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Not the Chairman's Report

As many of you will know we are currently without a Chair as the last Chairman (Peter Spence) stepped down at the last AGM in May. The Executive Committee has continued to meet on the first Tuesday in the month with a small number taking turns to chair the meetings. Many thanks to Dave, Paul, Cacs and Peter who have stepped in successfully.

In recent weeks Brian McCollum has been recruited as Road Rep for Cryers Hill and has joined the committee. Brian is a newly retired teacher who has lived on Cryers Hill for 30 years. He follows on from Daphne Hicks who did the job for 23 years.

The 40th Potter Quiz is being organised for the 1st March 2025. Andrew, Peter and Brian are setting the questions. Al Bowyer who has been the mainstay of the quiz for 15 years is helping from the side lines generously handing on his knowledge and experience. Elaine and Rosemary are leading the team doing the catering.

This year has been the wettest in the valley this century. Commiserations to The Harrow and the residents on Valley Road who have suffered flooding this year, some than once. Please see the report from the Drainage Improvement Group which follows.

Your committee has made, in accordance with the constitution,

Angus and Janet Idle and Brenda Morris Honorary Life Members. Angus and Janet have been closely involved with the Association for over 50 years much of the time as officers and editors of the Hughenden News and we thank them for their local knowledge which they continue to pass on. Brenda Morris has been involved for the past six years and almost single-handedly brightened up the entrances to many of the roads in the village with her planters. Twelve at the last count

The finances of the Association are in good shape, see the regular reports from our Treasurer Paul Woodford on the HVRA website (https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/). Much of the money is earmarked for the possible need for professional help on planning matters. Our secretary Rosemary Hewitt continues to guide us very comprehensively on planning matters but cautions against the potential planning issues in the pipeline which may arise for the new government's stated targets to build new houses across the country.

That said, HVRA is holding the funds left over from the Good Companions club that closed in 2022. If you would like to start a new club there is some finance to be had, together with "get you started" advice and help available on IT, bookkeeping, constitutional matters if that is needed.

Community Speed Watch

Rosemary Hewitt - HV CSW Co-ordinator 01494 562752

As most of you are aware the Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed device (MVAS) located opposite Deeters on Valley Road has been operational for about a year and during this time Steve Pickersgill has been downloading its data and analysing the statistics.

As you can see from both sets of stats a huge number of vehicles travel north through the village each day. Just double it for both directions. It also reveals that approximately one third of vehicles exceeded the 30mph limit over the two date ranges. That's too many drivers driving TOO FAST through a village where residents of all ages walk to and from all the village amenities, as well as walking the dog!

IT IS SHOCKING to learn that 11,891 (nearly 12,000) drivers exceeded the 30mph speed limit by 50%. JUST A WARNING that if caught on the Police Camera you would not be offered a

MVAS Data
Date range 13 December 2023 - 29 July 2024
Speed Number of Vehicles

Specu	rediffice of vehicles		
5	0		
10	670		
15	2,683		
20	23,388		
25	69,243		
30	228,734	324,718 vehicles	64% of total vehicles
		driving up to 30mph	driving up to 30mph
35	126,092		
40	40,884		
45	9,457		
50	1,960		
55	399		
60	62		
65	12		·
70*	1	178,887 vehicles	36% of total vehicles
		driving above 30mph	Driving above 30mph

Total vehicles = 503,585 Number of days = 194

[Note: MVAS was not functioning from 17 May to 22 June 2024] Average vehicles per day = 2,596 travelling north on Valley Road Speed Awareness Course but might receive a £100 fine, penalty points or go to Court. However, the driver who drove at 70 mph* would definitely go to Court if he/she had been caught.

I realise that most of you are safe, careful drivers who drive within the speed limit but if you don't, please be aware that the Thames Valley Police Camera Van often visits the village. Let's hope the next set of data will show an improvement over the September figures above. That really would be great news!

Thank you very much indeed Steve for patiently wading through the MVAS data to give us all this information.

If you have an hour or two to spare each month and would like to join my small team of volunteers to help me carry out Community Speed Watch sessions, please get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you.

MVAS Data

Date Range: September 2024

Speed Number of Vehicles

0 10 123 15 307 20 2,481 25 7,035 22,205 32151 vehicles driving 68% of total vehicles up to 30mph driving up to 30mph 35 10,884 40 3,387 45 758 50 173 55 41 60 65

32% of total vehicles

driving above 30mph

70 0 15,29 abov Total vehicles = 47406

Number of days = 18

Average vehicles per day = 2,634 travelling north on Valley Road

15,255 vehicles driving

above 30mph

Drainage Improvement Group

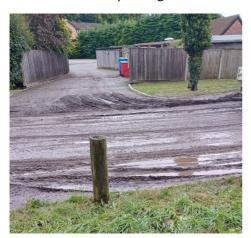
Paul Woodford - HVRA DIG pbwoodford@icloud.com 07789544065

It seems that the Valley's problems with drainage can never quite go away! Following heavy rains in September, the Warrendene area was flooded badly – the worst in living memory I am reliably informed. From the Harrow down along on the east side of the road Valley Road, some 15-20 properties were flooded down as far as Orchard Close. A

few houses were flooded internally, the rest had floodwater on drives and in gardens. Our thoughts are with Karen at the Pub and the affected residents.

The response from the Council and Fire Brigade is generally regarded as being not the best.

The DIG has been pushing the Council





for several years initially via
FixMyStreet and latterly through
correspondence and a recent
presentation to the Bucks Select
Committee on Flooding. In short, our
efforts to request a meeting, an
investigation or to have changes made
to the area's drainage system have
been met with indifference. The worst
response came from them this
September assuring us as follows:

"While I can only apologise for the incidents that occurred over the last winter, I want to assure you that, after speaking with colleagues, we are confident the system in place is adequate and that the improved maintenance regime now in place will prevent such problems in the future."

This mail was dated 5th September, 18 days before the latest flooding in Warrendene.

On a more positive note, and whilst the Council denies any problems with the Warrendene drainage infrastructure, some important work is taking place. A project is being run by the Chalk Stream Project to restore the Hughenden Stream. Public dissemination on this project will be made available later this year, but anyone on the DIG email distribution list will be aware of this project, so if you want more information about it, just contact me.

Part of this project will be looking at the Hughenden Stream Upper Reaches and a consultant is employed to investigate introducing Natural Flood Management measures in this area – which broadly translates into from the HV pumping station through to the Warrendene Crossroads and beyond. His investigation has already started and included him coincidentally visiting the flood area on the day it happened.

The consultant's work will include making recommendations for short- and long-term changes to relieve

flooding in the Warrendene area. The sort of changes will include measures to reduce & slow down farmland runoff and including such things as redirection of surface water from Hampden Road into pools, ditches and swales areas. Closer to the village, he is expected to make some immediate recommendations to Bucks Council to alter the drainage infrastructure along Warrendene. It is hoped that his immediate recommendations will include for the provision of assistance to house owners with anti-flood measures.

LATE UPDATE: Following the late October flood, Cllr David Carroll has been able to hold an online meeting with Cllr Jilly Jordan, Deputy Cabinet Member Environment & Climate Change to review our flooding issues. Jilly has agreed to come to a meeting in January with the HVRA committee and affected residents. Look out for notifications about the date of this meeting via the HVRA website, Facebook, Road Rep emails and the DIG email distribution.





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Loneliness is an emotional response to isolation or lack of meaningful companionship. It is widespread and it affects people of all ages, but is often triggered by certain life events such as bereavement, divorce, retirement or declining health. Young people can also feel isolated and in need of connection.

Loneliness can also increase an older person's risk of falling victim to scams, as the prospect of making conversation with another person can make them more willing to open the door to a stranger, or engage in a phone conversation with an unknown caller, or respond to emails or letters. Professional scammers are skilled at developing relationships with their targets, and before long the lonely householder begins to feel that a genuine relationship is building.

This can make it very hard to convince the person that they are being scammed. Lonely people also have fewer opportunities to meet with someone they trust to advise whether an offer or relationship is genuine. People who are socially isolated are, by definition, hard to reach and identify. Another problem is that loneliness is largely stigmatised, so people are less willing to self-identify as being lonely.

Loneliness is deeply personal and different for everyone. What helps one person might not be effective for another. If you notice someone who seems lonely, try starting a conversation with them to understand what would be beneficial, and then offer your support in achieving it. You could consider visiting neighbours who might be lonely, even if it is just for a brief chat. Your company can make a significant difference in their day. Some people might need help boosting their self-confidence, others might require assistance with mobility, and some may need financial support to engage in social activities. [please see the article elsewhere in this issue from the Hughenden Community Support Trust. Ed.]

If you can, take the time to reach out and help build a stronger, more caring community for everyone!



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South Bucks Midweek Cycling

A chance to schedule your working hours brings the freedom to take advantage of things that might not have been available in a previous work timetable. With the flexibility that many of us have with working from home come opportunities. South Bucks Midweek Cycling is one of those.

The group runs four levels of ride every Wednesday. The rides will take you along quiet roads to a coffee stop for elevenses and then, if you want to, to a lunch stop. After lunch you will find one of the members, if not more, going in your direction home so you'll be in company for the whole day's ride. (If you want!). I've discovered some great routes and seen a lot of our beautiful countryside at all times of the year as a result of going out with the Midweek group.

As a newbie I was encouraged and helped by very experienced riders. Riding as a group is fun and so much better than always solo. To





start with I planned to go to the elevenses stop and then head at my own pace for home. I actually never did as I was enjoying the chat, the countryside and the ride that I found myself continuing on to lunch.

Have a look on the following website where you will find two rides of each of the four ability levels below that you can join. There should be one fairly near you. Do come and join us!!

If you'd like more information, please contact Sam Morrison on:-sam@shortyandco.com
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FL- 50+ miles @ 16mph
https://
www.southbuckscycling.org.uk/
midweek/index html

Hughenden Parish Council

email: clerk@hughenden-pc.gov.uk phone: 01494 715296



The latest news is that we have recruited Jason Wise as our permanent Service Manager and Deputy Clerk, although our search for a permanent Clerk continues.

We have also recruited Richard Wilding as a councillor for the Naphill and Walters Ash Ward. There are still vacancies for councillors in all four Wards.

On 6 August 2024 the Council finally agreed the funds and plans for the refurbishment of Templewood playground, (£50k and £75k) funded mostly from Community Impact Levy. . Feedback from the community engagement warranted some amendments to the plan, which were agreed on 3 September.

Work will commence after the preworks meeting on 23 September. The playground will sadly not be ready for October half-term as originally envisaged but we will keep you updated on progress. Thank you for your support and patience. Similarly, progress is being made on the Great Kingshill playground with request for tenders going out now to potential suppliers/installers.

Our consultant has prepared plans for

our main open spaces, and two of these, Little Burnham Field and Spinney in Hughenden Valley and Vincent Meadow and Pond in Naphill were approved for Chiltern Rangers to carry out work this autumn.

Some of the trees and shrubs in the Garden of Rest in Cryers Hill have been allowed to overgrow, so a contract has been awarded to sensitively rectify the problem, clearing and tidying burial areas.

New Council Team	
Interim Clerk	Philip Tuppin
Deputy Clerk	Jason Wise
Admin Assistant	Regina Bianci
Burials and Allotments	Marylin Heybourne
Officer	
Finance RFO	[Vacant]

Regarding Council governance, we have approved the revised financial regulations that are now much nearer the national standard. Unfortunately our Responsible Financial Officer has resigned and we are seeking a replacement.

The purchase of a second solar powered Mobile Vehicle Actuated Speed unit has been approved in our unending effort to reduce speeding in our villages.

We are always ready to receive requests for community grants from local groups or organisations.

Cllr Stan Jones, Chair, HPC

Democracy in Action – Make A Change and Be A Councillor - Elections to Council May 2025

It's been a while since there were local elections in our patch. If you passionate about your community then this is an opportunity to influence at Parish or County level how services are developed. Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.

Burnham Meadow and Spinney

Recently Hughenden Parish Council and Chiltern Rangers co-operated on a project that is part of a wider exercise to improve our open spaces for the benefit of residents and to utilise land effectively. The presence of ragwort in hay makes it unsuitable for livestock, so it has to be eliminated by pulling it up before it can seed. This exercise was carried out on Burnham Meadow while clearance work was also carried out on the adjacent Spinney. It is hoped that over the next couple of years the Parish's open spaces will become more productive and accessible for residents to enjoy.

More information on being Councillor is available at https://www.nalc.gov.uk/campaigns/becoming-a-councillor.html and https:// www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor



Ragwort pulling in Burnham Meadow

Bucks Councillor Updates

Councillor David Carroll

Can I firstly thank the residents who give their time supporting our community in so many ways.

We have seen enormous amounts of rainfall again in our area causing great difficulties and concerns so I have requested the Cabinet Member for the Environment from the Bucks Council to have a meeting with residents and the Drainage Improvement Group (DIG) to hopefully give any support possible in future.

The new Government have announced sweeping changes to the planning system and a 42% increase in housing numbers for Bucks which could potentially affect our area and the protection of the Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We have always tried to protect our wonderful countryside and this will continue. Hopefully the new numbers from the Government can be accommodated on brown field sites in Bucks and safeguard our environment for future generations.

Over several months we directed Bucks Council Officers to have discussions with the National Trust at Hughenden Manor about resurfacing the road. I am delighted to report this has now happened as I do realise the Park is so important to our community.

As always can I thank residents for contacting me highlighting issues in our area and giving me much needed support over many years.





It was the love of playing music and enriching local community which brought the band together over 25 years ago and since then they have played for so many appreciative community groups and led dances in halls, churches, marquees, fields and farmyard barns – equally happy to share a stage over the years with Wendy Craig, Isla St Clair, the Harley-Davidson bikers or a bunch of inquisitive goats!

village hall - much fun and hilarity was

had by all!

Since 2011 they have been the resident band at Chequers Folk Club which now meets just up the road in a beautifully restored atmospheric barn

Attracting so many artists from across the UK and beyond, Chequers Folk is a friendly, welcoming space, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8pm with plenty of free parking and a bar serving Marlow's Rebellion ale.

Inspired by the wonderful local countryside and its noteworthy residents, The Wick Trimmers write their own music and songs such as On Coombe Hill, Steam Attraction, The Red Kite and The Nightingale (Florence, that is!) but also enjoy playing traditional foot tapping tunes from all around the UK on a variety of instruments including the accordion, mandolins, flutes, fife, Irish whistle, harmonica, guitar and bass guitar. For more details please see https://www.wicktrimmers.co.uk/chequers-folk/

HAGA's Allotment and Gardens Plot

Andrew Flint - Chairman - 564 972

ESCALATING TENSIONS AND DEFENSIVE MEASURES

Hello Plotters,

Early October, the sun is out...briefly. Rain is forecast, yet again, for another few hours. Most things in the garden have enjoyed the rain of course and because we have had some decent warm spells everywhere is lush, if not overgrown. Although we did not have a very good runner bean crop (too cold and wet when they were first planted?) I can't complain about the flowers and shrubs, most of which are still in flower/full growth. After a bit of a slow start, I did then get a good crop of tomatoes and cucumbers in the greenhouse. So many cucumbers in fact that notwithstanding gifting quite a few to family and friends, having cucumber garnish instead of lime in gin and tonic, and making several jars of sweet cucumber relish, it got to the stage that my wife complained about the loss of space in the fridge because of the cucumber take-over. Still, at least they keep quite well as long as you wrap them in clingfilm (Cucumbers not wives, that is).

Sadly no quince crop, again, and this year all my developing figs were shed during a brief though intense few days of hot weather early in the season....we were away during that brief period but it was enough for the tree to get too dry. The "summer's" success was however the orange tree: after losing its fruit during both of the last 2 seasons, this year it has managed to produce a promising-looking crop. The oranges take about 11 months to fully grow and then ripen so, hoping I don't lose any over winter in the green house, I might well get a dozen excellent Navel Oranges next season.

The Whitebeam and the ivys in the garden are carrying a good harvest of berries, so the bird population should be content during autumn. I'm hoping to see a return of the Redwing and Fieldfare again this winter.



Talking of which BIRD WARS:

Until three or so years ago, the largest visitors to the hanging feeders were Merle and Oberon, the jazz birds. They have a bit of difficulty keeping hold on the feeders but are wellmannered and provide much entertainment - Oberon with his jazzy variations on the Blackbird Suite. particularly the Trimfone Rhapsody. The feeder was only rarely visited by any of the larger Corvid family, although they are of course common here. Then recently the Fifth-Columnist Jackdaws began to make an appearance. Tolerable at first, they soon began to master every sort of hanging bird feeder including the "squirrel proof" types with a cage around them. Yes, the cages work against squirrels for the most part, but jackdaws, with a little training, are able to hang on and stick their beak into both seed and fat-ball cages. They teach their wider family and even tolerate Magpies, who are now watching and learning. The squirrel, who can't cope with the cages, makes do with the simpler, cageless feeders (they are metal so don't get squirrelchewed like the plastic types). There seems to be little left for me to do as a defence against the Fifth Columnists. I did think of electrifying the feeder pole, however I'm more "For" than "Against" the wildlife that visits.

And in any case, I know I would forget to switch off the power when I go to refill the feeders.

The other birds, especially the

Goldfinches, Robins, Dunnocks, Great and Blue Tits are still resident. Merle and Oberon do however seem to have departed; I have had neither sight nor sound recently. I hope they are simply on holiday. I rarely, if ever, see the Wren(s) – relying on hearing their song is the only way of knowing they are still around.

HAGA

Over the summer period we have continued with our programme of talks, on subjects ranging from: Colour in the garden for summer, the Irish potato famine, the Blitz as a catalyst for greening London, and HS2 and the Chilterns. Our summer visits have been to Thenford Arboretum (Michael Heseltine's home) and, most recently, RHS Wisley. This latter visit, our first since Covid, was a wonderful surprise; the RHS has made many changes and welcome improvements to the site.

Our remaining meetings up to the end of the year are a talk and demonstration of Sweet Peas (Oct 25) and our Christmas social and quiz evening (Nov 29).

HAGA members continue to benefit from discounts offered by Dobies Seeds, Hildreth's Garden Centre, Peterley Farm (Garden Centre), and Huws Gray builders' merchant. Specific details are available separately to members.

Please come along whether you're a member, a guest or a friend; all are welcome.

HAGA Excursions in 2024

Diana Dove - HAGA events

Sarah Raven's Garden

In early May 2024, members of the **Hughenden Allotment & Gardening** Association ("HAGA") travelled to Sarah Raven's Garden, Perch Hill, in East Sussex. Sarah Rayen is a celebrated gardener and writer. She has appeared on television and this vear was a guest on Desert Island Discs on Radio 4. Well worth a listen! The garden at Perch Hill, although not large, is in a beautiful setting and is obviously loved and personal to Sarah – beautifully laid out and colourful and it looked so natural. We all returned home inspired.

RHS Wisley

Our third and final visit of 2024 was in September to the Royal Horticultural Society ("RHS") garden at Wisley in Surrey. As HAGA is affiliated with the RHS, we are entitled to a free garden visit each year. The gardens were looking lovely in the late summer sun with plenty of colour. As there 240 acres at Wisley, there is always plenty to do and see however many times we visit.

Thenford Arboretum

In August we visited Thenford
Arboretum, near Banbury, for a
Summer Garden Open Day. Thenford
has been the home of Anne and
Michael Heseltine since 1976. We
wandered around the grounds visiting
the woodlands, the gardens, the
Sculpture Park and admiring the large
estate. The highlight of the afternoon
was having our tea and cake with Lord
& Lady Heseltine who were happy to
answer questions about their gardens



The Conservation Group

Village Hall Chalk Bank Conservation Team

OCTOBER 2024 report

Surprisingly, I see that the opening to our last report, from early June 24, could be used almost verbatim to begin this report: continuing rain has stopped the group from putting in two work sessions a week for most of the period, although we try our hardest! Also, the weather has meant that our annual hay cutting on the banking has been quite delayed. Farmers are of course ahead of us in the priority list for contract tractor owners at harvest

of dense areas of the understory. It is a continual requirement to open up and then both maintain sheltered bays among the stands of bushes and trees, and develop vistas from the wider paths and "rides". Without attention these zones and vistas (not to mention the open grassland itself) would soon become lost. We are also carrying on the work begun over recent weeks to clear the lower margins of the banking where it meets the football pitch. We



Burnet moths

time and we have been very lucky in finding someone available, with the appropriate mower and willing to mow our rolling acres. The cut has now been done and the group is busy gathering-up and disposing of the cut hay. With the grass now suitably short we can look forward to next year's wildflowers.

As we planned, we have given a lot of attention to coppicing and clearance

have already seen the benefits: where the undergrowth has been taken back, making a wider touchline area by the pitch and letting in more light on the lower slopes of the banking, a profusion of flowers sprang up within days and though short-lived because they had a limited growing season, the results were rewarding. We saw Field Scabious, Hedge Woundwort, Yellow Agrimony, Plantain Ribwort Hedge, Parsley Wild Basil, Bladder Campion

and Self Heal. Some of these are not often seen up on the higher slopes and so are a welcome new sight.

Speaking of new discoveries, only in the last few days have we found, amongst the plants colonising the last year's laid hedge, a healthy new bush of Purging Buckthorn. This is an uncommon species in our area (we know of only one other specimen near to us) and is another welcome arrival. It is the food plant of the Brimstone butterfly caterpillar. However, a word to the wise forager: the berries may look attractive but the plant is well named and the fruit is best left for the Brimstone caterpillar.



Black Bryony berrie



Hay raking

You will know, if only from reading these articles in the past, that the banking and its environs do offer an outstanding mix of history, geology, plant and animal life. There is an air of tranguillity about the place at any time of year and you can wander around or just stand and wonder at the views around you, across the valley and down the valley. The colours (especially the uncountable shades of green) and the changes throughout any twelve-month period are a soul food; they would make it worth buying a camera for these views alone. We sincerely hope that you visit us at some time. There is no entry fee; we simply ask of you not to disrespect this rare and beautiful place and that will be payment enough for us.

To dog owners and dog walkers, who are free to visit and are as welcome as anyone else, we make a special plea:

please be considerate of others - us the volunteers, players and supporters on the neighbouring football pitch and other walkers and nature lovers. Please pick-up after your dogs and make a particular effort if you have several free-running dogs — watch where they run to. There are waste bins on site and by the car park; the trees and bushes are not designated hanging sites for poo bags. None of the cut hay is usable for composting, silage, animal feed or any

other agri/horticultural uses because it is classified "contaminated". There is also an element danger: just Google "Toxocara Canis".

We are in the midst of nature at its outstanding, beautiful best and it belongs to everyone.....particularly in the Valley, because it does belong to us.

Come along, be happy, bring a smile, open eyes, and a light tread. And enjoy!









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News from St Michael's

Jane Tyrer

November? How can that possibly be the case? Though, as you may have noticed there is a definite chill in the air, as well as a deal of rain, but the real sign is the slow turn of our Chiltern beech trees to all shades of gold and copper.

And so, at St Michael's, we celebrated our Harvest Festival on the 6th of October, with the church adorned with all manner of the Earth's bounty: flowers, fruit and vegetables. Piled around the altar after the two morning services were all manner of gifts of food for One Can Trust, together with financial donations to help their work with those in food poverty.

The Harvest theme was continued in the Tiny Tots service the following Thursday, when the children made fruit trees out of (the ever useful) toilet roll holders as trunks, and with pompoms stuck on cut out branches. A wonderful display of produce was the talking point for the children to identify popcorn with corn cobs, ketchup with tomatoes, crisp with potatoes and butter and cheese with milk.

Of course, it being November, this means we are gearing up for December: Advent and Christmas. Full details of services will be dropping through the letterboxes of those who live in the Parish before long.

Details will also be on our website: www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk



Hughenden Valley Football Club

Sarah J Harding - Secretary of Hughenden Valley FC

New Season Update



The grassroots football season began on 8th September and saw an enthusiastic start as our young players returned to the pitch. We

are delighted to have been able to initiate a new U7 and new U6 team this year, enabling dozens of boys and girls from the Hughenden Valley area to enjoy training and playing together. Hughenden Valley Football Club now enables more than 250 young people (aged 5 to 18) to be part of a club, play football with their friends and compete against other local teams.

The Hughenden Valley Football Club is FA-affiliated, and we play across two FA-affiliated Leagues. We embrace the FA's belief that every child should have the opportunity to play football and that our focus should not be on the results, but on the enjoyment of taking part. The club helps young people connect with each other and, as well as the obvious health benefits of regular exercise, our approach helps them to grow in confidence, resilience and strength of character.

Playing football is also a great way to release energy and reduce stress. Connecting and supporting children from Hughenden Valley and other nearby villages – including Kingshill,

Naphill, Walters Ash and Downley – our volunteer coaches, managers and helpers focus not just on creating a great football experience, but also to providing the support and encouragement that young people need to move ahead in life.



The club also offers additional opportunities, such as that provided to this year's U16 team in May (when they were still the U15 team), when they went on tour to Belgium. Many thanks to Josh Morris, Manager of the U16 Valley team, for organising this tour and providing the photos.

Josh explained, "U16s won back-to-back promotions last season so we decided to celebrate with a 4-day tour in Belgium, for the Hageland Tournament. We played academy teams, along with Belgian and Scottish sides".

Our clubroom was renovated over the summer, and our pitches behind the Village Hall have been rolled and spiked for





season, so we're ready to play! If your child would be interested in joining us, get in touch via the website (www.hvfc.co.uk) to find out more. We ask that all children wear appropriate sporting clothes, football boots and shin pads, and they should bring a bottle of water. Apart from that, we just ask that they bring their energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment of football.

Finally, our club is a registered charity and we receive most of our funding from charitable donations. If any local businesses would be interested in sponsoring us, please speak to our Treasurer about sponsorship opportunities – all donations are very greatly appreciated, and they have a direct positive impact on the children playing with us every week.

The HVFC Committee would like to extend its continued thanks to all the individual Team Managers, Coaches and Assistants who volunteer every week – whatever the weather – to make all our goals (football and otherwise!) possible.

And good luck to all our players for the 2024-25 season – have fun!





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Hughenden Valley Climate Group

Email: hvclimategroup@gmail.com

find items that are still labelled)

Christmas is now drawing close and at our last meeting, the Climate Group were discussing greener, more alternative ways of shopping for family and friends. Here are some of our thoughts:

Buying local and fair trade both in terms of presents and food for the festive season: think Peterley, Lloyds Wines, Thomas Tyrrell Designs, Big Sky, Little Wren Collections and Alphabet Soup (Prestwood and Great Missenden)

Giving thought to what someone might need and want rather than something that will only last over the festive season

Trying out Secret Santa where family names are put into a hat and a draw takes place so that each individual buys just one present

Making presents: candles, preserves, bath bombs, cakes and biscuits

Wrapping presents in eco-friendly materials: brown paper packaging with a simple ribbon and spring of green, wrapping with fabric and using Washi tape which is biodegradable are just some ways to help towards a greener Christmas.

Buying/sharing the cost of a family experience instead of a physical present

Agreeing not to buy presents for everyone

i.e. only buy for the children and Grandmas!

Below are a few alternative and eco-friendly presents that we've sourced that make great gifts as well as being planet friendly:

Recycled sari gift wrap set	notonthehighstreet.com	£11.95		
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Recycled silk kimono	ethicalshop.org	£20		
Using Etsy online to buy handmade unique items online or Vinted/Vinteriors for clothes and homeware that are second hand (you can chose the condition and often				

Just a few ideas from Hughenden Valley Climate Group who wish you all a happy and eco -friendly, festive season!



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The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough







Our Club was formed in 1981 and currently has 59 members, male and female, ranging from 40 to 80 years old. Of these, 7 have joined in the past year. It is a vibrant organisation which meets on Mondays at the Whiteleaf Golf Club for enjoyable and lighthearted evenings, which include a meal and entertainment in a friendly and fun atmosphere which helps build strong relationships - a crucial part of our club's identity. For example we have been twinned with a club in the beautiful town of Wasserburg, Bavaria, for over 40 years and we meet every 18 months alternately here and in Germany. It was our turn to host in September, and we had a great weekend together with 15 German guests. The visit included a guided tour of Oxford and an outstanding dinner for 55.

An important objective of Rotary is to support local, national and international organisations. To this end we run various events to raise money. Over the past few years we have raised over £30,000 annually, the majority of which is donated to local charities and organisations. To raise such amounts requires considerable effort and we try to be both creative and engaging in all we do. During September we supported the Town's Farmers' Market – publicising a

"Hearing Information Day" which was aimed at helping families struggling with the challenges of hearing loss (this included one of us dressed as a large "Hearing Dog"). Many of us were also heavily involved in supporting the Kop Hill Climb, which over the past 12 years has raised over £1,000,000 for charity.

The Tree of Light is our Club's primary project at this time of year, one of many in which we are involved. It gives the opportunity to mark the loss of a loved one as we approach Christmas. The Tree of Light Dedication Ceremony will be held in the gardens at the corner of New Road and Duke Street on Sun, Nov 24th at 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Dedication Forms are available from Princes Risborough Library, Rennie Grove and Dukes Wine Bar.

If you would like to be part of this and might consider joining us, visit our website and perhaps come to one of our meetings to see if it might interest you. Also, if you know of causes that would benefit from our support, or you would like to donate to our Charity Account, please use the contact details below.

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Speen Helping Hospices

Grainne Suter - Chair SHH

Can you help SHH – Speen Helping Hospices?

SHH was established in 2001 by a group of women whose objective is to raise funds for Four local Hospices. (Helen & Douglas House for Children, Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care, South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity) This is done by arranging events in the Chiltern Villages. At the moment the small committee is made up of members from Speen and North Dean.

As fundraising events are held in various Chiltern Villages, SHH would like to include the wider area with

women joining, offering new ideas for fundraising and support at the events arranged. If you would like to get more involved with SHH please contact me as we would really want more people from the local Chiltern Villages to help us.

Why not check us out and see what we do, just go to https://www.shh-shop.org/ Speen Helping Hospices About Us.htm

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High Wycombe u3a at the Golden Years Activities & Information Day

Our membership year starts in September and we have many visits planned and a full programme of guest speakers for the monthly meetings. Do come along to Lacey Green Village Hall at 2pm if you are interested. You will be very welcome. Already our June 2025 summer holiday to North Wales is nearly fully subscribed

We have a new Hand Bells group which has started practising for the entertainment at our Christmas Coffee Morning on December 11th at Naphill Village Hall. We expect to have our usual contribution from the ukulele group as well (but not at the same time!)

Our visit to the RAF Cosford Museum in September brought back memories for many of our ex-military members. Appropriately, this was followed by

our October 23rd speaker explaining High Wycombe's Contribution to the Aviation Industry.

Visits planned so far for November include a return to Oxford Brookes University, this time to see the cookery book collection, and especially the work of Jane Grigson (1928 – 1990). In addition, the Discovering Art group will be travelling by coach to the newly re-opened National Portrait Gallery in London.

There are many more Groups (25+ from Art to Walks), which meet monthly in and around our area. You can join as many groups as you wish. See what's available on our website, and what we have been up to on our Facebook page. Most of all we want everyone to have a good time.

Our Publicity Team attended the Bucks

Older People's Action Group (BOPAG) Golden Years Activities and Information Day at the Wycombe Library in late September where those with time to spare learned about what is available to fill it. Our members also took advantage of the popular Silver Series of free events generously provided by the Eden Centre which included a screening at the cinema of The Critic, a stretch lesson, and a sip of coffee and cake at Muffin Break on 3 Mondays in October.

people of any age are eligible. A trial visit is free.

Judith

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Light Up Hughenden Again!

Hilda Stearn - Communications Coordinator, Hughenden Street Association hughendensa@gmail.com

Autumn is well and truly here, and it is a gorgeous time of year. Even if it rains! Nature seems to have a way of brightening up even the dullest of days. Bright berries in the hedgerow signal that winter is coming. The robins sing even louder and always bring a smile to our faces.

Getting out and about is so easy in Hughenden. There are plenty of footpaths to follow with

stunning views just around the corner. The weather may go against us sometimes which is where a stroll on the pavements makes sense. Heading into the festive season is always exciting and at the same time can be a bit stressful. Taking a stroll can help calm us down!

During the pandemic, Hughenden Street Association encouraged residents to 'Light Up Hughenden' during the festive season and it was a huge success. Of course, Hughenden Valley has a veritable beacon of lights on Valley Road. That said, there were often plenty of trees, hedges and

houses lighting up the dark evenings and providing good cheer.

This year the Association would like to invite you to again Light Up Hughenden. Do let us know if you are planning to get involved. Please contact your Ward Leader, Anne Smart in the first instance. E: annesmart888@msn.com or call 07970 037419. Perhaps we can repeat the Festive Trail that was such a great success. :)

Bucks Council press releases

Council 'steps in' to help pensioners apply for Pension Credit and keep their Winter Fuel Allowance

Pensioners in Buckinghamshire are being invited to attend a free surgery in their local area to see if they are eligible for Pension Credit. If they are, then they will be entitled to keep the Winter Fuel Allowance.

Pension Credit is a payment from the government, available to those of state pension age who meet certain eligibility criteria. It is paid in addition to a state pension and can amount to up to £3,900 a year. It is designed to top up pension income and help with day to day living costs. The Winter Fuel Allowance can be worth up to an extra £300 a year.

The surgeries are being run in libraries and other locations across the county between now and 21st December, which is the cut-off date for applications. Advisors will be on hand to answer questions and guide people through the process of applying for Pension Credit

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/council-steps-in-to-help-pensioners-apply-for-pension-credit-and-keep-their-winter-fuel-allowance/

Welcoming Spaces in Bucks: Stay warm, stay connected, stay supported

As the winter months approach, Buckinghamshire Council is announcing its Welcoming Spaces offer – warm, free, safe, and supportive environments available to all residents. These spaces are designed to provide a safe space where individuals can stay warm, save on heating costs, and access a range of beneficial services.

Welcoming Spaces offer:

Warmth and comfort: Escape the cold and enjoy a cosy atmosphere.

Cost savings: Reduce your heating bills by spending time in a heated space.

Health and wellbeing: Look after your physical and mental health with a supportive environment.

Support and advice: Access valuable support and advice on a variety of topics.

Connectivity: Free Wi-Fi to stay connected with loved ones and access online resources.

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/ news/welcoming-spaces-in-bucks-staywarm-stay-connected-stay-supported/

Be Bright, Be Seen!

With darker mornings and evenings now upon us, the council is reminding people of the simple but sensible actions they can take to keep themselves and their families safe when out and about.

Dark days combined with foggy and misty weather all have an impact on visibility. To stay safe when walking, cycling or scooting to school, parents and carers are reminded about the importance of fluorescent and reflective materials on clothing. Fluorescent fabrics work well during daylight and the hours of dusk but won't show up in the dark so it's

important to also look for reflective fabrics and consider adding reflective tape to bags and clothes to ensure you can be seen in the dark by car headlights.

Anyone cycling during winter months should ensure bike lights are clean and in good working order. It is important to remember, it is against the law to cycle at night without a white front light, a red back light and a red reflector at the back of your bike

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It's part of a package of significant investment in High Wycombe Town Centre. The council has allocated £3.1m to enhance the layout and appearance of White Hart Street with new paving, trees, seating and planters, introducing more greenery and establishing a more continuous theme with surrounding walkways through the town.

Bryants Bottom War Memorial

Jill Armshaw

The inauguration of the Bryants Bottom War Memorial took place in the morning of Sunday 10th November.

The event was well attended (70-80 people) with padre, bugler and bagpipes and representation from the Royal Artillery and other Regiments.

The ceremony was moving and thought provoking especially when Major Glenn Ridgley gave details about the young men remembered.

Major Glenn Ridgley and his uncle Frank Ridgley (Naphill) set out 7 years ago to find a new home for the memorial plaque previously located on the wall of the Methodist Chapel in Bryants Bottom.

The Methodist Chapel was converted to an office about 20 years ago and

then to a house about 5 years ago. The Ridgley family has strong ties to the area and to Bryants Bottom.

They decided that the memorial plaque needed a new home in a public place where the 6 young men from Bryants Bottom who lost their lives in WW1 could be remembered in the village where they lived.

The successful completion of the project required the involvement of several organisations and individuals including: the Methodist Church, Buckinghamshire Council, Hughenden Parish Council, Bryants Bottom Community Trust, John Hatt of Prestwood Property services who built the memorial, and many others but nothing would have been achieved without the vision and commitment of Major Glenn Ridgley, Frank Ridgley and wider Ridgley family.

















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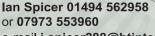
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Wycombe Museum

24th Nov

https://wycombemuseum.org.uk/events-by-wycombe-museum

National Trust Events

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25th Nov to 3rd Jan

Christmas Storytelling

Hughenden

25th Nov to 29th Dec

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshireberkshire/hughenden

For other NT events in our area: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshireberkshire/christmas

December

Alice in Cuckoo Land

Hughenden Village Hall 5th/6th/7th Dec

A Midsummer Nights Dream

The Whole Pack Theatre introduce their production of A Midsumer Night's Dream, a wintry, festive show.

14th Dec at The Front Room (with a drink included in this ticket price) 15 & 20 Dec at Sands Village Hall

Wreath Making

Wycombe Museum

1st Dec

https://wycombemuseum.org.uk/events-by-wycombe-museum

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Peterley Manor Farm 3rd/4th/10th/11th Dec

https://peterleymanorfarm.co.uk/ christmas-wreath-workshops/

Discover and Make Tree Decorations

Wycombe Museum

22nd Dec

https://wycombemuseum.org.uk/events-by-wycombe-museum

St Michael & All Angels Events

Christmas service

15th Dec

Friendship Group Christmas Fayre and Carol Service

19th Dec

Carols at Naphill Village Hall

22th Dec

Family Carol Service and Midnight Communion

24th Dec

https://

www.hughendenparishchurch.org. uk/Calendar

Hot Water Bottles - Safety Note

With the onset of cooler weather you may be getting the hot water bottle out of the cupboard. It was recently pointed out to me that all bottles made in the UK have a date stamp, to show when they were made. This is because the rubber does age, and manufacturers recommend changing them every 2 or 3 years. This is a recommendation not a requirement, a lot depends on how often you use it, how you store it and so on.

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The Editorial Team - Emall: magazine@hughendenresidents.org

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We welcome Ken Chu to the team. Ken will be working on the compilation stage which takes a significant load off other team members..

HVRA is always on the lookout for new volunteers, in a variety of roles, which vary from just providing a pair of helping hands at events (any teenagers out there doing D of E?) through to helping organise those events from start to end.

The cover picture on this edition reflects the change in seasons, but we are always on the lookout for suitable images from events or of local nature in and around our patch. Feel free to send images to the magazine e-mail address.

HVRA also maintains a web page which publishes news & events items https://hughendenresidents.org/news/. This is faster than waiting for the magazine & you don't have to join Facebook to receive our news. You can sign up via the page, and send items to

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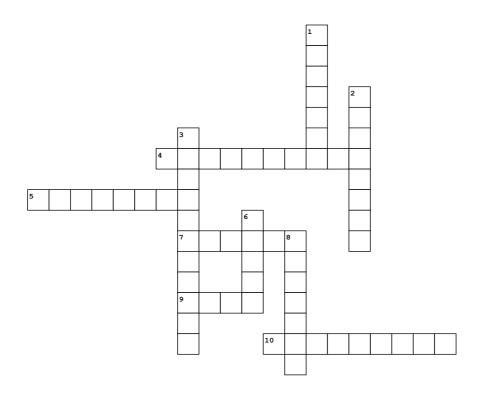
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- 10. Bring a sleeping bag and stay up all night!

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- 1. A famous Norwegian Ridgeback Dragon
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Last Friday each month	HAGA, Large Hall, dates and topics can	
(not Dec or Jan).	be found at https://	
	hughendenresidents.org/calendar/	
Annual Events		
1st March 2025	Harry Potter Quiz	
1st Monday in June	Village Hall walk around the	
·	conservation area	
May (date tbc)	HVRA AGM	

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