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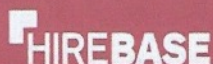
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## **Chairman's Welcome**

Delayed by the lockdown, this year's AGM was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 37 households participated which was well over the quorum required, enabling the minutes of the previous two AGMs to be formally approved. Also a number of changes in the constitution were agreed to bring it up to date and to make it a more workable document. To see the full text of the constitution document visit our website at [www.hughendenresidents.org](http://www.hughendenresidents.org) . All the officers stood down, as is the norm. The Co-chairs and Treasurer did not stand for re-election. Nominations had been received for the 4 Officers positions and the following were unanimously elected:-

Chairman	Peter Cannon
Vice-Chairman	Jerry Morley
Treasurer	Paul Woodford
Secretary	Rosemary Hewitt

One of the retiring Co-Chairs has been very closely involved in the Residents' Association's affairs for nearly 50 years. Angus Idle was Vice-Chairman for many years and Janet and Angus have very conscientiously led the Association for the past five years as co-Chairs. They continue to be Road Reps for Whitfield Road and Coombe Lane.

May I briefly introduce myself? I have lived in the High Wycombe area for 39 years and 34 of those in Warrendene Road. I was born in Walthamstow, almost within the sound of Bow Bells. Just a few years after moving to Hughenden my late father pointed out that my great grandmother came from Turville – so I can lay claim to being partly local as well!

Like me, many of you have walked about the village this year, more than any other year due to the lockdown regulations. If anything, the speed of traffic has become worse and a significant proportion of cars and commercial traffic regularly exceed the speed limits. Many of the offenders but not all are using the route through the village as a rat-run to save time and miles on their journeys from

Wycombe to Aylesbury. The activities of Community Speedwatch have been restricted this year. In the meantime it is most helpful if all residents make a point of travelling at just under the speed limits rather than quite a bit over the limit both to set an example and to act as a traffic calming measure.

This is great place to live and I am very keen for that to continue.

*Peter Cannon*    [Chairman@hughendenresidents.org](mailto:Chairman@hughendenresidents.org)

### From the Editors

At the time of writing there is a mist over the Valley. There are still autumnal colours but the leaves are falling fast.

Contributions to Hughenden News have arrived and were mainly sent in response to the 17th November deadline, with the exception of some advertisers who had a second lockdown to consider or cope with

You will see that the Community Shop is in the middle of the magazine, at Louise's request, so that you can open it up there. Until the Village Hall regular users' list is updated the temporary list is now at the back, as requested, close to the HVRA Officers and Road Reps' list. The extended table will enable changes to be made more easily, until the summer.

Several minutes of the Residents Association meetings have shown that although we would have preferred the Hughenden News to be in larger A4 format, the Committee each time has voted to keep it in A5 format, as it is felt easier to push through letterboxes which now have brush linings and devices to stop mischievous hands getting in; post boxes are sometimes left locked and/or situated very high up. There will be no index pages this time

Just a passing comment, this is the third edition when we have had to cope with Covid and changes to Buckinghamshire Council.

**A Happy Christmas and a better New Year**

Janet & Angus



Countess Howe has today succeeded Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher Bt KCVO as Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.

Lady Howe was appointed by Her Majesty The Queen in June.



Elizabeth spent her childhood in the county, studied for a BED degree in Cambridge, and worked subsequently as a teacher in London. She returned to Buckinghamshire with her husband in 1986 to look after his family's estate in Penn where they brought up their four children. She has involved herself in school governorships and in many local

charitable causes, being appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 1995, and High Sheriff in 2010.

Lady Howe said: "It is a great honour to be appointed as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in succession to Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher. I look forward to fulfilling the role and aim to serve the community with commitment and purpose for the benefit of all who live in this wonderful county. To be the first woman to hold the Office in Buckinghamshire is a special privilege.

"Sir Henry has been an inspirational Lord Lieutenant, upholding the dignity of the Crown, as Her Majesty's representative. He has immersed himself indefatigably in every facet of community life, giving selflessly of his time, and providing support and encouragement to all he met. We owe him a great debt. He has been staunchly supported throughout

his tenure by his wife, Bobbie, whose warmth and kindness has endeared her to so many. Sir Henry and Lady Aubrey-Fletcher have given generously of themselves for the good of the county, and I extend my gratitude and best wishes to them both.

Lord-Lieutenant Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Her Majesty The Queen's official representative in Buckinghamshire steps down after 14 years in the role, preceded by nine years as Vice Lord-Lieutenant. All members of the Lieutenancy are required to retire when they turn 75 and Sir Henry reached that milestone today (27 November). In his farewell message, he said:

"I am leaving a role that it has been my honour and privilege to hold. My time in office has allowed me to meet the most wonderful people across Buckinghamshire, who have nothing but the best interests of our community in mind. It has been a great joy to be invited into the lives of so wide a variety of people, and it is a chapter of my life that I shall never forget. I have received nothing but kindness and support throughout, and I feel most fortunate to have had this opportunity to serve Her Majesty the Queen in this County.

"I wish my successor, Lady Howe, success and happiness. She has been an active member of the Lieutenancy since her appointment as a DL in 1995 and is a wonderful advocate for this very special county. It is also an historic day for Buckinghamshire as we will be welcoming our first ever female Lord-Lieutenant."

"I thank fellow members of the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy for all their support, and my wife Bobbie and family for their encouragement. Above all, I thank the people of Buckinghamshire, for all that they do.

*27 November 2020*

*News from the Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire*



## **Mr Rob Butler MP**

Hughenden News, December 2020

It is a year since I was elected as your MP, and what a year it has turned out to be! Twelve months ago, nobody could have imagined how challenging 2020 would be, or how different this Christmas would look.

Fortunately we will be able to share a few days of the festive season with our loved ones, thanks to the temporary relaxation in coronavirus restrictions between December 23 and 27. While this is good news, it comes in the context of being put into Tier Two — "High Alert" of the covid rules.

I was incredibly disappointed by this decision and continue to press very hard in parliament for a return to Tier 1: I believe that it's especially important to consider local needs and local evidence before reaching decisions affecting local people.

While this will be a Christmas like no other, it's heart-warming to see the continued community spirit in Hughenden. It's great news that St Michael's has restarted its support scheme offering help with shopping and medicine collection; from delivering prescriptions to offering a listening ear even the smallest of deeds can make a real difference to many right now

Back in Parliament, I have been raising the topics which impact our constituency the most. Last month I pressed the Sports Minister Nigel Huddleston to reopen fitness venues, and so I'm pleased they will now be permitted to remain open in Tier 2. I also wrote to ministers urging them to allow communal worship after speaking to local faith leaders about the importance of spiritual wellbeing, so it is good to know that this will be allowed for everyone. And I'm pleased that local businesses can make the most of the run-up to

Christmas with the reopening of non-essential shops, beauty salons and hairdressers. Despite the priorities we must obviously place on tackling coronavirus, it's also important to remember that there is a lot of other Government business to deal with in Westminster.

A major consultation on planning reform has recently closed for submissions, and the Government is now reviewing the responses.

I read with considerable interest the concerns of Hughenden Parish Council and many residents of the valley who wrote to me about their worries over unchecked development spoiling the beautiful Chilterns, and the changes to the local plan process.

I have made this point strongly with ministers and I responded to the consultation myself (a copy can be found on my website.) We have so much beautiful countryside in the constituency and I was delighted to learn recently that Hughenden Park has been named one of the best parks in the country — a timely reminder of our precious environment and why we must all look after it.

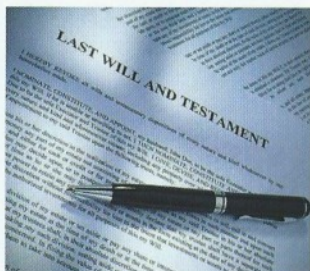
I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. Together we can look forward to the New Year with optimism of a return to the way of life we miss so much. With my very best wishes to you for 2021, and as ever, if you need help from me, please email [rob.butler.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rob.butler.mp@parliament.uk).

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## David Carroll Your Councillor

Dear Residents,

We live in the most challenging times and it is so good that we have so many people who are helping and supporting each other. I know through residents contacting me that some people are struggling for various reasons.

Our local shops, for examples the community shop and our post offices have been a life line for all of us so it is equally important to support them if possible.

The Bucks Council is putting out guidance and information on how to protect ourselves and trying to keep all communities safe and supporting our everyday life.

The Parish Council and the Residents Association regulately update residents on information in our area, so many thanks to them.

The School is continuing to do a great job trying to make life as normal as possible for our children.

The HVDIG, by merging with the HVRA, is carrying on in the future which is good news but can I thank everyone who was involved at the start in setting it up; we worked together on many issues to reduce flooding and drainage problems in the Valley.

The great community spirit we have is very special and very important, supporting people in so many ways in our community in the past and in the future which I am sure will continue.

*Keep safe*  
*David*



## **Born in 2020**

When we started telling people that we were expecting our first baby in May 2020, practically everyone told us how wonderful it would be to have a baby in the spring. We talked of how the weather would start to turn warmer and how we would be able to spend plenty of time outdoors. We also thought about how our families would meet the baby in the hospital for the first time and support us at home in those first chaotic weeks after the baby arrived. No-one, of course, was banking on the fact that we would be in the middle of a worldwide pandemic. In reality, it all turned out to be very different!

Back in February, we started NCT antenatal classes at Cedar Barn in Hazlemere with 8 other expectant couples. We were fortunate to finish the classes in early March just before the first lockdown was announced. The classes were very helpful in preparing for the birth and the relationships formed on the course have been invaluable. When the lockdown came, we were able to keep in touch with the other expectant parents via Whatsapp and Zoom and this really helped us as we could share stories and information, support and reassure each other. As the birth centre at Wycombe Hospital was shut due to the pandemic, we prepared to give birth at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The level of care by the midwives and medical staff was second to none. At the time we were still clapping for carers on our doorsteps, and they certainly deserved it. Despite the pressure of the pandemic, their determination to carry on delivering first class care was impressive. Covid restrictions meant partners were not allowed at hospital appointments before the birth or on the postnatal ward afterwards, only during active labour. This was stressful, and as a result we and other parents going through similar situations, sent petitions and have campaigned to allow partners at all scans and appointments during and after labour. There is more information on what has been done locally on the Bucks Maternity Voices Facebook page.

After our baby was born, we weren't able to invite family over for those first cuddles as we had imagined. Slowly, however, we were able to meet up, and the new grandparents met their granddaughter for the first time socially distanced in the garden. An unexpected benefit of the pandemic was the opportunity to work from home which helped us manage a new baby, especially as we could not have family and friends round to help. As the summer went on and restrictions were eased, we were able to introduce our daughter to our friends, including those from our NCT group. Seeing all the bumps become babies was very special and the relationships formed in those antenatal classes have continued to be such a support to us both. We are so grateful to the NHS for delivering our daughter safely and for the support we received afterwards in difficult circumstances. Of course, 2020 is a year we won't forget in a hurry, and we will have quite a story to tell our daughter when she is older. There have been some amazing positive stories from the community this year among the gloom, and our daughter is certainly one of them.

*Paul and Jennie Jenner*



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## **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Reflections on 2020**

As we near the end of the year I am looking to provide you with a short reflective update on the activities of Hughenden Parish Council. I feel confident in saying that this time last year no one reading this article could have foreseen the unprecedented events that would transpire in 2020.

I am pleased to say that despite lockdowns and other constraints the Council Office and our service partners have continued to deliver the high level of service that our residents expect. While the Office has remained closed to the public since the first lockdown, all activities including council meetings have continued in a virtual environment. Members of the public are encouraged to join these meetings.

It would be most helpful if residents contact the office using the email address [clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk) rather than by phone as the office is generally unmanned. All Parish Councillors have their own parish email addresses, in the format [\[firstname.familyname@hughendenpc.org.uk\]](mailto:[firstname.familyname@hughendenpc.org.uk]) ; and all messages to these addresses go directly to the councilors.

We have seen a substantial increase in communication regarding traffic, speeding and parking concerns. The Parish Council has no powers to respond to these concerns and we refer you to Thames Valley Police for breaches in abiding by road traffic laws and to [Fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com) to report issues regarding the condition of the highway. HPC have invested in Motor Vehicle Activated Signs located throughout the parish to alert drivers as to their speeds, but these are manned by volunteers and this team is anxious for new people to get involved in order to continue this service.



Hedges remain a concern and with an extremely short season during which we may legally cut hedges and the vagaries of the weather, not all the hedges were cut in the early part of the year. Work started again in September and continues when weather and surface conditions allow. Of course HPC only owns a few hedges. We manage a further small number on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council, but the most are owned by private landowners and we cannot legally cut these. We would ask everyone to inspect the other side of their hedges and cut them back so that they don't encroach into footpaths and roads.

While the Council has no covid lockdown responsibilities, after consultation with the local volunteer groups it was agreed that the Council would set up a virtual forum where information, ideas and best practices could be shared. This proved to be beneficial and has been re-established for this lockdown.

This was to have been an election year, but due to the Covid restrictions these have been postponed until May 2021. Councilors were requested to continue for a further year; I am pleased to say that all the councilors serving at that time agreed to do so.

The co-option in July of further councilors now means that we are only 3 short of the full complement of 15. Your Councilors have been active in a number of issues that impact on residents, such as support of the objections to the development at Clappins Lane in the Naphill and Walters Ash ward.

One major project this year has been to survey all the trees growing on Council land to identify any required action to keep them in a healthy condition. As a result across the Parish this

winter you will be seeing our qualified contractors undertaking the work to attend to the trees. This will be an ongoing programme over a number of years. I am writing this as we have just entered the second lockdown, so would like to wish you the very best with a plea to adhere to the government regulations so that hopefully next year we will all be able to enjoy our parish.

*Cllr. Paul Nicholls    Chairman*

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## PLANNING REPORT

As you are no doubt aware the HVRA has, for the past several years, supported Hughenden Parish Council and the Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association in their objections to the Clappins Field losing its Green Belt status as well as to the planning application submitted by Dandara on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for the erection of 65 dwellings. To this day, I have never been told what the *exceptional circumstances* were to remove the Green Belt status from the land.

The site lies in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and despite the Council receiving over 300 letters of objection, it counted little. Last night's (10.11.20) West Buckinghamshire's Area Planning Committee heard Cllrs David Carroll, Steve Broadbent and Rick Gould along with Gloria LeFlaive speak eloquently and passionately against the planning, and yet it was incompetently discussed and approved 8 votes to 2. Needless to say, the numerous residents who watched via Zoom were exceedingly disappointed with the outcome.

All the land that surrounds our villages lies in the Chilterns AONB and Green Belt but could easily fall prey to the Planners too in the coming years. So, my message is - treasure what we have and enjoy our beautiful countryside while it is still there.

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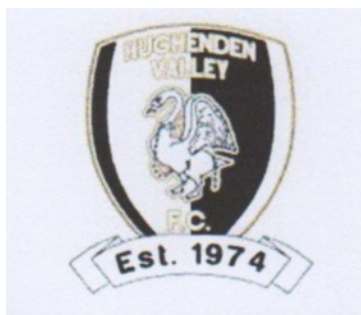
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## **HUGHENDEN VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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As I write we have just been advised that only "elite" football will be allowed to continue during the second Lockdown. I cannot tell you how disappointed we all are.

Back in March we all stopped playing when we went into Lockdown.



They were tough times for everyone, but what I do not think we really know is just how much this year has affected our children. One of our parents told me that (during lockdown) they went to the shops and their 10-year-old son refused to leave the car. When the mum said, "Come on, don't let Coronavirus beat you", the boy said, "it already has!" The mental impact of

COVID-19 on our youngsters is difficult to measure. Being separated from their friends, missing out on school education, the lack of physical exercise and the daily reminders that a deadly virus exists, as yet, without a cure or prevention, is bound to be having an impact. It's tough enough for us adults, who have been around a bit, but for our children, well who knows?

One thing's for sure however, it's down to us, as responsible adults to lead the way, present a positive outlook and support each other as we look forward to brighter times...

This year, perhaps more than ever before, we have learned to appreciate the real value of football in the community. After what seemed like an eternity, we returned to football training in July. So many parents remarked just how much the boys had missed their football, the physical exercise, and the mental, social interaction



with their team-mates. But as coaches we did not need telling — the smiles on the faces were apparent for all to see! After a few weeks of training we were given the green light to re-commence competitive football and the Leagues kicked off again in September. During the Managers' meetings we all remarked on just how clear it was to see what a positive impact the return was having on the players' mental and physical wellbeing. It makes me feel immensely proud when I think about how all our volunteer managers and coaches contribute so positively to the lives of these young footballers.

Throughout the return to training and then matches, we operated under strict FA Guidelines to ensure that we were "COVID-19 secure". From sanitizing footballs, cones, bibs, goalposts, to displaying QR Codes for track and trace and requesting that all supporters remain socially distanced, it has been a lot of work, but well and truly worth it.

And now here we are again, waiting to see when we can get the players back to training. We are guided by the Football Association, which in turn is guided by the UK Government. As keen as we are



to get back out there, the health and safety of our players is of paramount importance, so we will wait until we are told it's safe to resume.

As we were preparing for

the new season, it is fair to say we were kept extremely busy. In July, the club conducted its AGM over a Zoom conference call during which a new committee was elected, and we paid tribute to the outgoing Chair (Neil Bellamy), Secretary (Nick Westbrook), Treasurer (Darren Blundy) and Child Welfare Officer (Ben Parker). I cannot talk highly enough of these guys — such commitment and enthusiasm, over a long period of time, really sets the bar high for those of us who follow.

### **A brand-new Committee and a brand-new season...**

It remains a steep learning curve for the new committee members, but we have not wasted any time in getting stuck in! We have invested in new goals for the front pitch at King George V Playing Fields, as well as at Lacey Green Cricket Club. Furthermore, we have signed a new 4-year kit deal which will see the players playing in Nike kits and, for those teams that don't need new kit this year, we will invest in brand new Nike training jackets!

Being part of our club is a massive team effort — from the parents, to the supporters, to the coaches, everyone does their bit for the benefit of the players. And it really is a great feeling to be a part of it. There are so many unsung heroes in what we do, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many team sponsors, who typically donate to our club as they recognise the role that we all play in the local community. And a massive thanks to all the schools and clubs that partner with us just to provide our players with somewhere to train and play. Please do not underestimate how important a role you play and just how much we appreciate it.

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It's great to have such brilliant support from all our sponsors heading into the new season. Please do your best to make it worth their while.

And finally, I hope we all have a great season — whenever we can get going again. Good luck to all our teams, coaches, and managers, and most importantly STAY POSITIVE! COME ON HUGHENDEN! Cheers!

*Dave Hilling*

*Chairman, Hughenden Valley Football Club*

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## **HUGHENDEN VALLEY & KINGSHILL CONSERVATIVES**

Due to the second lockdown, and the limit placed on us by the rule of 6 we have not held any meetings, and we have not been able to organise any outings, but we are hoping that will change early in the New Year.

Once the new electoral rolls are published in December we will need to start thinking about the Unitary Authority Elections in May, which were postponed last May as a result of the pandemic.

We will be presenting our 3 candidates to compete in the Ridgway East division, which has basically the same boundaries as the previous county council ward, namely Hughenden Parish. It had just one councillor. Now we have 3 councillors to take the place of the former District Councillors as part of the new Buckinghamshire Council and assist with any additional work.

If things return to almost normal, we hope that we will be able to make the outing in May to Exbury Gardens, near the New Forest, and perhaps it be a question of third time lucky,

*Ken Richardson, Chairman.*

## **VALLEY WIVES became VALLEY FRIENDS**

Hello Janet, I do hope that this one comes through.

Valley Friends started in the 1960's when it was then Young Wives because we were. It was to bring the women of the village together in friendship.

There were a lot of new houses being built in the village and more young families moving to the area. Some of us had husbands who were in business and they spent time away. We also had small children. It brought us together and we supported one another. At our most popular we had nearly 100 members, but as time has gone by our membership has declined lately and we have less than 20 members now.

During the Autumn in 2020 we were going to have our usual AGM, which was going to be a party to explain to members that we were going to have to close the club down. Our membership fee wasn't enough to cover the cost of speakers and the Village Hall.

When in the Spring 2021 and the pandemic is a memory (I am being optimistic) we will have our final party.

My address is:

64 Fassetts Road Loudwater High Wycombe Bucks HP 10 9UR

*Regards*

*Heather Mayer*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hughenden Valley Village Hall**

The Village Hall Committee usually holds its meeting on the first Monday in December as its Annual General Meeting.

Because of the Covid pandemic Lockdown the December meeting will not be the AGM but a monthly Committee held in the Large Hall under social distancing with face masks. Our experience of holding meetings under Zoom has led us to feel that it would not be possible to hold the AGM in the hall with social distancing and that zoom with more than ten people would be unwieldy. So we have decided to shelve our AGM until conditions become back to normal.

All the regular committee meetings will be held by the present Officers and Executive committee members. The Annual reports and accounts will be prepared and be sent, fully audited to HM Charity Commissioners).

Executive Committee is the body which administers the Charity governing that Village Hall and the Playing Field and hillside which are dedicated to the memory of King George V. You can see the dedication plaques on pillars at the entrance.

The AGM is always an open meeting, open to all the householders of the Village and all with voting rights in the election of the committee and officers.

*Michael Sole    Chairman*

## **HIGH WYCOMBE & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

With a further lockdown, and the reduction of group numbers to just 6 we have not been able to meet since March, so a lot depends on what happens after 2<sup>nd</sup> December when the current lockdown ends.

It is unlikely that we will be able to have our usual Christmas dinner even if there is some relaxation for meetings around that time, since at the time of writing no decision has yet been made.

We are hoping that we will be able to restart meetings in the New Year, but of course a lot will depend on how successful we are in getting the virus numbers down, which of course is vital, and then how many people we will be allowed to cater for in our group, which will have to be at least 10.

*Ken Richardson (01494-563155)*  
*Secretary.*

## **BRYANTS BOTTOM**

In the HVRA Committee it was reported that the excessive speed of traffic, including the Country Supplies lorries (with JCBs attached) along Bryants Bottom is causing great concern to local residents. Residents who are unable to turn their cars round on their drives are petrified when reversing out into the road, especially the elderly.

A new volunteer is needed to be the next magazine distributor/Road Rep for the lower part of Bryants Bottom Lane. Please Contact the Chairman Peter Cannon If you can help.

*Janet Howe*





## **‘Ahoy me hearties’:**

Pirates rule the waves at High Wycombe care home

A motley crew of salty sea dogs paid residents a visit at Royal Star & Garter in High Wycombe as the care home enjoyed a Pirates’ Day. The all-day event was organised by staff at the Home in Hughenden Avenue on Friday 18 September, ahead of International Talk like a Pirate Day.

Residents and staff dressed up for the day as buccaneers and cut-throats. They enjoyed a number of pirate-themed activities, delicious food, and there was a ration or two of rum on offer as well.

The day was organised by Activities Manager Hayley Helsdown and her team. Residents took part in a music-led activity, singing sea shanties, and also enjoyed a word-search and other themed games. Food on the day included breaded plaice with fries and cannon ball peas, Blackbeard’s calypso chicken, and rum and raisin ice cream. Afterwards, Hayley said: “With performers unable to visit, we have to think of creative ways to entertain our residents. And this was really successful. Residents and staff had great fun dressing up, singing songs and having a good time.”

Resident John, who served in the Grenadier Guards, said: “It was a really fun day, with plenty of activities to keep us busy and entertained. We’re grateful to the staff for arranging it.”

Royal Star & Garter is a charity which provides loving compassionate care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia, and also has Homes in Solihull and Surbiton.

The High Wycombe Home is once again welcoming new residents. Please visit <https://starandgarter.org/our-homes-and-care/high-wycombe/> to find out more.

Communities step-up to help veterans' care homes during the pandemic.

Royal Star & Garter has been able to draw on the love and support of its local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The charity, which has Homes in Solihull, Surbiton and High Wycombe, has always benefitted from close ties with its neighbours. This includes enjoying visits from local schools and nurseries, nearby cadets and military organisations, and going on trips to attractions and landmarks in the area.

However, the charity has been bowled over by the support it has received since the spread of the virus caused the Homes to close their doors to visitors in March this year. The Residents Association has maintained a link since they came as the guest speaker at our AGM two years ago. The link word is "Hughenden".

Aware that residents would be missing visits from loved ones, volunteers and entertainers, Royal Star & Garter launched its hugely successful Letters with Love campaign in March. The campaign came about after the residents asked for letters and drawings, saying it "brightens up our days". It resulted in a slew of correspondence from people of all ages, and was warmly welcomed by Royal Star & Garter residents. And the Share a Smile campaign, which launched in June, invited members of the public to send in homemade videos aimed at bringing cheer to veterans who are cared for by the charity. This could continue

Hand soap and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) have also been donated to the Homes from local groups and schools, including Pipers Corner School, which gave the neighbouring High Wycombe Home 40 face shields.

Royal Star & Garter provides loving, compassionate care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia from its three Homes in Solihull, Surbiton and High Wycombe. All the Homes are once again welcoming new residents. Please visit [www.starandgarter.org](http://www.starandgarter.org) to find out more. Our HVRA Volunteers may help taking Veterans to our field for fresh air wheeling or a snack in the Coffee.

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## HVRA Photographic Competition May 2019



Commended : Alissa Wood    Age 12  
For: Poppies to Remember

## From the Vicarage – December 2020

I wonder what Christmas will look like for you in a few weeks' time. This year has been like no other that has gone before it, and as the countdown until Christmas continues at an ever increasing speed, you and I are uncertain whether we will be permitted to celebrate this special time of year with those outside of our own immediate family and household, or bubble, as we now commonly refer to such a group.

Mindful of the challenging circumstances in which we currently live, here at St Michael's & All Angels, your local Church, we will be marking this holy season with special services and celebrations, and I personally would like to invite you to join with us.

At my time of writing, we do not currently know if we will be able to invite our community to join us in person at Church, but nevertheless, we will be raising our online presence, with several services broadcast through the internet, via the Church website and our YouTube channel, and hope that you and your loved ones will be able to share in some of these moments with us, from the comfort of your own homes, with a minced pie in one hand, and a glass of mulled wine, or a cup of tea in the other.

St Michael's & All Angels Church, Hughenden, Christmas services

Sunday 13 December Christingle 3pm

Sunday 20 December Carol Service 6pm

Christmas Eve Crib Service 3pm Midnight Holy Communion 11:15pm

Christmas Day All Age Communion Service (time tbc)

As our schedule is likely to be impacted by any further changes to government advice, please can I encourage you to check our website regularly for the latest information about Christmas services?

Please go to: [hughendenparishchurch.org.uk](http://hughendenparishchurch.org.uk)

My hope and prayer is that you will know the peace and the joy of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmastide. As we retell this story about a miraculous birth, of how God came to earth, in the form of a baby, and through him, God's plan to save the world began.

Happy Christmas & God bless you

*Keith*

**Colin & Cath from Active Pest Control Services.**

**With a small insight into the world of wasps, hornets and bees.**

The wasp season is normally between the months of April to October and as the weather gets colder the nests die off.

You may notice in your sheds or lofts small golf ball sized nests attached to roofs, walls etc. These are starter nests containing next year's queen wasps which are hibernating until the spring when they will begin to grow in size once the eggs containing worker wasps have hatched.

You can treat these small nests yourselves if you wish, taking great care and following the instructions on the spray can that can be bought at hardware stores.

If left, these nests will soon develop quickly in the Spring to become large with many occupants and will need to be treated by professionals.

Hornets can grow to be very large as I'm sure you are aware but will not go out of their way to sting, unless provoked, but can still be dangerous if disturbed, so it is advisable to have these nests treated as well.

There are many different species of bee, mortar bees, bumble bees and honey bees etc. all of which are not aggressive and can be mistaken for wasps as they look similar from a distance.

We will always try to save these bees as they do far more good than harm and we work closely with the local swarm officer who will collect the swarm if at all possible.

If you are vulnerable or are allergic to stings or if they are causing you distress, we always advise a pest control company is called to deal with the problem for you as we have the correct equipment and knowhow.

I know from experience how painful wasp stings can be so even if it does cost you money it's better to be safe than sorry.

We both hope you find this of some use, stay safe and well in these difficult times and have a happy and healthy Christmas.

*Colin and Catherine Beverley*  
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## **News from your Village Store and Coffee Shop**

What can we say? Normally we are full of news of bustling business, delicious delights and momentous moments, but this year has been different, of course.

January and February seem quite irrelevant now. The main news of the time was that we were shortlisted for the Regional Best village Shop award by the Countryside Alliance, but when March came the process was postponed. So, along came Covid. Most of our dedicated volunteer team and a huge number of customers had to stay home and we still truly and sincerely miss these familiar faces and personalities who helped to create the lovely atmosphere of our Village Store.

As 'essential retail' we could have remained open but the huge number of orders we were receiving for shopping deliveries meant that we took the decision to close the shop to the public to ensure the distancing and safety of staff necessary to fulfil the orders. Following an appeal for help, the response was truly heart-warming. Tens of people volunteered to create a new team of delivery drivers, stock pick-ups, staff working in the shop and a newspaper delivery team. Our local suppliers were amazing with some delivering everyday to keep up with demand. This team of people were your new real heroes. While many volunteers have now returned to their former jobs and lives, some are still with us and we also have new members of the volunteer team who are heroically holding the fort.

As we have always carried out free home deliveries it was a natural progression to step up this service. From mid-March we were delivering, free, to local residents and some days were fulfilling over 100 shopping orders per day. Over the months, as the restrictions were relaxed, we graduated to our new kiosk window for takeaways and then, and with permission from the Village Hall, we opened our outside café. We participated in the 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme

and with new tables, chairs and shelter; we were able to provide a safe place to meet.

## **URGENT CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT APPEAL FROM YOUR SHOP**

The Covid 19 Pandemic is hitting us hard, just as it is for many organisations. We *really* don't like to ask for help but these are unprecedented times and we are asking for your support to help to see us through. Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have been here for the community. In the beginning we were delivering, free, to local residents.

### **HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY VILLAGE STORE**



### **SHOPPING ON-LINE WITH MAJOR**

**RETAILERS** such as Amazon, M&S, John Lewis, ASOS, Boots, Argos, Dominos Pizza, Uswitch – plus another 4,000! At no extra cost to you, if you are shopping on-line you can support us through the easyfundraising scheme. Simply, this means that every time you shop on-line a percentage of your spend is contributed directly to us. This is free to you. There is no 'catch' and it is really easy.

*All you have to do is go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk). Sign up for the first time. (We recommend that you accept the donation reminder offered to you when you sign up. This puts the fundraising icon on your toolbar and will prompt you to activate donations when you shop on a participating retailer's website). After that, every time you plan to order something on line, firstly log into [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk), choose us as your cause (**Hughenden Valley Village Store**) and then enter your store of choice.*

*Easyfundraising doesn't take any financial information from you as all your transactions are directly with the retailer. They won't sell-on your information, they won't spam you and it doesn't cost you anything*

## **.REGULAR COVID SUPPORT DONATION**

Would you be able to spare £10 a month or perhaps a little more? As other community shops do, we would like to ask if you would be willing to set up a regular donation by Standing Order. This could be for *any* amount and on any date to suit you.

**Simply go to your branch or on-line, telephone or mobile phone banking app and set up a regular Standing Order payment to:**

**Hughenden Valley Community Shop.**

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**Account number: 23163563**

### **THINGS HAVE CHANGED.**

This lockdown and going forward, with people being more comfortable with venturing out to supermarkets and more on-line supermarket slots being available, the demand for us has trickled to fewer orders a day. Along with this, our lovely coffee shop is still closed, now our outside café has had to close, and the weather has turned cooler so fewer people are visiting us in person. (**However, our full menu is still available to take away and the shop is open to visit in person**).

We still need our team of staff to maintain the service and the additional costs to keep our staff and customers safe, are high. We do not have a prominent roadside position and branding and neither do we have the backing and support of large national companies.

**This all results in a significant and imminent threat to us.**

We know that you are advised and need to stay at home now, but please remember that you can use our delivery or collection service if you are not able to visit the shop. We have our dedicated team of delivery volunteers who can deliver your shopping orders to you.

**As well as shopping with us there are other ways you can help**

**:**

- 1)** As other community shops do, you can set up a regular Covid support donation to the shop by way of a standing order, *and*
- 2)** 'easyfundraising' where you can register so that every time you order online with major retailers, they donate, free to you, a percentage of your spend to our cause (see previous page). Please do continue to shop with us and support us as much as you can, not just this week, but in the months ahead. We need all the help possible and are very grateful for any assistance. Please tell everyone about us and don't forget that lovely party we are hoping to have next year.

We sincerely thank you so very much for your continued support.

**GROCERY ORDERS FOR DELIVERY OR COLLECTION:**

Just call us on **01494 568653** to place an order for next day delivery, or if urgent we will aim to get your order to you the same day. (You can also email: **shop@valleyshop.org** for next day deliveries).

If we do not have what you want that day, orders can be placed usually for the next day. Special orders can also be placed anytime for other produce such as local meat, bread, pastries, Cream Teas etc.

Personally, and emotionally, I would like to say Hello to EVERYONE who we hardly see anymore – our customers and our former volunteer team. We sincerely miss your friendship and look forward to greeting you again one day soon in safer times. I would like to say a thank you to all the staff and volunteers at the shop including all those behind the scenes who have selflessly worked to keep your shop going.

***From Louise and everyone at Hughenden Village Store Thank you  
Louise Jones***

## HUGH'n'DEN'S pages

Aviary Owners - Please Be Aware. Thames Valley Police have been notified of a number of burglaries in the area targeting aviaries. Please, if you are the owner of an aviary be diligent. Make sure all areas of access are secure and well lit. Make sure the aviary is locked and secure. "We are appealing for anyone who may have information to call our 24-hour enquiry centre on 101. If you don't want to speak directly to police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court. For more advice on how to keep your home safe, visit the Thames Valley Police website.

Reminders have been received lately from TV LICENSING to set up their new TV Licence costing £157.50 a year if you don't receive Pension Credit. You can find out if you are entitled to receive Pension Credit, at [www.goc.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim](http://www.goc.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim) .

Did you know satellite dishes must not be installed on chimney stacks or roof slopes without consent?

With reference to Warrendene Road the secretary is following up on a request to ask the police to observe the parking situation first hand with a view to improving it. Councillor David Carroll said that a new Superintendent is in place at High Wycombe now.

**Crossing Patrols.** Nick Naylor, Buckinghamshire Cabinet Member for Transport, says: "The law says motorists **must stop** as soon as the Patroller puts up the '**STOP**' sign. A car ignoring this rule could easily hit a child already crossing, "In addition we are looking at what other road safety improvements are available to ensure the crossing is safe." Crossing patrollers have a rewarding job helping children arrive and leave school safely.

It's a paid position and we have a number of vacancies across the county. Call Nick Naylor on 01296 383432 for more information if you're interested in being a patroller.

## Work progresses at smart new boathouse café on The Rye

A smart new building on The Rye in High Wycombe housing the boathouse café is now in place and work is powering ahead on the services and internal fittings.

Visitors to the Green Flag-winning park can look forward to using the new café early in the new year. It replaces the deteriorating corrugated shed that was no longer fit for purpose, and is located in the same position next to the Dyke.

The new building, which was built off-site and hoisted into place last week, includes public toilets, an addition that was much requested by park visitors. The improved facilities will also include modern catering facilities, indoor seating, and new boat equipment store and patio area with outdoor seating.

The Dyke is a popular area for boating during the summer months, and the park continues to attract people of all ages who can enjoy socially distanced visits while coronavirus restrictions remain in place. *Buckinghamshire Council (20 October 2020)*

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## **HAGA's ALLOTMENT AND GARDENS PLOT**

Hello Plotters,

AUTUMN and THE TRANSFER OF POWER

So, here we are...another season, another magazine, another lock-down. We continue to hope that you are keeping safe and well and bearing up under the continuing strains of Covid. The glimmer of light in all this is that we live in a (still) low-incidence area. I believe there are two major reasons for this: one, that we are in an area with a generally sensible population; age profile aside we genuinely seem to have inhabitants with a well-balanced attitude towards a complex situation. Secondly, this attitude has, from day 1 in March, shown itself in the degree of neighbourliness, community spirit and helpfulness that could stand as an enviable example to other, more troubled, areas.

It is early November as I write this, and it is the time for one of those periodic battles for power. I have been watching the struggle with some fascination this time round. So far the incumbent has always seemed to me (and many others) a surprising individual to be in his position of power. He has never looked the part, not having shown previous aptitude nor any of the attributes required to exercise such power. However, with surprising vocal force and bullishness he has made it clear that "what he says, goes!" The challenger on the other hand has been a much more restrained character. Looking more traditionally suited to the role he has kept a low profile until very near the end of the contest.....there has not even been a noticeable vocal battle over much of the time and only once the result was clear and the challenger confirmed as winner did he begin to set out his aims for the future.

Yes!!!!!! Bumless Bob, the tailless robin has lost his lordship over my garden. The new incumbent (funnily enough, also called Bob) looks quite fitted for the job as cock-of-the walk----he's even got a

proper tail and is now singing loudly from a high branch in a nearby tree.

On the gardening front, what can we say! Second week in November and I've still got fuchsias, pelargoniums and surfinia in bloom. Begonias have only just given up the ghost, after two or three frosts last week, but the greenhouse still swings from 5 to 25+ deg. on the brighter days. The lawn and the hedges are still growing, but the lawn is too wet to cut. Oh well, it all goes to keeping us guessing; we might need to invest in gardens full of agave cactus.....maybe that way we shall all be trying to make tequila instead of sloe gin.

The HAGA programme remains on hold, and we continue to play the situation by ear. I hope that members have all received their new Dobies 2021 catalogue; if not please get in touch. You see, we can't discount Covid but we can discount seeds and plants from Dobies!!

We will of course let you know our revised plan as soon as practicable but in the meantime don't forget us.

Despite the HAGA programme being on hold, we are still functioning. You can get in touch with enquiries or requests for info. Anyone who is still thinking about joining us is welcome: you can join even now and be ahead of the drag curve, that way you could get local business and Dobies seeds/plants discounts in readiness for the agave-planting season!

In the meantime, look after yourselves and breathe the fresh air safely.

Dig it

Andrew Flint	Chairman	564 972
Daphne Hicks	Social Secretary	562 170

# Hughenden Valley Drainage Improvement Group

## The Hughenden Stream

The stream dried up quite quickly in its upper reaches during the course of this year. Despite this, it continues to flow merrily from Church Farm downwards and in the accompanying photograph is showing its face above the farm. A much earlier photograph taken in the same area is a nostalgic reminder of years gone by. With the winter season approaching, who knows, it may continue to flow all winter.

## Drainage and Other Stuff

The roadworks in the Village Hall area are complete. The final Valley Road section was carried out several weeks back when the road surfacing along from the Surgery to the Village Hall was done.

Fortunately, all this work was carried out at night and so

was not a major disruption to traffic. It was rather noisy considering we were trying to sleep, but the work was carried out brilliantly. On the morning after the final night's work we even found that the white lining had been carried out in the dark. The new surface is quiet and has a specific camber aimed at helping the road drainage. Taking this with the additional drains which have been put in, the road is performing well at present. Further re-surfacing work on Coombe Lane should be completed well before this issue comes out.

We are aware from one period of heavy rainfall that water sweeping down further up Valley Road can still result in a bad accumulation



of water and detritus at the foot of Coombe Lane. We are following up with TfB on this point.

Up on Warrendene Road it is good to see that the drainage ditch along its length has been cleared out, a neat job and very timely too, what with winter hard by.

### **The Future of HVDIG**

The AGM took place on 30<sup>th</sup> September, an odd event given the COVID restrictions and also that David White, the Chair was resigning – with no successor in sight. We had foreseen that David's resigning coupled with our being a small group would give us a dilemma for the future – how to continue?

In the event it was decided that we would approach the Residents Association to enquire about the possibility of aligning ourselves closer with the HVRA. That we did and our joining the HVRA has been agreed in principle at the HVRA committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Peter Cannon will be invited to become Chairman of HVDIG and once he has taken up the position we will look towards restructuring the DIG to fit more closely with HVRA.

*Paul Woodford Treasurer HVDIG*

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"We have had a spate of "Nottingham Knockers" in the area recently. They are young men selling overpriced goods from a bag over their shoulders. They usually have a sob story that is almost always fake. The police would never authorise them and the probation service doesn't send them around. They should have ID and a peddler's licence, the latter is hardly ever issued. The strong advice from Naphill/Walter's Ash (NHW) and Trading Standards is to tell them politely "to go away". If you have the Trading Standards "we do not buy at the door" sticker it is an offence if they then don't leave. The police are always interested to know when they are about. Some recently have been abusive and in the worst case they might be looking for vulnerable people for others to exploit subsequently. (stickers available from your local NHW representative or Stan Jones)".



## Street Association Steering Group Virtual Meeting,

Wednesday Agenda 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Apologies for absence

Welcome to visitors

Update on Covid support activity across the Parish

Minutes of the previous meeting

Matters arising

Chairman's Report

Ward Leader reports - all

Community Board update – Jackie Binning

Schedule of dates of meeting for 2021

Any Other Business

Date of next meeting: TBA

*Stan Jones*

## **HUGHENDEN VALLEY VILLAGE HALL CONSERVATION GROUP**

The May 2020 edition of Hughenden News carried an article by the Conservation Group on the Hughenden Valley Local Wildlife Site as the latter had been officially recorded by the County's Environmental Record Centre.

With the move into autumn and, sadly, the re-introduction of the Covid lock-down, the Conservation Group thought it an opportune moment to give readers an update on our efforts on the chalk bank. Because of the first lockdown, the Group was unable to meet between March and late June. However, it had been comforting to see how well the wildflowers, particularly the orchids, had fared during the surprisingly warm, dry spring /early summer. Along with the clear and abundant birdsong, evidence of other wildlife in and around the chalk bank made our effort seem all-the-more rewarding.

A good run of sessions in recent weeks has, however, allowed us to make good headway with both grass and scrub clearance so that we are fairly close to where we would wish to be in terms of the management plan.

Although we are now locked down again, we intend as soon as allowed to continue the programme of clearance of areas of thick scrub and undergrowth, while managing and encouraging the growth of healthy trees native to the area and particular to chalk grassland environment. Encouraging a range of mixed young, adolescent and mature trees with light scrub in the understory, plus grass and open areas will combine to encourage the increasing diversity of wildlife and plants on the site.

It is worth noting that the grass areas are only cut once a year, in order to keep fertility low (and not from any desire to keep them tidy). When the growth of grass is restricted wildflowers will thrive: this mimics hundreds of years of hay-cutting and grazing, a



management system that originally created this now scarce chalk grassland habitat. Leaving the site to nature, without management, would destroy a huge part of the wildlife diversity that the site offers. The country has lost 97% of the orchid and wildflower-rich chalk grassland in the last 70 years; that is a massive part of the vital source of pollinating plants for hard pressed bees, butterflies and other insects.

Our aim is to manage and maintain the Village Hall environment, especially the Chalk Bank to the best of our ability. The area is of course freely accessible to all, and all are welcome...the Village Hall Management Committee simply requests that you help everyone in the community to benefit from this rare piece of England by showing understanding and care for its conservation.

*Your Village Hall Conservation Team led by John Moorby*



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## HUGHENDEN VILLAGE HALL WILDLIFE SITE

Heart and Dart, Nut-tree Tussock, Hebrew Character, Flame, Marbled Coronet, Agrimony, Lords-and-Ladies, Field Scabious, Fairy Flax, Dark Mullein, Yorkshire Fog, Cock's-foot, Common Bent, Orange-tip, Brimstone, Green-veined White.....

Did you know that you could see all of the above within a short walk from your doorstep? Residents of Hughenden Valley are fortunate to have access to a network of paths criss-crossing the area allowing access to the surrounding countryside - including woods, meadows, chalk streams and the wide variety of wildlife they support.



But you don't need to walk that far to find something of interest. The small patch of grassland, scrub and trees sandwiched between the village hall playing field and the allotments supports all of the strangely named species listed above and many more.

This small area and the wildlife found here, is considered so interesting that it was recently given the designation of Local Wildlife Site (LWS). Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Record Centre has an ongoing programme of survey looking at sites across the county, liaising with landowners and with the help of a panel of experts, designating LWS where they meet the necessary criteria.

This is a non-statutory designation that recognises the importance of the site within the county for the mixture of plants, insects, birds and other wildlife that it supports. The site will then be recognised

and taken into account within the planning system – in effect it gives nature a voice. If we know what is there we can help to protect it or at least mitigate the impacts of any proposed development.



We also welcome your observations of any species you see whilst out and about – we just need to know the 4 **Ws**, **Who** you are, **What** you recorded, **Where** you saw it (preferably a 6 figure grid reference) and **When** you saw it (you can find more information about how these details are stored on our website<sup>1</sup>).

Why is this site so interesting?

Well, it has a range of habitats within a relatively small area and nature loves diversity, particularly a good habitat mosaic. Over 90 different plants have been recorded from just one visit. Here is a quick run through some of the things that you might see as you wander around the site.

**Chalk grassland** – this is a nationally scarce habitat and even in the Chilterns, where it was once relatively widespread, it is declining. So these small pockets of remaining habitat are really important to those species that rely on them, including the attractive Field Scabious.

**Tall neutral grassland** – although often not as visually attractive as the more diverse chalk grassland, at least not on this site, the tall grasses are important in the life-cycle of many invertebrates. Walking through on a dewy morning you will be able to see the many spider webs strung between stalks. Common grass species such



as Cock's-foot are the food plant for a wide range of butterflies including Meadow Brown, Marbled White, Speckled Wood, Ringlet and Large Skipper. Small mammals move through the dense thatch of vegetation provided by these areas and they in turn will attract the attention of owls and kestrels hunting over these 'unkempt' areas.

**Scrub and bramble thickets** – an important habitat providing nectar with its spring blossom and autumn sustenance through a plentiful supply of berries, nuts and seeds. Winter visitors such as Redwing and Fieldfare love to feast on the hips and haws of the hedgerows. If left unchecked though, scrub will eventually take over an area and the lovely



mosaic of habitats can be replaced by a dense and impenetrable thicket of thorns. It is always tricky, trying to balance all the different interests, particularly on a small site.

**Mature trees** – another valuable asset but sometimes difficult to accommodate on a very small site due to the shading effect and in areas with lots of public access, sometimes issues of safety. Over time, mature trees will develop cracks and holes providing sites for nesting birds and sometimes roosting bats. Willow trees can provide a very early source of nectar in the year, whilst Ivy does similar at the back end of the year. Fallen wood left on site is important for insects and fungi as well as providing safe refuges for small mammals, amphibians and reptiles. There are records of both Common Toad and Grass Snake from this site.

Sitting quietly in a corner will reward you with sightings of the many birds that frequent the area. The small birds foraging through the undergrowth – the secretive wren, a passing 'volley' of Long-tailed

Tits or perhaps a 'charm' of Goldfinches. Listen out for the cry of a Buzzard or perhaps the now ubiquitous Red Kite.

An evening stroll may reveal some of the moths found around this area from the large and impressive Hawk-moths to the vibrant Brimstone Moth as well as many others more diminutive and subtle in colouration, blending in with their surroundings.

Management of small sites like these is very difficult, particularly without the help of grazing animals. If left unchecked, the scrub would eventually takeover leaving only very narrow pathways, perhaps making the site less appealing to walkers? Over the past 30 years a small group of volunteers has managed the site, trying to maintain open areas and create as diverse a range of habitats as possible. Perhaps you have a few hours and would like to get involved? Other publicly owned LWS in the county have encouraged local school children to visit and engage with the wildlife at their fingertips, hopefully sparking a lifelong interest in the world around them.

By the way I Please include this photo which I thought might be appealing – it's children using an LWS up in the north of the county. We've run an event there for 2 years running – this year it was obviously cancelled.

*Fiona Everingham BMERC (Bucks & Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre ) website <https://www.bucksmkerc.org.uk/>*

Many of you may still have your copies of the Hughenden Valley Millenium book by John Veysey. Pages 86-89 describe the wildlife here, much of it with reference to this site. Pages 90-95 record the plant species recorded by Angus Idle and the late Dr Alan Showler and can be used in comparison with the present flora. (*Janet Idle*)



## High Wycombe and District

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, our Monthly General Meeting welcomed Ginny Davis who gave her presentation entitled: “To The Fringe and Beyond”. Ginny talked informally about changing career from being a barrister to a full-time writer and performer and performing at the Edinburgh Fringe. On 25<sup>th</sup> November, Michael Kerry White will be addressing: “What did the Ancients do for us?”

These monthly General Meetings are from 2.15pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (excluding December) of each month. We’ve a full programme from January thorough to August 2021. Hopefully in 2021 these talks will resume at Lacey Green Village Hall in the future but for the time being we will continue using Zoom.

We do appreciate that not everyone is happy using the internet but we do pay for the service to Zoom which has the maximum possible internet security, but we appreciate there can be no absolute guarantee (as the Banks have found).

Plans for a very special Christmas Coffee morning (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 10am) are now well advanced with our Groups showing the activities they have been undertaking during these difficult times, to new or existing members. Reserve your virtual cup and mince pie!

On the following evening (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December) at 7pm the World We Lived In Group will be inviting you to join them on a ‘Grand Tour’ of Christmas. The Grand Tour was the 17<sup>th</sup>- and 18<sup>th</sup>- century custom of a traditional trip through Europe undertaken by upper-class young European men of sufficient means and rank (typically accompanied by a chaperone, such as a family member) when they had come of age (about 21 years old). The custom —



which flourished from about 1660 until the advent of large-scale rail transport in the 1840s and was associated with a standard itinerary — served as an educational rite of passage. We will be stopping at some of the places on their Grand Tour. This gives you an opportunity to alight and share your own memories of some of the places we know you will have visited.

A very busy October

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, we held our first evening event when the Convenor of a new Group -The World We Lived In – introduced us a new understanding of George as Regent and King. We explored his life and what a life! Lots of pictures and great cartoons were shown. Did you miss it?

Some of the other activities in October ranged from our Local History Group reminding us that Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl and Sir Terry Patchett were from our area. Our Local History Group communicate through emails and phone calls. Our photography



Group goes from strength to strength. We were introduced to great videos on Comets, from our Discovering Science Group. Fingers crossed we will see some more in the Northern hemisphere soon.

There was also a first use of Zoom by several of our 40 Groups. including our Quiz Group. If you like Quizzes, you'll love these. And you mark your own. No cheating now.

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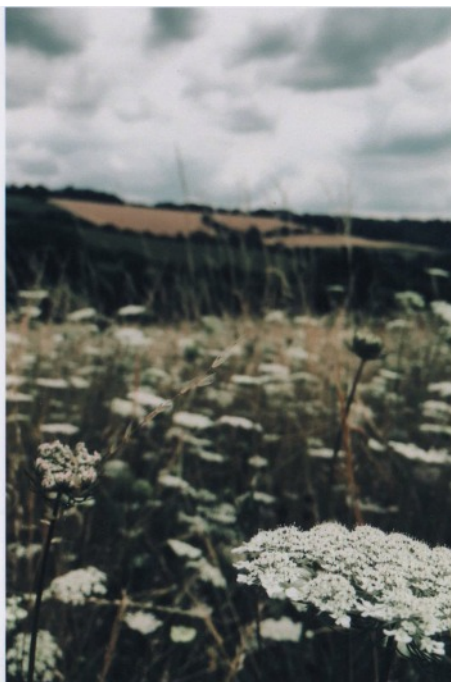
We would like to tell you more about what we do, the fun and laughter we all have at our meetings, including those held over the internet. Do not forget to mention topics that interest you most. You may even want to suggest an idea for a new Group. Of course, we all are missing meeting up with our friends in either members' houses or Village Halls. The good times will come back and those cups of tea although we've noticed that decaffeinated coffee is popular for our evening sessions.

Please do find out more. At £20 for a subscription from September 2020 to August 2021, the only extras will be for cups of tea and biscuits when enjoyed in homes or, as we all hope, in Halls. Who might one meet, virtually of course.

Paul Gilliam

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## Statement:

# Buckinghamshire Council responds to High Alert Tier 2 announcement

The Council has been advised today that Buckinghamshire will enter local restrictions in **Tier 2** on 2 December.

The main restrictions of Tier 2 include:

- No household mixing indoors
- Following the rule of six if meeting outdoors
- Libraries and Leisure Centres will re-open
- Minimising travel and working from home where possible; if you live in a Tier 2 area and travel to a Tier 1 location for work — you must still adhere to Tier 2 guidance

Full details of the restrictions and requirements are available on the [Government website](#).

Buckinghamshire Council Leader Martin Tett said that while it was disappointing not to have remained in Tier 1, he fully recognised the need to cooperate in order to retain the advances made during the current lockdown and help save lives.

The council will be working with its Members of Parliament, the Buckinghamshire NHS and local business organisations to understand the implications for our residents, our businesses and people's health. We will advise more in due course."

Martin added: "Can I thank everyone in Buckinghamshire for their continued support and for following the rules, not only over the last month in lockdown but since the pandemic started."

The Council will be issuing more details on its website in the coming days.



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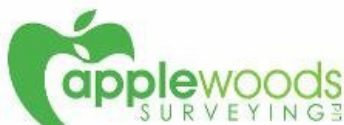
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Pregnancy Yoga	10.30am - 12.30am	L Charyn Williams	07738 626569
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**The Village Hall hillside looking down to Bottom Farm in 1930s**



**Bottom farm at the base of Cryers Hill Road**

## Village Photographs

**Hughenden Valley winning village cricket team in 1938**



**Sir Harold Hartley with the cup (centre)**



## Village Photographs



**Two WWII pictures of Cryers Hill. The cottages near the top and looking into Cryers Hill Road**





## Village Photographs



**Village day 1989. Another one in 2021?**



**Friars Gardens**

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