will electric solve our problems, well maybe locally, but the incremental pollution to create this energy will warm the planet and kill the polar bears! Me I favour nuclear!

Join the 'save the planet' brigade, wherever you go don't let your engine idle
TURN IT OFF!!

Bev – 07793 546580

Ask Peter

Question

I am a dog lover and in my Will I have left a useful sum to the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Despite the various exemptions I estimate on current figures I may be leaving my beneficiaries with Inheritance Tax to pay on £200,000 which at 40% will be £80,000. Should I do more but I am concerned I may need to go into a home and I don't wish to be a burden to my children.

Answer

Good choice. The charity has an excellent reputation and I believe I am right saying that currently hearing loss is more of a problem than sight loss. I am a tad biased as I know a few of the employees past and present who are directly involved. It is not appropriate for me to say how much you are leaving them but have you considered increasing the proposed gift to a percentage of your estate? If that is 10% or more of the net value of your estate then the rate of Inheritance Tax (IHT) applying to your chargeable estate is reduced to 36%. That would be a win/win for both the charity and your children as they both will receive more. The loser will be the Chancellor but that's ok, the exemption was deliberately created in 2012 to encourage charitable giving. It goes some way to counteract Gordon Brown's raid on pensions and charities in 1997. You may need to consult your solicitor to amend your Will but even after his or her charges I think it is well worth it. Meanwhile you haven't tucked into the capital which you may need while you are alive.

Question

I run my own company and employ 5 people. It is profitable and as a consequence I have money I need to put aside for corporation tax payable on the 1st January 2019. Can I invest the tax in the meantime?

Answer

You are already running some risk from customers who can't or won't pay and from staff who can't or won't work. Those risks alone are more than most of us can accept but, if you are careful and treat your customers and staff fairly the risks can be much reduced and the freedom of being your own boss is ample compensation. You can invest and earn 3% on a 30 day

notice account with your tax money with a low risk. Weigh that against the near certainty of earning next to nothing by leaving the tax on deposit. I have used a Peer to Peer lender Ratesetter in just this way. But don't take just my word for it, have a look at www.financialthing.com for an excellent overview of Peer to Peer opportunities.

Question

I am having some protracted correspondence with the Inland Revenue about some arrears of tax, interest and late filing penalties which stretch into four figures and I feel I am being bullied into settling a liability, which I believe is incorrect and unjust.

Answer

Never surrender. From the more detailed information supplied in your letter, which I haven't attempted to reproduce, I think you are right. If you feel you are not making headway then you should write to one of the heads of the organisation. When I worked full time in public practice I had two situations not dissimilar to yours. On one occasion I wrote to the

Chancellor and on another I wrote to the then Head of Inland Revenue. Neither produced a reply or apology direct from those individuals but the matters were delegated to senior staff who had the authority and experience to resolve matters and that happened fairly quickly once we had broken the circle. In one case £900 in late filing penalties were reduce to nil and in the other a tax duplication was finally understood saving the client 15,000 in tax he was effectively being asked to pay twice. Never surrender.

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