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### Christmas Gift Bags

The Christmas Gift Bags distributed to seniors this year were very well received and provided a welcome selection of treats to contribute towards the festive celebrations. We tend to alternate the HVRA winter activity each year between the gift bags and the seniors tea, which is a popular event and well attended. This does show that there is still enthusiasm for events where residents of the village come together for socialising and demonstrates we must continue these activities.

### Summer Family Picnic

In the HVRA we wish to involve everyone and this year we are bringing in a truly family event – a Summer Family Picnic. This is being actively supported by the Village Hall. Plans for this are coming together well, the date is Sunday 10th August

so put it in your calendar if you haven't already booked your holiday. The day will provide an opportunity for families to come together for a few hours and enjoy their picnics and some free-of-charge entertainments; games, bouncy castle, face painting and other treats. This event is provided by HVRA and HVVH for the residents and their families; it is not primarily a fund-raising event but rather our wish to provide a coming together of families.

### HVRA Papers

The HVRA has recently taken charge of HVRA paper copies of minutes, accounts, correspondence and Hughenden News magazines, some dating back to 1968. It has been decided to scan and import all this documentation for posterity and once digitised will be made available on the HVRA website for all to access.

## Drainage Improvement

Fortunately, the flooding in the autumn appears not to have repeated itself through the deepest part of winter and we keep our fingers crossed that things stay this way. Work has just started on overdue maintenance and improvement of the Warrendene Road drainage system. Combined with hoped-for Natural Flood Management work later this year, we could see the flooding risk in both Hughenden Valley and Bryants Bottom reduce substantially.

## Valley In Bloom

It's always a treat to see the flowers in the planters at various points through the Valley and these have been looked after by Brenda Morris for some years now. But Brenda is stepping back from

this considerable task and we send her our thanks for a job well done in making our villages nicer places to live. Replacing her will not be an easy job. It is likely that we will be introducing new, sturdier planters as the lighter models tend to get damaged easily by mowing & strimming. We will probably reduce the overall number of planters to minimise costs and maintenance efforts.

## Geoffrey West

We are sad to report the death of Geoffrey West from Orchard Close. Geoffrey featured in a celebratory article in the Winter 2023 issue of the Hughenden News when he passed 100.

Best Wishes for the remainder of 2025  
The HVRA Committee



## Cancelled Floods Meeting

I am sure that many of you were disappointed and not a little irritated that the planned January 14th Floods Meeting was cancelled at very short notice. This was because Cllr Jilly Jordan herself was called away on urgent business and we felt we had no option other than to cancel the meeting. However, we have been hard at work since then and I think this update can provide some optimism for the future.

Our initial thoughts had been to coordinate a new date soon, perhaps in the first half of February. However, since then, David Carroll our local Bucks Cllr, has been successful in arranging an on-site meeting for the



DIG with Steve Broadbent, Cabinet Member for Transport who has responsibility for highways drainage. This meet-up happened earlier this week.

This was a very constructive meeting and we learnt from Steve about a programme of work initiated by Highways along Warrendene Rd and Bryants Bottom.

## Program of Work in Warrendene & Bryants Bottom

This work will include:

- Cutting back of grass & undergrowth along the edge of the Warrendene ditch. Many of you will have seen this work has already started.
- From 23rd February work will start using heavy machinery to clear out the ditch along its length. Apparently, this has not been done for 8 years so very timely.
- Road drains will be cleared through to the ditch. At a later point (and subject to capital budget) the road drains will be changed over to larger models.
- The ditch on Hampden Rd (up above the Warrendene crossroads) will be cleared out.
- The section of the Bryants Bottom Rd between

Warrendene and Bryants Bottom that is prone to flooding will be dealt with. This will involve clearance of undergrowth at the roadside and the creation of a runoff area.

## Natural Flood Management

I have also been able to obtain an update from Andrew Morsley about the Natural Flood Management project. The significance of this is that he expects his field work, analysis and report production work to be completed soon. His intention is to hold a meeting with interested residents at the Hughenden Valley Village Hall very likely in March, which the HVRA DIG will coordinate for him. I am hopeful this meeting will provide us with some answers as to how the flood water from the Hampden area can be alleviated.

The net result of this progress of events is that we are decided that it will not be beneficial at this stage to organise an early follow-up to the Floods Meeting. We will instead concentrate on a March meeting and we will also invite Jilly Jordan to talk at that meeting. Meanwhile I hope that this update provides some welcome relief regarding the flooding problems experienced as it shows our concerns are being noticed and acted upon. Our thanks to all the residents who have shown interest in this situation and who frequently monitor, report problems to the council and even get their hands dirty doing routine maintenance jobs such as clearing drain tops and blocked grids.

## The Stream is Up

Those living in the southern part of Hughenden Valley, typically near the pumping station, will be aware that the stream is rising and starting to run in the watercourses/ditches in our back gardens. As you know, the rising of the stream works its way backwards though the village up to Warrendene. So, if it's not running with you presently, it likely will soon.

This is a good time for all residents who have the stream run through their garden, to check and clear the watercourse of rubbish, leaves and other detritus. It is your responsibility to ensure that the watercourse is kept clear under the laws of Riparian Responsibilities.

The stream running at this stage of the winter is often a sign that groundwater will be getting into the sewage network and perhaps causing issues with sewage spillages. Thames Water have clearly been visiting the area, doing CCTV surveys and clearing some blockages here and there. We can only hope that the network copes this year, as we don't really want to see the installation of pumping equipment as happened last year.

### Christmas treats in a bag for our older residents

During the weeks in the run-up to Christmas four members of the HVRA Executive Committee - Janet, Nancy, Elaine and Rosemary – met to discuss what to put in our prettily decorated Christmas bags that were kindly donated by Louise Jones of the Village Store & Coffee Shop for our over 80-year-olds. Having test-tasted several items we then set about searching for them on the supermarket shelves, but managing to buy, e.g., 130 Jane Asher Christmas Puddings or 130 pots of Ambrosia Madagascan Vanilla Custards was not an easy task, requiring numerous visits to more than one supermarket.

With our dining room tables laden with boxes upon boxes of numerous items we couldn't wait for the morning of Sunday, 15 December – bag filling day!

At 9am a team of HVRA Road Rep helpers arrived at the Small Village Hall to pack the bags for 130 recipients, and with military precision and as the saying goes, many hands

make light work, we finished in record time. Then more Road Reps arrived to collect their bags for distribution to the residents where they live and the joy of passing them on to the unsuspecting seniors was really wonderful. Each bag was tied with ribbon with a little note attached from the HVRA wishing each person or couple a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



*The treats*

Please see the accompanying photos that show the treats, a collection of bags in the boot of Elaine's car ready for delivery, and a hyacinth in bloom.

It would appear from the scores of cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls that the Christmas Gift Bag initiative, made possible by the proceeds of the 2024 Potter Cup Quiz and the Raffle at the Summer Barn Dance, came as a complete surprise, was very much appreciated and that all the items were well-chosen, including the hyacinth bulb in a glass pot that is blooming now as I type - a gift that has a gorgeous perfume and will continue to bloom long after Christmas has gone and all the goodies eaten.

A big "Thank you" to everyone who helped, before and on the 15th, to make this a great success as well as spreading good will and community spirit around the village, in Bryants Bottom and at Cryers Hill.



*Hyacinth in bloom*



*Ready for delivery!*



## SAVE THE DATE! Summer Family Picnic

In the community



Yes, please put Sunday 10th August in your calendar! This year we are organising a Summer Family Picnic to be held on the St George's playing field, immediately behind the Hughenden Valley Village Hall. It will be a great opportunity to meet up with friends and family and enjoy a pleasant day out together. There will be a variety of entertainments, watch out for full details nearer the time. Do come along and remember to bring your own picnic food and drink. Cream teas will also be available on the day from the Community Shop.



## Poppy Appeal

Anne Tallon

Over a few evenings last November donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal were collected from around Hughenden. Due to the generosity of donors a total of £383.96 was raised.

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# Potter Quiz 2025

Andrew Capey

In the community

The 40th anniversary edition of the Harry Potter cup quiz was held on 1st March in the Large Village Hall.

It was a sell-out event with 12 teams competing - with some very imaginative team names.

A new team of question setters have taken up the significant challenge of following in Al Bowyer's footsteps.

We hope that we made the range of questions challenging and interesting, though some of the questions did elicit groans. For those of you who

couldn't make it, here are some examples:

*What can travel around the World but stay in a corner?*

*A man rode into town on Friday. He stayed for three nights and then left on Friday. How come?*

*What was the first novel written by Charles Dickens?*

*To the nearest mile or kilometre, how long is the Chilterns tunnel section of HS2?*



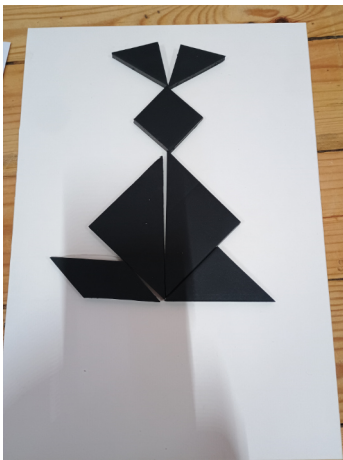
*The Winners!*

The winning team was “Tony’s back”, with “The Whitefriars” in second place & one point behind them were “Smartificial Intelligence”, (a.k.a “Superficial Intelligence”) and “Dobby’s Left Sock” in joint third place.

Mention must be made of contributions to the limerick competition, which were inventive, and tricky to score. Here’s an example:

*As I was strolling through Hughenden  
And came to a quiz with a pen  
I found it too hard –  
Messed up the joker card  
And went home to be in bed by ten*

We also ran a tangram competition to create an image based on a mad March hare. Here’s an example.



*Mad March Hare*

The catering team did a sterling job, providing a ploughman’s style main course before the competition started and a dessert course at the interval.



*Serving up*

A huge “Thank you” to everyone for making it a memorable evening. Income from the evening will be used for other community events run by HVRA, for example the Treat for older residents and the Family Summer picnic scheduled for 10th August.

Finally, do read the article in this edition by Ed Cheshire describing the origins of the Potter Quiz, and the fact that it is because of Harry Potter that we have a village hall in which to hold the quiz.



# Potter Quiz - A Brief History

Ed Cheshire

In the community



On reading in the winter edition of this magazine that the next Potter Quiz in March would be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary it took me back to its start and I thought I would enlighten those of you that were not around at the time of its beginning.

First and foremost why the Potter Quiz.

Well Hughenden Valley had their own Harry Potter well before J K Rowling created the character.

Our Harry had been the Head Postmaster in High Wycombe and was living in Silver Birches adjacent to the Village Hall.

My first meeting with Mr Potter was when as the road rep of Orchard Close I joined the Village Hall Committee as the association's representative in I think 1981/1982.

Harry Potter had been the Secretary from 1959 and virtually ran the village hall single-handedly with the assistance of John Veysey who was the Treasurer and who incidentally

continued in that role after my tenure ceased in 2000. A real stalwart of Hughenden Valley was John Veysey.

As Secretary Harry was responsible for everything: the bookings, setting the fees, collecting them and then taking the bus to pay the money into the bank in Wycombe.

In the early 1980's we undertook a period of intense fund raising to improve the facilities and to probably Harry's horror started to raise the charges to all of the users of the hall.

We formed a fund raising committee and held events starting with a Cocktail Evening showing the video produced by Eric Powell of the 1983 Village Day.

Many other events followed.



*Harry at the Bazaar*

Knowing there was a need to perpetuate Harry Potter's memory I wanted an annual competition to be started that all the members of Hughenden Valley could take part in something other than a sporting

activity and my late wife Maureen, an active member of the fund raising committee suggested a quiz and so the Potter Quiz came into existence.

The Quizmaster of the first holding of the quiz was John Wilkinson at the time the Chairman of Great Kingshill Village Hall.



*Village Hall Vase*

The next Quizmaster was John Eastgate who was the vicar of St Michaels and held that role for a number of years.

The Residents Association took over the organising and the success it has enjoyed over the years has been down to them and the number of helpers they have attracted to the cause. Funds raised over the years have been

used to provide an annual lunch in the Village Hall for senior members of the community.

Meanwhile what of Harry Potter? He retired at the 1984 Christmas Bazaar

Pictured is Harry at that Bazaar running the Tombola as he had done for many years

Other pictures show Harry being presented with a vase decorated with a hand painted picture of his beloved Village Hall produced by a local artist.

Harry Potter died in 1990 and for those that are unaware there is a seat in his memory at the far end of the playing field

Please keep the memory of our Harry Potter going by holding the Quiz for without him none of us would be enjoying the facilities we have in Hughenden



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# Bucks Councillor Updates

Councillor David Carroll

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In the community

Dear Residents,

Firstly, can I thank Paul Woodford and the Drainage Improvement Group members for their incredible work on flood prevention and improving the environment.

We arranged for the Deputy Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change at Bucks Council to attend a meeting with residents to hear about the situation on flooding in our area and hopefully give support to a flood management programme for the future. Unfortunately, she had to pull out at the last minute which we were all very disappointed about. I will certainly try to rearrange her attendance for another date about resilience and protecting our

environment.

The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire is still being devised taking into account the extra housing now proposed by the government over future years. I will give an update when the position becomes clearer.

I have always lobbied the Council on behalf of my residents and considered myself a community councillor over many years, trying my very best to support my residents in any way possible and I absolutely value the support that I have received. So please continue to contact me.

Regards

David



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### A 10 Minute Interview with Hughenden Primary's Favourite Lollipop Man

#### Tell me a bit about yourself

I am a Mauritian, born in Malawi and lived there virtually all my life, apart from three years in Mauritius. I have two children, a son who lives here and three grandsons and a daughter still in Malawi and two granddaughters. When I retired in 2008, I relocated to England in 2009 and have lived in Putney, Twickenham, Hughenden Valley and now in Saunderton for the last seven years.



I am a sporty person and have represented Malawi in both field hockey and darts and have since written a book about the history of football in Nyasaland, now known as Malawi, from 1935 to 1969 and is available on Amazon.

Over here, I am still involved with football at Hughenden Valley - for the last four years for the U10s and now as part of the coaching team for the current U14s and was awarded the Terrance Bellamy Club Award for Outstanding Contribution in 2022 and have organised the Super Mario 6-a-side tournament for this section for the last three years. I am also involved as a scorer for the Bledlow Cricket Club and play Darts for Golden Cross.

#### How long have you been a lollipop man for?

I will have completed seven years last November. I was approached when living in Hughenden Valley in July 2017 and was employed in November that year.

#### What did you do as a job before you were a lollipop man.

I was working in Malawi, Africa as a National Sales Manager (NSM) for the motor company, Toyota and retired in 2008 after 35 years with them. Prior to being promoted as a NSM in 1994, I was the Shipping Manager.

#### Did you ever have children at Hughenden Primary?

Unfortunately not, as we only lived in Hughenden Valley for three years after moving from Twickenham, however my three grandsons all attended the Primary School and I did the school walk as both parents were working.

#### What's your favourite part of the job?

My interaction with both parents and children, especially the very young ones beginning their school life, and ensuring their safety when crossing the road.

**And what's your least favourite part of the job?**

Saying goodbyes to the Year 6's, after seeing them crossing daily since pre-school is my low part of the job, but at the same time happy to see them progressing to high school.

**How do you keep warm during cold weather?**

We are fortunate in that the Council supplies us with two different uniforms according to the different hot and cold weathers. I make sure to also have extra layers of clothing.

**Have you had any surprising moments during your time as a lollipop man?**

Not as yet, perhaps hoping one day for a celebrity to come visiting and create a surprising moment! But, honestly, the warm reception from both parents and children is really something that I had not expected.

**Have you ever nearly been run over?**

Oh yes, a very absent-minded motorist didn't slow down as I was about to cross into the middle of the road and continued driving, however the closest scare I had was when I was in the middle of the road and a parent just drove past me from my inner left and continued as if I wasn't there, fortunately at that time no parents or children had started crossing.

**Do you have a favourite car and why?**

Yes, definitely a Toyota as I have been driving one for a very long time, as part of my work working with the franchise. However, I am now using a Mini.

**Finally, do you like lollipops?**

I do love sweets and occasionally pop one in my mouth!

Mario has asked that we mention Sandra Thomas who was also a lollipop lady for some time at Hughenden Primary and who sadly passed away late last year. No-one has as yet been found to replace her and Mario is now doing her shifts. If you think you can help, please do contact Nigel Rosier: [nigel.rosier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.rosier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



## January 2025 report

Best wishes, albeit belatedly, for a happy new year. Where does the time go?

Over-and-above the expected autumn rainfall (we live in Britain, after all) we are undeniably experiencing more extreme weather: destructive winds, higher than average rainfall, unseasonal higher or lower temperatures are commonplace. Whilst the Hughenden Valley area might claim to have escaped some of the worst results experienced in other areas of the country, the flooding alone in parts of the valley is no less damaging to the individuals and properties repeatedly affected.

Many areas of the country are literally saturated at present and so any rain is more likely to run off into surface drains than it is to soak into the ground. Being for the most part chalk, our conservation area is normally quick to drain, but even here the ground is currently far wetter than

usual. We might however take some pleasure in recognising that the resulting high-water table means that the Hughenden stream is in full flow and is fulfilling its natural remit as a winter bourne.

Meanwhile, our efforts during the autumn and winter have been rewarding. Despite unavoidable missed days of work because of it being far too wet, or cold (or both), and not helped by occasional illnesses amongst our group, we can say that we are well on track with our planned programme. We have cut back two areas that are particularly infested with dogwood which, if left to grow from its current six-or-so inches, would be at least thigh-high by mid-summer. One patch especially requires our attention before early spring since it is a home to two, sometimes three, species of orchid; the dogwood, if left to grow, would completely smother the flowers.



*Oak Glade and New Fence*



Elsewhere we have cleared an inaccessible area of brush wood, bramble and hawthorn by one of our mature oak trees so as to encourage regeneration of a grassy woodland glade. Some of the bordering hawthorn trees have been laid into a live hedge which we further extended by making a dead hedge filled with cuttings and brush wood from the clearing, all staked and bound with the product of hazel coppicing. As the grass regrows and more light penetrates the previously shaded area next to the oak tree, we hope to see the reappearance of wildflowers. The live hedge will develop with new growth from the laid trees along with self-seeding plants; the dead hedge will be far from dead in the near future, as it too will become home to seedlings and saplings caught in its base. The whole combined hedge will also provide shelter, and nest sites, for birds, and will be a haven for invertebrates and small mammals – for example we already know that in addition to field mice there are colonies of field voles on the banking, both of which are likely to colonise such a spot as this.

Along with the wildflowers, small mammals (and some not-so-small, such as foxes and badgers) the banking is home to a wide variety of bird life. Most of our native woodland, grassland and garden birds are of course commonly represented - tits, blackbirds, pigeons, wrens and finches all abound. Redwings, field fares, and other thrushes are regular visitors, some dependent on the time of year. Kestrels and, of course, red kites are

always overhead and especially eye-catching just recently was a sparrow hawk – admittedly not uncommon but good to see and, by its movements and perching habits, suggested it is a resident.

As we move out of winter and, hopefully, the persistent rain we can expect a lot of rapid growth. Growth is what we want to see but it means we will be increasing our management effort; then we see the rewards – it will soon be the time for the new flowers and the glorious variety of greens on the trees and bushes, new bird song and an explosion of invertebrates.

Please come and visit this beautiful place. Walkers, strollers, wildlife watchers, photographers, natural history lovers or geologists – there is something for you all here and in the immediate vicinity (take a walk down to the rare chalk stream as well). Our pledge to you is that we will maintain it, year-on-year, in all its variety while safeguarding its rarity. All we ask of you is that you respect it; don't litter it and don't foul it. There is no payment required from you except that you leave a smile.

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

Regards,

Your Village Hall Chalk Bank  
Conservation Team

## News from Your Community Village Store and Coffee Shop

In the community

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We have been lovely and busy over the past few months. The Coffee Shop is full at some point almost every day, and the buzzing, thriving atmosphere has been lovely to see, and to be part of. This doesn't mean to say we don't have our challenges! Staffing costs have increased due to low numbers of volunteers and general cost increases still have a big impact. Maintenance costs have also been high due to aging equipment which isn't surprising as we reopened almost 8 years ago!

It is sad to see and hear when other businesses close down, so we are especially grateful for loyal customers, and it is heartening that we must be doing something right.

We have some new ranges including the Kitchen Mixer delicious tray bakes, Jewellery by Elaine of Naphill, and Lucy's glassware - The Glass Shed.



Most recently we have introduced flowers which are delivered fresh by local florist Zoe of Studio 39 every Thursday.

The range consists of small bunches, wrapped gift pots as well as small bouquets and they are absolutely



beautiful. They are a perfect gift addition to a cake, and a card or just a treat for yourself.

Don't forget that we offer bulk discounts for Beechdean Ice Cream tubs which are perfect for parties, special occasions, performances and fundraising events. We sell 24 tubs for £35 which is great value. Just call the shop or e-mail on the details below for more information.

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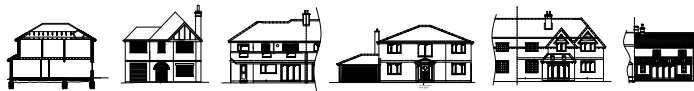
rewarding to see everyone visiting the  
store and coffee shop – to see people  
mingling, neighbours chatting and  
customers making new friends, as well  
as seeing customers visiting who are  
comfortable to come alone. Thank you  
for continuing to support us and  
helping to make this happen.

We are looking for lunchtime  
volunteers who can help 11am – 2pm  
and we also have other shifts  
available. If you would like to be part  
of our friendly team you can contact  
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## Goldie the Gritter



We were lucky enough to benefit from a visit from Econ and Goldie the Gritter on Tuesday 10th December wearing the biggest Christmas Jumper we've ever seen!

Mrs Neal, a valued parent of the school, kindly jumped at the opportunity of arranging a visit on our behalf having seen the article on the BBC News. Needless to say, the children absolutely loved it!

Steve, from Econ, brought Goldie the Gritter on an 18ft trailer and drove it up to the school gates. The whole school congregated on either side of the pavement to see the amazing craft work undertaken by the Ripon volunteers.

The Christmas jumper, hat and sack of gifts were all knitted and crocheted by a team of volunteers in Ripon who had been awarded the King's highest award for volunteering earlier this year. The team of 35 volunteers spent 4500 hours, over 12 months using 1130 balls of wool to create the masterpiece!

The children took turns sitting in the cab and learning about how the gritter was made at the company's manufacturing plant in Ripon.

Econ donated colouring sheets and story books for all the children to take home and have offered to come into school next term to lead an assembly as part of our School Travel Plan.



*Goldie the Gritter*

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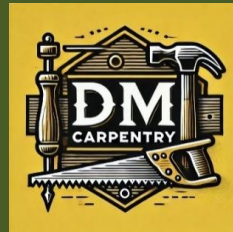
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## Walks

The work on providing at least 2 walks per ward (one a nature one and the other one featuring local heritage) has been completed and these walks can now all be found on the Council website - many thanks to all those who have contributed to these

## Playgrounds

Templewood Playground has been restocked with equipment and was opened by Paul Beeks just before Christmas

The council is out to tender in order to put in place Great Kingshill playground's new facilities which should complete all scheduled play areas.

## Hedge Cutting and Groundworks

Currently the council has the key groundworks and hedging contracts out for tender - these should be received in the next month or so.

## Burial Ground Work

Given an amount of backlog, there has been a lot of work done sorting out the Four Ashes Burial Ground - it's been cleared of rogue trees and really tidied up and so is looking good.

## Future Dates

Dates have now been agreed for the Annual Parish Council Meeting 13th May 2025 and Annual Parish Meeting 6th May 2025 (all welcome to this, theme to be agreed)



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It hardly seems possible that Advent and Christmas have come and gone since I last wrote. Although the Feast of the Epiphany (when we celebrate the visit of the Magi) has been celebrated the season of Epiphany lasts until Candlemas on the 2nd February when the Crib will be put away until next year and the last vestiges of Christmas decorations in the Church come down.

Christmas celebrations in Church allowed us to welcome many visitors to St Michael's to listen to the familiar story and to join in rousing and well-loved hymns and carols.

Our Annual New Year's Day walk had to be postponed until a later date because of adverse weather, but was enjoyed then by a number of stalwarts followed by lunch in Church House.

Now our thoughts turn to the new year. We have had two big changes. Firstly, the retirement of our long serving verger, Arthur Johnson, with the inevitable adjustment and changes to responsibilities that this brings. His loyal service to the church was marked with a celebratory evensong, which he clearly fully enjoyed.

Secondly, we have appointed a new Children and Families Minister: Chris Coyston. He officially joined at the start of the year, and has recently

moved with his wife Sue, and his daughters into Princes Risborough. We have already benefited from his love of playing some of his collection of guitars at the 11 o'clock

service, and for the Tiny Tots sessions. He led the Candlemas service, to which I referred above, with much gusto. He talked about the meaning of, and the need for, patience - the message being underscored by a chat between two puppets.

So, changes ahead for us and lots to look forward to, as we contemplate how best to use the facilities and talents at our disposal, to serve our church and community.

After dreary January (though as I write, the sky is a brilliant blue, the kites are circling overhead, perhaps relieved it's neither raining nor blowing a gale, and a robin is perched opposite my window, seemingly watching me type) we can also look forward to the changes we will see in the churchyard: spring flowers, unfurling leaves, baby rabbits and sometimes ducklings.

Come on Spring!



*Chris Coyston*

**HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TO BE HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY, 6TH MAY 2025**  
**IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

Welcome

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the HVRA AGM of 2024. (available at <https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/documents-agm-papers/> )
3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes .
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers for 2025-26
7. AOB
8. Presentation by Nikki Blagg of Horatio's Garden
9. Closure of Meeting

**Followed by CHEESE & WINE**

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**HVRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, 6th MAY 2025**

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## **Appointment of a Proxy – Informative**

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### **APPOINTMENT OF A PROXY USING A PROXY FORM**

A Proxy Form for use in connection with the AGM is attached to the Notice with an Agenda. To be valid, any Proxy Form appointing a proxy must be received by the Secretary by no later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the AGM or any adjournment of that meeting. NOTE: A Proxy Vote is not included in the number required to achieve a Quorum.

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## PLASTIC RECYCLING

In an attempt to continue prodding at what happens to our recycling, it's useful to ask questions and generate a conversation with suppliers, supermarkets and even your local shop if you're not seeing enough of it happen or are just curious. I had a lovely message back from Sainsbury's after asking what exactly happens when we take our soft plastics and packaging back to their stores and got quite a lengthy response:

"We have two different streams of plastic for recycling from Sainsbury's, the first is plastic film which we produce in store (along with flexible plastic recycling from our customers) and our contractor is Eurokey. The second is plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays that we collect in our car park customer recycling facilities (note that

High Wycombe does not have one of these) and which are collected by our recycling contractor, Biffa. The plastic film goes to Europe for manual sorting and then recycling and the car park material is sorted in the UK and some will have to go aboard to be recycled. We have carried out various checks on the facilities and contractors to check that our plastic is actually recycled, including the tracking of lorry loads of waste to their final destination and physically visiting recyclers to see the sortation process being completed. Finally, we are a zero waste to landfill company which means that any material that cannot be recycled (flexible plastic recycling is completely open to customers and sometimes the bins do get used as general litter bins so there is always a little bit of contamination) so this will go the RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) and not be landfilled.

I was really pleased with the response from Sainsburys but would add that:

Sending our plastics abroad is not a solution to such a large problem

Plastics cannot be recycled continually like glass, at most 2-3 times before they become too degraded to use and soft plastic is low grade with only a few specialist facilities in the UK equipped to deal with it. There is still a lack of transparency over what happens with this type of recycling.

Burning our waste (RDF) does have a lower impact on emissions than burning fossil fuels but still produces greenhouse emissions (plastics the highest)

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Grow Together Bucks (GTB) was set up as a Community Interest Company (CIC) five years ago, when we were offered an overgrown allotment at Back Lane at Wycombe Marsh as a site for a community allotment.

It was in the early days of the first COVID lockdown, but fortunately allotments were one of the few places we could visit!! With the help of committed volunteers, we gradually tamed the weeds. After a year or so we had established growing beds across the whole allotment, accessed by wood chip paths. In 2023, support from the Rothschild Foundation enabled us to continue our community work.

Today the allotment is a thriving organic growing space maintained by a wonderful, open and friendly group who enjoy welcoming new volunteers, the company of each other and the mental relaxation and connection with nature that this tranquil outdoor setting offers. Once a month through the summer, volunteers come together at the allotment to share and enjoy a vegetarian lunch together, made from vegetables harvested that morning and cooked on site.

Volunteers also share and take home produce harvested during the sessions; and any spare produce is donated to the One Can Trust.

Additional to the community allotment, we run two other projects: working in schools and running community volunteering days.

Last year, thanks to Red Kite Housing and local corporate volunteers, we installed a ramp and raised bed area to make the allotment more accessible to residents in wheelchairs and those with limited mobility. MMBL also supported us by funding a much-needed solar powered watering system for the greenhouse, so volunteers could leave seed trays and seedlings in the greenhouse in-between sessions.



*Allotment*

We have been working in schools now for three years; during this time our experience teaching in five schools has culminated with the creation of a GTB 'Practical Growing Programme.' This year, Marsh & Micklefield Big Local are supporting our work with Marsh Primary and Ash Hill School.





*Planting*

For anyone who fancies getting involved and volunteering with Grow Together at the allotment, in the schools programme or joining the team running community volunteering days this year, then please do check out our website at [www.growtogetherbucks.co.uk](http://www.growtogetherbucks.co.uk) and contact us.

Community allotment sessions re-

start in the Spring on Wednesday and Saturday mornings (weather permitting of course!). All are welcome to pop in to see us to say 'hello' or join in. We recommend you contact us through our website to check the allotment is open before your visit. Here's hoping that 2025 will be a good growing opportunity for all of us. 😊



*By the Greenhouse*



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Hello Plotters,

## ALL BUT FEBRUARY

All but February and the forecast reckons it might be a bit less rainy in the coming few days. We'll see....the weatherman has been neither correct nor optimistic enough over recent months to inspire much confidence. Storm Herminia has just blown through and the rain has stopped for now.

Anyway, hope springs eternal – just like the weeds, which tolerate drenched gardens just as much as they tolerate drought. Apart from the brief cold snap earlier in the month the temperatures have not really been low enough to stop plant growth. Grass is of course never still, but I have had many pot plants and hanging baskets barely take a rest - fuchsias in full bloom right up to the frost, a rose which decided to put out one blossom in time for Christmas. Potted cyclamens have not stopped blooming, acanthus plants are already in full, new growth. My snowdrops are out and the hemerocallis are not far behind.

I might get a decent orange crop this next summer – in the greenhouse my tree has managed so far to keep its young fruit and the sweet peas that I planted in November, also in the greenhouse, have managed to escape mouse predation and cold.

Only time will tell whether or not figs and quince will be on the summer menu – recent years have been dismal failures, despite good flowering starts (for the quince at least). It's too early yet to think about tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans and lettuce: I did ok with two out of four last year! Maybe I should stick to things in the greenhouse. I might therefore grow some chillies again this year; "Spike" is a reliable grower and I've found they lend themselves to putting in the chilli grinder as well as directly into recipes.



*Not a Christmas Rose!*

## OF IVY, JAZZ AND SQUIRRELS

Sadly, no appearance (at least to date) of either the Redwing or the Fieldfare despite a good whitebeam and ivy berry harvest. It might have something to do with the pigeons making an early start on firstly the whitebeam and then, as they ripened, the ivy berries. The only other beneficiaries, as far as I could tell, were Merle and Oberon – yes they're back! So, by now there are no berries left. I also pollarded the hazel tree at the bottom of the garden which last year served as a safe perch for the redwing and fieldfares: as newbies to the garden, they checked out whether it was safe from the vantage of the hazel tree.....then in three days stripped the ivy bare. Shouldn't complain though; it was our first sight of either bird.

Merle and Oberon are around a lot and I expect they'll be nesting in due course; they always have in the past. At which time what variations Oberon might have devised to the Blackbird Suite will be premiered. Nice!

The squirrel is now giving the Fifth Columnist jackdaws a run for their money (MY MONEY!) by spending full hours at stretch on the birdfeeders. He unsurprisingly ignores the caged feeders but is more than adept at hanging upside down and gorging from the standard feeders. When he leaves, then the jackdaws swoop in for their stint. Only later do the rest of the avian population get a turn.

But "hoorah" I hear you shout: a

couple weeks ago we saw three Bullfinches all perched in a tree down the garden, then later saw them at the feeders. A very rare and brief sighting in my garden. I hope it's not going to be a bad sign though: I understand that bullfinches have a bad reputation amongst gardeners as the birds eat fruit blossom and ruin crops. Do you think they like quince?



*Oberon enjoying an apple*

Then came the Birdwatch Weekend. As reported in the past all my garden birds have gone on a short break on the watch weekend....I always blamed the Fifth Columnists, spreading misinformation along with their anarchic ways. But this year they seem to have stayed around and I got a good representative count of all the usual suspects (including the jackdaws). To round of a good count, we were visited by a (honeymooning?) pair of Greenfinches at the feeders. I do hope they settle (though I haven't seen them in the last few days) as greenfinches are nothing-like as common in the garden as they were a few years ago.

## HAGA

Our new year starts with our first

monthly meeting on 28 February with a talk on “The benefits of locally grown flowers for our world”. Then on 28 March the talk will be “Plants in crime – Poisons, pleasure and pollen”.

25 April is the AGM to which all are invited; the formal meeting will be followed as usual by refreshments.

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

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*A Christmas Rose!*



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The grassroots football season is now well underway. When I last wrote, our teams were still playing to find their places in the League, but since November they have been allocated their Divisions (according to the results of those early matches) and they are now playing truly competitive football, with many of us keeping a close eye on those league tables!

The season so far...

We have a lot of fantastic teams playing some superb football and covering a huge age range: U6s to U18s. Our U18 Hawks deserve a special mention for knocking out Ruislip in the second round of the League Cup. Ruislip sit joint top of Division 1, and our lads are in Division 2, so this was an incredible result and testament to the hard work this team puts in, training every Saturday on field and again mid-week on the astros at RGS.

Most of our older teams (U14s and upwards) have additional optional training on astro pitches during the week. This can be important at this time of year when pitches can be water-logged and Saturday practice might need to be postponed in order to "save the pitch" for match day.

However, the weather has been relatively kind so far this season. Bar a few cancellations due to storms and frozen pitches, most matches have been able to proceed. It may be a cliché to have your child covered head to toe with mud at the end of a game but, for whatever reason, the mud adds to their delight, and to see their happy grins shining through all the layers of dirt does make the heart sing!

## Futsal

One team that is escaping the mud this season is our U13 team, led by Coach Andy Booth. This is our smallest year group and, without enough players to consistently field 11-a-side League matches, this team has signed up for a Futsal tournament rather than continuing in the Bucks & Berks League competition this year. Futsal is a smaller-sided indoor football game that is played on a hard court. It is a fast-paced, technical game that emphasizes skill in confined spaces.

There is no mud.

## Recruiting new players

However, in an ideal world, Coach Andy Booth would like to return to the field (and the mud) for the 2025/26 season, and to that end he is putting out a recruitment call for all Year 8 (going into Year 9 in September) footballers who would like to play for a local team. He invites prospective

players to join them on a Wednesday evening to “have a go” to see if they like it.

You can also get in touch with us via <https://www.hvfc.co.uk/> if you have any questions about joining any of our year group teams, and one of our brilliant volunteers will be happy to give you more information.

## Our volunteers

The HVFC Committee, Team Managers, Coaches, Assistants ... everyone is a volunteer. We wouldn't have a club without all of these people doing what they can.

If you are interested in helping out – perhaps with your own child's team – speak to your Team Manager. The younger age groups in particular need

a few more volunteers to help with coaching and admin, so offers of support would be greatly appreciated. HVFC covers the costs of any training required, all of which can be done on-line in your own time, and we promise that your children will be very impressed with your FA-embossed certificates that you can display with pride.

## Fun Day and Awards

Our annual Fun Day and Awards will be taking place on Saturday 21st June. This is a highlight for many of our players. As well as an Awards Ceremony for every one of our Teams, there is a bar, a barbecue, plenty of fun activities on the field, and the boot stall is a great way to re-use and re-cycle everyone's pre-loved football boots.



*Team warming up for match*

The Awards Ceremony recognises some of our top scorers, as well as those players who bring heart and soul to the game every week. We aim to recognise every player's contribution to their team. It's always a special day for the club, and it's not unknown for tears to leak out, especially when we see our U18 teams line up together for the last time.

We are extremely grateful to our sponsors, without whom this Fun Day would be difficult to host. If you have a local business and would be interested in helping to sponsor the event, or the club in general, please get in touch with the club Secretary via <https://www.hvfc.co.uk/>

We hope all our players will be coming to the Fun Day and Awards to celebrate the end of the season. If you are interested in joining us next season, why not pop along and speak to one of our volunteers? Just ask at the main tent, or at the barbecue or bar, and one of us will be able to track down and introduce you to your child's prospective football coach.

Meanwhile, good luck to all our players for the rest of the 2024-25 season – stay muddy, and have fun!

The background of the recruitment notice is a photograph of two football kits. On the left is a dark blue kit with "TheFA" and "CHARTER STANDARD CLUB" on the sleeve. On the right is a white kit with "TheFA" and "CHARTER STANDARD CLUB" on the sleeve. In the center, there is a semi-transparent white box containing the following text:

**Currently recruiting for next season's Under 14 team**

If your child is in Year 8 now (going up to Year 9 in September 2025) we will have a space for them on our team, from September onwards.

Drop in now for Saturday training to meet the players and team coach and find out more.

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Head coach: Andy Booth

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That all might sound a mite arduous,

but it is just part of the activities of what is a fun and active Club. We meet every Monday evening, excluding the first one of the Month, at the Whiteleaf Golf Clubhouse for a meal and some form of entertainment. We do have a slightly irreverent approach to our activities, which makes the Meetings more enjoyable. We also have a casual, once a month breakfast get together, a curry group, a cycle group and a walking group and we organise numerous visits to a wide range of local facilities. If you would like to join a fun group which offers friendship, contacts and opportunities to "give back" – look no further!

If you would like to consider joining us and help contribute locally and nationally, visit our website and/or come to one of our meetings to see if it might be of interest. 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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We were, as usual, very busy as usual up to the end of 2024. Here are a couple of highlights.

Our Publicity Team and volunteer members were at the Wycombe Christmas Lights event in November where our tombola again proved very popular and raised a record amount towards our fund for new equipment.

At our annual Christmas Coffee Morning at Naphill Village Hall we were entertained by the unique, hilarious short pantomime followed by a Shakespeare Quiz, and the Ukulele and Hand Bells groups. The traditional community singing at the end cheered us all on our way.

Our membership continues to increase, with attendance at our General Meeting in January (at Lacey Green Hall, 4th Wednesday of the month at 2 pm) topping 90. We have a full programme of guest speakers for these meetings. Do join us as a visitor for a taster session free of charge.

We are looking forward to a busy season as Discovering Art plans its trip to Compton Verney, and with the summer holiday to North Wales in June. Just two of our many trips.

Members have again been contacted by the Eden Centre about the free monthly coffee, craft and cinema days they are providing this year.

See the details on our website [[highwycombe.u3asite.uk](http://highwycombe.u3asite.uk)].

We have over 30 interest Groups from Art to Walks, which meet monthly in and around our area during the daytime in homes and halls. There is no age stipulation, and you can attend as many groups as you wish for your annual subscription. See what's available on our website, and what we have been up to on our Facebook page [[hwdu3a2022](https://www.facebook.com/hwdu3a2022)].

If you are looking for opportunities to socialise and maybe learn something new, do come and join us. You will be very welcome.

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*Tombola at the Wycombe Christmas Lights event*



Hugenden Street Association is here to help prevent social isolation and foster community and friendships in the 4 wards of Hugenden Parish. We also strive to keep residents safer by keeping them informed of scams and linking with other local agencies such as the police, the fire service and Neighbourhood Watch.

The monthly lunches currently run successfully in 3 of the 4 wards by fostering friendships amongst the attendees. The monthly Social Afternoon in Naphill is an extension of this, where people enjoy the company of others over a cuppa and table games.

We welcome all newcomers.

2025 Lunches		
Hugenden Valley	Naphill & Walter's Ash	Little Kingshill
Harrow	Spindle & Thread (H/Wyc)	Full Moon
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed each month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed each month	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed each month
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7 May	21 May	28 May
4 Jun	18 Jun	25 Jun
2 Jul	16 Jul	23 Jul
6 Aug	20 Aug	27 Aug
3 Sep	17 Sep	24 Sep
1 Oct	15 Oct	22 Oct
5 Nov	19 Nov	26 Nov
3 Dec	17 Dec	10 Dec (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)

## Afternoon Socials at Bon Ami

Every 4th Monday afternoon in the month (excluding Bank Holidays) 2-4 p.m.

Treat yourselves to a cuppa & cake and meet up with others for a chat and table games.

All welcome!

Contact Susan Bickerstaffe for further details: 07880 519 323

## 2025 Dates

24 March  
 28 April  
*No May meeting* (Bank Holiday)  
 23 June  
 28 July  
*No August meeting* (Bank Holiday)  
 22 September  
 27 October  
 24 November  
 22 December

### Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

A Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Buckinghamshire, which will guide future investment in active travel infrastructure across the county, has been adopted by the Council. Buckinghamshire has also been awarded more than £2 million to spend on developing further active travel projects and infrastructure in the county.

The Buckinghamshire LCWIP proposes a network of 'corridors' suitable for cycling, walking and 'wheeling' (adapted cycles, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and push scooters), to connect towns and villages. The LCWIP has considered different journey destinations, including employment, education, public transport, local facilities and visitor attractions.



### Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Buckinghamshire Council wants to hear your views on the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are home to a wide range of habitats and species, including internationally rare chalk streams, ancient woodland and nationally significant populations of species such as native black poplar trees and black hairstreak butterflies.

You can tell the council your views in one of the following ways:

- Complete the online survey
- E-mail  
[lnrs@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:lnrs@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- Write to LNRS priorities, The NEP, Planning and Environment, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

Your views need to be submitted by 24 March 2025.



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## Hughenden Residents Association Newsletter Spring 1968

The archives of HVRA hold various minutes & previous incarnations of the newsletter. The above title is correct and is taken from the earliest item we have. The following presents some of the highlights.

### *Secretary's report 1967*

*In January, 1967, when the new Committee was elected, it was decided that the general policy of the Association should be:- 1) to foster community spirit, 2) to watch the interests of the residents and to raise any problems on their behalf with the authorities concerned. Under the first heading we have organised two events. We co-operated with the Horticultural Society at their Annual Show by arranging a painting competition for children and a sports day.*

*Owing to bad weather the sports had to be postponed until the following week. In November a large crowd of children and adults enjoyed our bonfire and display of fireworks.*

*...  
We have also taken with the appropriate authorities several matters of local interest.*

*...  
2) Pavement on Warrendene Road Representatives of the Association met the Divisional Surveyor who agreed that the road should be widened and a footpath provided. He will ask for this in next year's estimates*

*...  
5) Primary School We have been corresponding with the local education authority about the prospects for a Primary School in the Valley.*

*...  
7) Household repair and Decorating Equipment A fourteen-feet extending wooden ladder has been purchased and is available to all members of the Association.*

The newsletter also provided the Treasurer's report for 1967. There was £23 13s 4p in the bank and £1 1s 7p cash-in-hand.

I know it's a long shot, but if anyone has an earlier item we'd be interested to hear from you. What we have so far is listed at <https://hughendenresidents.org/magazine/>



### March

#### Chequers Folk Club

Featuring Milton Hide (Jim Tipler, vocals & guitar, and Jo Church, Vocals & clarinet)

The Barn, Cherry Tree Farm, Missenden Road, Great Kingshill, from 8-10pm.

19<sup>th</sup> March (Meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month)

Entrance on the door is £10.

<https://www.wicktrimmers.co.uk/chequers-folk>

#### Introduction to Seed Sowing

Hughenden, £15

22nd March

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshire-berkshire/hughenden/events/>

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Hughenden, £3.50

29th March to 21st April

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshire-berkshire/hughenden/events/>

### April

#### The Enumerator Strikes Back

A talk entitled “The Enumerator Strikes Back” promises to provide a revelation of the practices and processes of the UK census since its inception in 1801.

Trinity United Reformed Church

8th April, Free

<https://www.highwycombesociety.org.uk/event/the-enumerator-strikes-back-talk/>

#### Guided Walk & Talk

Lacey’s Farm, £15

26th April

<https://chilternsociety.org.uk/event/guided-walk-talk-laceys-farm/>

### May

#### HVRA AGM

Hughenden Valley Resident Association’s annual general meeting, see centre pages for agenda.

Small Hall, Hughenden Valley Village Hall

6<sup>th</sup> May, Free

<https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/documents-agm-papers/>

#### Pann Mill Open Day

All welcome: Admission Free There will be plenty of water in the Wye so the restored mill should be running and grinding locally grown wheat into quality wholemeal flour that will be for sale.

Pann Mill

11<sup>th</sup> May, Free

<https://www.highwycombesociety.org.uk/event/pann-mill-open-day-3/>

### Drainage

We report again in this edition with issues of water drainage in the Valley. We make no apologies. This is a real issue. Lack of maintenance along with aging infrastructure with limited capacity add up to considerable risk.

Readers are reminded that they can sign up to the News & Events page of our web page. <https://hughendenresidents.org/news/>

### HVRA Community

HVRA is always on the lookout for people who wish to get involved with the community. You could act as a Road Rep, a volunteer at events (for example, the Family Picnic this summer, the older persons treat, & the Potter quiz) and finally we need a Chair. The more people who join up the lower the overall workload so let us know if you are interested - contact your Road Rep (see the list at the back of this issue) or e-mail

[chairman@hughendenresidents.org](mailto:chairman@hughendenresidents.org)  
or [secretary@hughendenresidents.org](mailto:secretary@hughendenresidents.org)

### Magazine Contributions and Feedback

Our thanks, as ever, to our contributors, advertisers and the team who put the magazine together.

Your article contributions are always

welcome.

In our recent editions, we have been making some changes to the content and format of the magazine, and the editorial team would love to hear your input and feedback.

We always welcome photo contributions too. If you have photos that reflects on life in the Valley and are willing to share please do get in touch. Credits will be given for all photos used.

The next edition's cover photo could be yours!

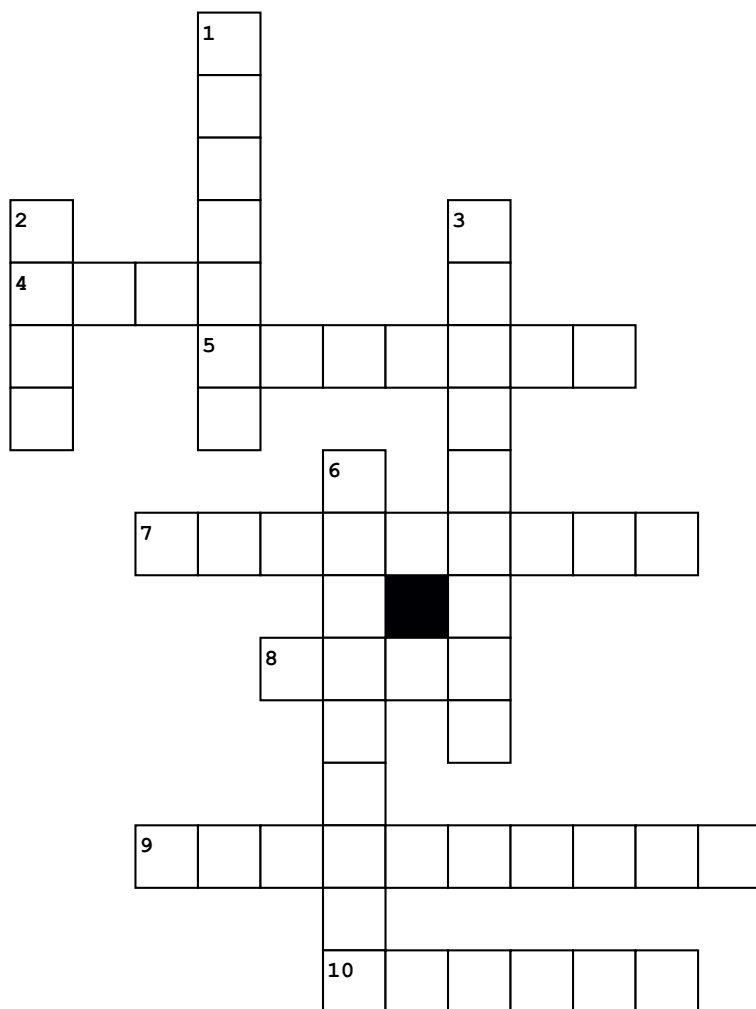
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4. Periods of time, particularly Taylor's
5. Protein rich liquid that cushions an egg
7. United in stupidity
8. A spice and a weapon
9. Sprouting or beginning
10. A bun, bread or rich fruitcake

### Down

1. The floating wreckage of a ship or its cargo
2. Deep blue green colour named after a bird
3. Remarkable or outstanding person/thing
6. Green vegetable that comes in spears

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Regular Events	
1st Tuesday each month, 7.30p.m. (not Jan or Aug)	HVRA committee meetings, Small Hall. Papers for meetings are at <a href="https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/">https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/</a>
Last Friday each month (not Dec or Jan).	HAGA, Large Hall, dates and topics can be found at <a href="https://hughendenresidents.org/calendar/">https://hughendenresidents.org/calendar/</a>
Annual Events	
1st Monday in June	Village Hall walk around the conservation area
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	HVRA AGM, Small Hall. See centre pages for agenda
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Hughenden Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Annual Parish Meeting (all welcome)
10th Aug 2025	HVRA Summer Picnic, family Games Day

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E-mail address for submissions: [magazine@hughendenresidents.org](mailto:magazine@hughendenresidents.org)

### Schedule for Summer 2025

Fri 13th June	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts
Fri 11th July (or 18th, tbc)	Delivery of Magazines to Residents

### Schedule for Winter 2025

Fri 24th October	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts
Fri 28th November	Delivery of Magazines to Residents

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Councillors for Hughenden Valley Ward within Hughenden Parish Council	
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There are 3 vacancies	If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk.

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