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Chair's Roundup

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HVRA Updates



Since 2019, HVRA have been fighting planning applications to put additional caravans on the Orchard

Caravans site. The site is a one-acre former orchard to the rear of properties along Warrendene Road, and since the 1960's has had several mobile homes upon it. It is a peaceful spot, tucked away and accessible only via a narrow track between houses along Warrendene. By dint of its history as an orchard for approximately 100 years, it is regarded as a Priority Habitat and is a haven for wildlife.

In early July, the owner decided to sell the site and at this point, residents close by decided to run a campaign to purchase the site to protect the orchard from further development. The process of acquisition continues and the orchard group is working to raise sufficient capital to make the purchase. HVRA has pledged £1000 from its fighting fund towards the purchase and we wish the group well with the project.

Events

It seems a long while ago now, but the Summer Picnic held in August was a great success. It definitely attracted

young families along for an afternoon of eats and treats together with games and a disco from the kids' entertainer. A bouncy castle, face painting, beat the goalie and music from the choir all contributed to a great day, made all the better by the glorious sunshine.

We want to thank in particular the Village Hall, HV Football Club and the HV Shop Choir for their contribution.

Just recently, we held the Autumn Afternoon Tea; this is the tea for seniors in Hughenden Valley. As always, this event was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. See the report further on in the magazine.



The HVRA planters project in full bloom

Volunteers

We managed the picnic and tea this year with a skeleton crew. The picnic was designed to run with a minimal team because we knew we were going to be short of volunteers, hence the use of bought in services, such as the disco man to provide the childrens' entertainment.

The tea was a different matter because we were hit with a shortage of help at the final knockings when a decent size team is necessary to run the event. Everyone had to run twice as fast that day!

The fact is that HVRA is still desperately short of volunteers and this is really threatening our future ability to organise even small events – we are keeping this under review. Our thoughts are that we will try to organise a reserve list of volunteers. These volunteers would be helpers who we could call upon for occasional help rather than place an expectation on them to be available routinely. Unusually, we have placed an advert for HVRA in our own magazine! Let's see how we do, but if you're interested in going on the list, simply mail Elaine Merrilees at epmerrilees@aol.com, or better still call her on her mobile at 07989 094316; your call will be welcome.

Draft Local Plan

The short consultation period for the Local Plan developed by Bucks Council has now ended. Some of you may not have been aware of its existence, so just to outline what it is about, it is a plan for Bucks to set out the strategy for meeting the county's future housing and employment requirements through to 2045.

So, what does it mean for us in Hughenden Valley, Bryants Bottom and Cryers Hill? Well, for the Plan period, it means a total of 95,000 homes need to be built, of which some 22,000 are already committed for development. The scale of growth in village communities is intended to be less than in other areas to retain village character and not overload services. It does mean there will be development both within and outside the green belt. In addition to regular housing, there is a requirement on Bucks to provide Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation to the tune of 681 pitches and 38 plots.

You can rest assured that HVRA will focus keenly on forthcoming planning applications for our area and will make sure the residents' best interests are looked after.

Natural Flood Management Project

This year there has been much focus on the Natural Flood Management plans. Two meetings have been held, one for Hughenden Valley residents (but held in Naphill village hall) and the other for the residents in Bryants Bottom.

The purpose of the meetings was to communicate what methods could be used to counter the flooding issues seen in recent years in Bryants Bottom and the Warrendene area of Hughenden Valley. From the analysis undertaken in both valleys, proposals have been put forward for financing of flood relief work to the Regional Flood & Coastal Committee. That committee was due to make decisions on our funding during October this year.

What is Natural Flood Management?

Natural Flood Management aims to use natural processes to slow and temporarily store rainfall runoff to reduce flood risk downstream. This means that the consultancy work undertaken by Dr Andrew Morsley of the River Thames Conservation Trust has not been focussed upon improving the roads drainage infrastructure but rather concentrating on the increased use of existing land features including drainage ditches, soakaways, gullies and runoff areas.

Where new appropriate sites are identified, new areas of potential storage may be created using such things as berms (a raised barrier of soil), grips (shallow roadside areas), and runoff channels. These areas of water storage all contribute to reducing the downhill flow that can literally turn the road into a river when rainfall is high.



Diagram showing field work

Our Expectations

Unfortunately, Bryants Bottom has only been partially covered by the NFM project and the drainage group there are pursuing alternative funding possibilities through Bucks Council and the Parish Council.

It is to be hoped that for Warrendene, funding will be approved soon by the RFCC and that this will lead to work being undertaken during 2026. Alongside the NFM process this year, Bucks Highways have taken a long, hard look at making improvements in the Warrendene area. Work has

included clearing the long ditch and deepening it; the road drains pipes leading to the ditch have been surveyed and jetted out. We are promised enhanced maintenance for clearing drains – in practice this probably means the Local Area Technician will call by and check the drains more frequently. Finally, we understand that the larger road drain ‘tops’ are on the back burner for the present to see how the system performs this winter.

Conclusions

Many of the residents affected by flooding will be hoping for less of the heavy downpours this winter that we have come to expect. A few residents have implemented some self-help door or gate barriers to try and hold back the encroachment of the water; this is particularly relevant where

water has entered the property on previous occasions. For many, it is the inconvenience of having gardens, garages and driveways swamped, and this then is followed by the clear up afterwards.

It is to be hoped that this project will lead to an improvement in our flooding issues long-term. It has to be said that we do not have a flooding problem here like in many other areas. Put simply, we do not face the prospect of the local river bursting its banks and threatening the community, that is if everything is maintained properly.

What we have is a manageable situation, whereby a combination of a reduction in field runoff and a channelling of surplus surface water into the Hughenden Stream can result in negligible flood risk.



HVRA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

To maintain the level of work we do, we need volunteers and you can help.

We know how busy your lives are so we are only seeking occasional help. Just adding your name to our Reserve List will enable us to plan the work and events that you want for the village.

To add your name email Elaine Merrilees at epmerrilees@aol.com or call her on 07989 094316

Hughenden Valley Summer Picnic



Sunday 7th August marked the return of the Hughenden Valley Summer Picnic — the first in some time — organised by three members of the Hughenden Valley Residents Association committee. The result was a well-attended, free family event enjoyed by all.

Jointly funded with the Village Hall, the afternoon featured a bouncy castle, Active Kids Disco, face painting, traditional games, and a “Beat the Goalie” competition run by the Hughenden Valley Football Club. The



Hughenden Village Shop Choir provided two wonderful sets of entertainment during the afternoon, adding to the lively and cheerful atmosphere.

The Village Shop also supplied delicious afternoon teas and refreshments for purchase, and the raffle proved hugely popular with a wonderful selection of prizes.

Every child was treated to a free ice lolly, and with the sun shining relentlessly all day, it was the perfect way to spend a summer Sunday in the Valley.





Autumn Afternoon Tea

Saturday 11th October saw the second HVRA Autumn Afternoon Tea — a lovely event for the senior residents of Hughenden Valley, Bryant's Bottom, and Cryers Hill.

Funded by the Hughenden Valley Residents Association, the afternoon was made possible by a team of volunteers who prepared sandwiches, baked delicious cakes and scones, and served them with Prosecco and endless cups of tea.

Entertainment was provided by the West Wycombe Chamber Choir, followed by a free raffle featuring handmade items crafted by Pauline Spence from recycled fabric, along with wines, chocolates, and other treats.

There was plenty of friendly conversation and the happy renewal of old acquaintances — a warm and enjoyable afternoon for all who attended.





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Hughenden Weather Roundup

In the community

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The colours of autumn are now in full display as I write this quarterly summary. Despite recent rainfall, there has still been plenty of dry weather — continuing the main theme of this year’s summer. Warmth was another key feature, with an unusually high number of hot days. Each month saw temperatures climb above 30 °C, peaking at 31.6 °C in June, 33.1 °C in July, and 32.8 °C in August.

High pressure dominated for much of the season, keeping low pressure systems at bay and limiting rainfall. In the valley, we recorded 121 mm of rain across the summer months — around 25–30% less than normal. These figures align closely with the Met Office’s regional analysis, which declared summer 2025 the warmest on record for the UK. Sunshine hours were also above average across the

area, meaning that 2025 will certainly be remembered as one of the better summers of recent times.

It’s worth noting that, despite the daytime warmth, we did record some cool nights with light winds — a welcome relief when it came to sleeping!

As autumn arrived, the weather took a noticeable turn in early September. The first half of the month brought significant rainfall, before conditions turned drier again toward the end. So far, we’ve avoided any particularly cold spells, and current forecasts suggest it will stay mild for a little while yet. One thing is clear - we still need more rain to make up for the particularly dry summer, even if we have thankfully avoided a hosepipe ban, unlike some other parts of the southeast.



Village Spotlight: Christine Powell

Sarah Mustapha

In the community

A ten minute interview with Christine, longtime resident of Hughenden Valley

Christine, how long have you lived in Hughenden Valley?

I moved here in 1979, having grown up in Surrey – “I want to be carried out in my box from Hughenden – that's how much I love living here!”



Christine

Wow! What is it that makes living in Hughenden so good?

It's the people, I have the loveliest of neighbours and we all look out for each other in one way or another. Of course, the scenery and views in Hughenden are also very special, particularly at this time of year.

What activities have you been involved in around the village over the years?

As well as the Church and my allotment, I was booking secretary for the Village Hall for 33 years when it wasn't online. I also volunteer as a National Trust Warden for the Woodcock Run (anyone can do this), a walk that goes up from the field behind the allotments, left into the woods and then back down through the Coffin Path and is marked by blue signage. We pick up litter, cut back brambles and generally keep the area in good shape for walkers. It's roughly a 2.5 mile stretch, which I regularly walk with two other volunteers so as well as looking after the route, we get to socialise.

Can you tell me something about your family life in Hughenden?

I met my husband Eric, in 1970 whilst working at a travel agent and it was love at first sight. We were married in 1972 and spent the next four years travelling and walking before settling down to have our two daughters and son who were brought up in Hughenden and went to the local village school which at the time only had around 50 children in attendance. It was much smaller than it is now and so everyone walked to and from Spring Valley Drive. My children were involved in Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts as well as Karate and they all played musical instruments. They got together in the park with their friends and life was a bit simpler with no mobile phones.

My children are now adults and unfortunately, Eric passed away in February 2009 from a brain tumour aged 63: at such a young age, his loss was sudden and unexpected but I have found a lot of comfort in the community I'm surrounded by and the activities I take part in

Tell me about your favourite place in Hughenden

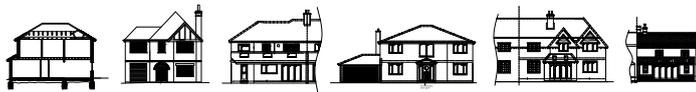
As well as its trails, and apple trees (over 50 varieties), the coffee shop and general history of Hughenden Manor makes it one of my favourite places to visit. And many people don't know that on the second floor of this amazing National Trust site, you can see fantastic views whilst reading books on their comfy sofas!

As I left Christine's home, I noticed two photos of Hughenden on the wall taken by Eric from around 20 years ago. The view was instantly recognisable and little had changed: a picturesque village tucked into a valley surrounded by rolling hills and woodland. Hughenden's AONB status doesn't just stem from its incredible landscape but the people that keep the heart of our hills beating, Christine being one of them.

Is there a member of the community whom you wish to see featured in a future edition's village spotlight?
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HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

As autumn settles in and the clocks go back, it's a good time to pause and reflect on the work happening across Hughenden Parish, and to look ahead to what's coming.

Bereavement Café – A Space to Talk

We continue to host the Bereavement Café at the Parish Council Office on the second Monday of each month. Offering a warm and welcoming space for anyone experiencing loss. Whether recent or long ago, grief affects us all differently. The café is a chance to talk, listen or simply be among others who understand. No booking is needed, and refreshments are provided.

Buckinghamshire Draft Local Plan

The new Buckinghamshire Local Plan is now out for consultation and will shape development across the county until 2045. It's a big document, nearly 300 pages, but it's important. It replaces the Wycombe Local Plan and will eventually guide planning decisions in Hughenden Parish.

Some headline figures from the plan for Buckinghamshire:

95,000 new homes

220 hectares of employment land

681 pitches for gypsy and traveller accommodation

While there are no site-specific proposals yet, the Parish Council is preparing a consolidated response. We're focusing on local constraints, infrastructure, and community priorities. If you have expertise in planning, or simply strong views, we'd love to hear from you. As part of the consultation process you could have submitted your own comments directly via the Buckinghamshire Council website. Although the consultation closed on 29th October 2025 you can still contact the Parish Council.

More info: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-plan>

Understanding Our Parish – Census Insights

For the first time, we've been able to pull together a Parish-level snapshot from the 2021 Census. It's helping us plan services and budget more effectively. Some interesting findings:

Naphill & Walters Ash (LSOA 033F) has the highest percentage of under-16s and is the most religiously diverse area in the Parish.

Hughenden Valley (LSOA 033B) is among the least deprived areas in England, with a strong sense of community and stability.

Across the Parish, over 90% of homes are owner-occupied, though RAF

housing in Walters Ash brings that figure down locally.

These insights help us tailor services — from youth engagement to transport planning — and ensure we're meeting the needs of all age groups.

If you'd like to get involved, share feedback, or just learn more, please visit our website or speak to your Ward Councillor. We're here to serve the community — and your voice matters.

Wishing you a peaceful December.

Looking Ahead

As we head into winter, the Council continues work on biodiversity, training for councillors and staff, and planning for the 2026–27 budget. We're also reviewing policies and preparing for seasonal maintenance across our open spaces.

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September 28th was Keith's last Sunday before he moved to his new parish, and the occasion, also St Michael's patronal festival (i.e. St Michael's Day or Michaelmas), was marked at each of the services.

At each service Keith reflected on and gave thanks for his 9 year's ministry in Hughenden and the support he had received. The 9 o'clock service, which is the more traditional one, with a robed choir, was followed by refreshments and a special cake. The 11 o'clock service, which is more contemporary and supported by a worship band with guitars, was followed by refreshments and then a parish barbecue in the Mothers' Union garden. An untimely shower did not manage to dampen the spirits of the large number of congregants both old and new who attended. Finally, the evensong service was marked by a full choir and congregation and followed by more refreshments! Let it not be said that we sent Keith off hungry!

At each service a presentation was made....one of the gifts being the 2025 edition of Wisden, which, it was averred, was a clue as to why Keith had chosen Nunney in Somerset as his next parish.

Keith's time with us has been anything but ordinary: highlights he mentioned included leading the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land and his own sabbatical visit to India. Challenges were plenty, including dealing with COVID and the retirement of Arthur.

New horizons for the church opened up with the appointment of a Children and Families Minister, and all the opportunities this brings. The last 9 years have been a time of great change at St Michael's, and we thank Keith for his leadership and wish him and Rachael well for the future, as he takes on a very different role, leading 8 churches.

Keith was welcomed into his new parishes on 16th October in a ceremony in Nunney Parish Church, which was filled by his new parishioners plus a goodly number from Hughenden. It was presided over by Bishop Michael Beasley: Bishop of Bath and Wells, and followed by splendid refreshments (seems to be a bit of a theme!)

The Church enters now into a period of interregnum (the same word applies to the gap between two incumbents as to a gap between two monarchs) as the process of recruiting a new vicar cannot start until the 'old' one has left. Helen will be holding the fort with the assistance of the Church Wardens, and the support of the congregation.

Christmas will be soon upon us: look out for details of our services dropping through your letterbox before too long, or check our website.

<https://hughendenparishchurch.org.uk/>

Hughenden Triumphs in the 2025 Lorna Newton Bellringing Competition

We're thrilled to announce that Hughenden has won this year's Lorna Newton Striking Competition, a knockout-style contest between bell towers in our branch that's been running annually since 1973.

Spanning from February to October, the competition begins with a random draw that pairs 18 towers to ring against one another in successive rounds. Winners then go forward to the final showdown where the top teams battle it out for the coveted trophy. This year's final took place on 11 October at Chalfont St Giles, with five teams competing. Hughenden claimed first place and will proudly

hold the Lorna Newton Trophy for the next year. High Wycombe secured second place and received the runners-up cup.

Congratulations to all who took part, and especially to our fantastic team for bringing the trophy home and for having fun in the process. Here's a photo of our winning Hughenden band — from left to right: Tom, TJ, Verity, Annie, Ros, and Cliff.



The Champions!

Half-muffled ringing on Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November we rang the bells 'half muffled'. This means that each bell has a leather pad (a muffle) fitted to one side of the clapper. When the bell strikes on one side (at handstroke), the metallic side of the clapper strikes the bell and we get a loud, strong, bright note, but when the bell strikes on the other side (at backstroke), the muffle cushions the blow and we get a deep, mournful sound – a beautiful sorrowful echo. This alternating rhythm evokes a powerful emotional response - each muted note a gentle reminder of lives lost and memories cherished. We

hope that paused and listened on Remembrance Sunday, as the half-muffled peal carried through the air, a solemn tribute to those who have gone before us.



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You may recall that a new roadside installation for the original World War 1 war memorial was unveiled at last years' Remembrance service in Bryants Bottom, following several years of project work to make a permanent site on public land within the village.

This was achieved with wonderful support from people in the village, local parish and district councillors, and builders, who all contributed to creating the memorial and a successful first service at the new site.

I was delighted to return in the early Summer to see that the memorial had flowers growing all around it; thank you to whoever was so kind, taking the time to make it look beautiful and at home in the village.

We returned once again on Sunday 9th Nov to continue to build on the annual event, with the continued good-will of many supporters. As well as the people of Bryants Bottom, we were joined again by the High Wycombe branch of the Royal Artillery Association, with numerous veterans, proudly carrying their flag, which was lowered according to custom during the service as a sign of respect. My great uncle, one of the 6 soldiers / sailors named on the memorial, served as a Gunner in the Royal Artillery and so the connection with the local association, now well established, is strong and enduring. Other veterans also joined us as well

as our first RAF Air Cadet, linking the generations in attendance.

Prior to the sounding of the Last Post on the bugle and the 2-minute silence to remember the sacrifice made, I read out the 6 names on the memorial, all local men, together with their home addresses, parents' names, who they served with, where they died and where they are buried. I have listed them below, in the hope that someone reading this may be, or know, relatives of the fallen, so that they can attend future services.

'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'

- Gunner Charlie Alfred RIDGLEY
Bryants Bottom
- Stoker 1st Class Free CHILTON
Bryants Bottom
- Private Alfred John CHILTON
Bryants Bottom
- Private Alfred HATT
North Dean
- Private Ernest Frank SAUNDERS
Denner Hill
- Private Alfred Owen TAYLOR
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My thanks to The Gate pub for the usual excellent hosting; somewhere warm to go straight afterwards to have a cuppa and a catch up with family and friends. As ever, a poignant yet heart-warming occasion.

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In the community

What a year it has been for the Hughenden Valley Village Shop Choir! We've shared our music in so many wonderful places: outside the shop in all weathers, for the residents at Hughenden Garden Village, and for families enjoying the Village Family Picnic. Our highlight was hosting our very own concert at the Village Hall,



Shop Choir

performing all the music we've worked on this year to a delighted audience of family and friends.

Now our sights are set on Christmas! You can catch us spreading festive cheer at:

- Village Hall Christmas Fair & Village Shop Christmas Lights - Saturday 29 November
- Carolling at Hughenden Garden Village - Sunday 7 December
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Here at Hughenden primary school, we started the Autumn term by reading poems from a beautiful book - The Lost Words - by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. In this, 'spell poems' and watercolour illustration conjure up words that are being lost to children's vocabularies, words such as 'acorn', 'kingfisher' and 'bluebell'. By exploring the poetry and nature about our school, pupils created their own nature-inspired poetry and artwork. We'd like to share some of it with you.



The Ivy of Hughenden

*Like a venomous, verdant serpent,
Ivy climbs up the white, grand hall walls,
Whispering secrets of world domination.
It stretches its long, emerald arms around the walls,
Climbing like a giant's jade fingers.*

*Climbing and curling, it smothers the classroom.
The willow's turquoise, verdant curtain danced in the breeze,
Weaving to the lake's sweet Autumn melody.
Like twirling, leaping ballerina dancers,
Woodland spirits prance in time to the wind,
Gently whispering, "Let leaves fall!"*

*Gleaming copper conkers tumble from the sky,
Landing on frost-kissed grass and majestic flowers.
Crimson acorns scatter like rubies glinting in the sun,
Creating tranquillity on the entire field.*

*A soaring robin glides over the canopy,
Its scarlet, fiery chest glowing like a polite flame.
And with twisting, twirling ivy taking over the school,
Once again, she lost words, not lost, but loved.*

Written by Chloe L. Brown (Y6)

Hello Plotters,

What a season we've had since the last article: back then I hoped for recovery from the damaging hailstorm after an otherwise promising spring. Of course, in some respects you need to be careful what you wish for: it was only a short time afterwards that the weather perked up and we embarked on the hottest, driest summer since records began.

'What's wrong with that?' you say. Well, from a garden perspective, it was too hot and too dry for too long. A few cool nights and a few decent rain showers (also overnight, eh?) would have been welcome; that would have helped the gardeners and allotmentees with nurturing plants through a stressful period. I believe I am far from alone in having failed to raise any runner beans; I was unsuccessful with any more than a first crop of lettuce; my seedling courgettes failed to recover after the hail damage and then the heat; a sowing of "8 Ball" courgettes in a veg. grow-bag then produced plenty of greenery but only 4 fruit, and that from 3 plants. No quince (nothing set after the blossom was damaged), no figs and no oranges made it through the drought. However, my Autumn Bliss raspberries gave us a decent crop (in July and August) and, thankfully, the greenhouse tomatoes and cucumbers performed well, right into the last days of September. Non-stop begonias have been a joyous splash of colour and the otherwise tender

Abutilon has flowered well, despite hit-and-miss watering. A late-transplanted teasel came through hail and drought to provide an extra source of seed for the goldfinches. My No-Mow May to August regime for the lawn paid-off again this year: sadly, no Bee Orchids but a group of Pyramid Orchids instead.

ON A WING....

The garden birds have been visiting in force during the summer and winter. The usual suspects have all been here, except for Merle and Oberon (seemingly). Although Oberon III may well be present (see the last article), he has not been as regular as his grandad, nor does he sing as much and no jazz improv; we don't see Merle very much either. Time will tell.

The goldfinches studiously plough their way through the nyger seed and now, the teasel heads, only breaking away when the jackdaws and magpies get too boisterous. We've noticed that the magpies are not as agile as the jackdaws, despite being clearly very clever and so they restrict their visits to pecking only at the fat-ball feeder which they are able to hang on to. The jackdaws eat anything and everything.

Nothing to do with our garden visitors but I thought I might mention our two summer trips: firstly, in June, to Skomer Island, Pembrokeshire, to see the puffins. Wonderful, with the highest puffin population for years. They are so inquisitive and unafraid I'm convinced they really come back



Puffins!

every year especially to people watch. Then Scotland in September: Glenelg, near to Kyle of Lochalsh. We were fully expecting to see white tailed eagles but like our visit to Mull, three years ago, there were none.....the bird population of Glenelg and Kyle Rhea had gone on holiday. The real rarity though was the old car ferry - Glenelg Pier to Kylerhea, Skye- the world's only remaining manually operated swing-deck ferry. Along with the nightly visit of a badger in the cottage garden at Glenelg we'll put it down as a successful trip after all.

HAGA

HAGA has had a successful year of meetings and speakers and we are looking forward to continuing with a new programme after the December/January break.

I always take this opportunity to let readers know that they are welcome to visit our meetings to see what we are about and think about whether you might wish to join. We remain a successful Group and our membership to date is holding-up well but we always have space for new faces. Please come along whether

you're a member, a guest or a friend; all are welcome.

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

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Stan Jones

Safe Words

Fraudsters are using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to mimic children's voices in a new phone cash scam which targets parents with fake cries for help. Home Office officials said only three seconds of speech from videos on social media are all that is needed to generate a clone of someone's voice.

The fraudsters are often based abroad and they are using AI technology to leave recorded messages or make calls that replicate the voice of a child. It means that a parent may receive a call and hear their child's voice telling them that they urgently need money. The request will go on to ask for the money to be transferred to the account of a third party.

A simple precaution is for parents and children to agree secret 'safe words' to tackle such 'Hi Mum' fraud scams. Use of such safe words or phrases would help parents ensure that they knew it was genuinely their child who was contacting them and not a fraudster.

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<https://stopscamsuk.org.uk/campaign/get-help-now/>



In September, at our stand at the Farmers' Market, we were supported by "Anthony", the Amersham Museum van, helping us raise funds for local charities

thanks to the generosity of the people of the Town.

This was followed by a large number of us supporting the Kop Hill Climb which again was a fabulous weekend, and has now raised more than £1 million for charity over the past 16 years. One of our members, who is the lead organiser of the event, would like to say: "A huge thank-you to everyone who made Kop Hill Climb 2025 such an incredible success!"

On October 24 Rotary World Polio Day 2025 was observed. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years, and so far has contributed over \$10 billion to the effort, and has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide. In June this year Rotary and the Gates Foundation renewed their partnership to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with a commitment of up to \$450 million over three years.

This month we supported the Town Council with road closures on Remembrance Sunday on the morning of the 9th, and again at switch-on of the Town's Christmas Lights on the 29th, when we will also have a Rotary Stand in the High Street. As Christmas approaches we are well into the plans for our annual Christmas Lunch for

those who live alone in the Town, and for our Christmas Collections over 2 weekends just before Christmas Day.

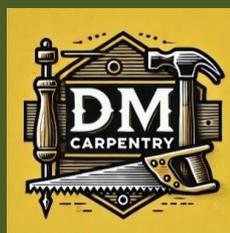
These are just snippets of what is keeping us busy currently. If you feel that you might wish to be involved in such activities, and perhaps "give Back", we are a group of lively, fun-loving men and women focussed on contributing to needs in the local area and wider afield whilst having a good time. If you want to be part of this, visit our website and come to one of our Monday evening meetings at the Whiteleaf Golf Club. Also, if you know of causes that would benefit from our support, or you would like to donate to our Charity, please use the contact details in the headings.

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In the community



It has been a very busy summer and autumn for the ladies committee of SHH Fundraising for 4 local hospices in the Chilterns.

In July they ran a plant, flowers & preserve stall at Speen Fete on one of the hottest days of the year. Fortunately the SHH stand was in the shade. Hildreths in Prestwood donated a large quantity of the plants.

In early September the group organised a very successful "Sip and Sparkle" luxury afternoon tea at Speen Festival 2025. It was very well attended with tea, sandwiches, cakes, fizz and chintzy crockery and a quartet entertaining the visitors on a cello, viola and violins.

On the 1st October the first Ladies Autumn Lunch was held in the Sefton Barn, at The Horse Trust. For many years, apart from during the COVID era there has been a Ladies Spring lunch in May at The Horse Trust. The ladies attending the Spring Lunch were asked if they would be interested in an Autumn one. The answer was a definite yes and 60 tickets were sold (the maximum that the barn can accommodate). The £40 ticket covered a complimentary glass of wine and a three course lunch followed by coffee and chocolates.

On the 11th October the second Comedy Night organised by Eliot Wengler at Lacey Green. There were five comedians - headlined by Michael Akadiri, Kathryn Mather, Phil Alexander, Nick Byard and Caitriona Dowden. Over 125 had a great evening out.

The Annual Bridge Afternoon at North Dean has been running for several years in mid October. This year was a very successful afternoon with bridge players enjoying bridge and afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes.

All profits are divided up at the end of the year between the four hospices SHH raises much needed funds for: Helen & Douglas House for Children – Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care - South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House - Florence Nightingale Hospice.

If you are interested in raising money by taking part in an event or joining our fundraising group at SHH, please contact me at events@shh-shop.org or on 07778 803260. Full details of events are at www.shh-shop.org

The 2025–26 football season is now well underway, and several of our teams are doing extremely well with wins being recorded week after week. For some of our other teams, it could be said that it's taken a little longer to get into the swing of things.



My own son's team is one of those that seems to be coming second a lot this season. Like any other parent, I was naturally starting to worry that this was going to cause frustration and upset, and even put him off football altogether if his team is constantly on the lower side of the final score every week. However, proving that we can learn as much from our children as they can from us, I have been overwhelmed by the attitude that he and his teammates bring to the pitch each week.

They still turn up, bright eyed and bushy tailed, believing that this could be the week their luck changes. And although it has to be said that their heads do drop a little towards the end of a losing match, they keep going, and they keep trying, right to the end.

This strikes me as pure resilience in

action and, as well as filling me with pride, it has reinforced my personal belief in how important football is to young people in this community. When kids come to play football for Hughenden Valley, the coaches aren't just there to teach skills, drills and tactics – they are there to provide support and encouragement, and to provide the help those young people need to navigate the tough times, just as much as they need cheerleaders in the good ones.

They also provide some necessary grounding. Not letting the players blame the ref, the 'wrong position', foul play on the other side, or any other number of things, for a loss. Encouraging a group of young people to 'own' their slip-ups, all without laying any actual blame, is a tremendous skill.

The best football coaches don't just build a team of football players – they build confidence, resilience and trust in the kids they support.

So while I know we often use this space in the Hughenden News to celebrate how well our teams are doing this season, and I don't want to detract from the great successes of the likes of our U12s and U17s, who are having a truly spectacular year so far, in this missive I would just like to highlight the other benefits our kids are getting from football, thanks to our amazing coaches and team managers.

And yes, of course, our team coaches and managers are human too – they

might have an off day, and they can get frustrated. When we constantly tell our players to #RespectTheRef, and then the Managers appear to forget themselves, we are reminded that even they are human!

But these are the people sacrificing multiple hours of their own spare time every week to give our children the chance to play football. They don't get paid for any of this, and it must often feel like a thankless task. Frankly, every single one of these guys is a local community hero, committed to turning up every weekend, come rain, shine, hail or snow, coordinating with the refs and the opposing teams, and often expected to deal with impassioned situations with tact and diplomacy.... all in their 'spare time'...

I certainly believe that it is thanks to my own son's team coaches, and their constant demonstrations of patience, kindness, respect and resilience, that his football team has its 'keep going'

attitude.

One of the saddest things I have had to do since becoming Secretary of HVFC was folding two of our teams this year. We didn't have enough players to keep them going. I have since discovered that this decline is not exclusive to us – there is a general decline in grass roots football across the country. We still have nearly 200 young people playing football for HVFC, from across the Hughenden Parish, but this is about 20% fewer than we had several years ago.

Some people blame COVID for this decline, others the continual rise of on-line gaming and our generally more isolated lifestyles. Still more cite a lack of funding as one of the most pressing issues, and increasing red tape for volunteers, which makes it more and more challenging to pin down those local community heroes willing to take on an age group every year. (By the way, our U6s are currently 'playing up'



“Kids playing football do an awful lot more than just playing football. The benefits in fitness, personal development and general fortitude are innumerable... If you have a child aged 5 to 18 who is interested in playing football, get in touch with us or another local football team, and give them a chance to be part of this.”



with our U7s because we can't find a dedicated U6 manager... if any U6 parents are willing to step up, we'd love to hear from you!)

Whatever the reason, I sincerely hope that the decline can be halted, if not reversed. In case you missed my labouring of the point above, kids playing football do an awful lot more than just playing football. The benefits in fitness, personal development and general fortitude are innumerable.

If you have a child aged 5 to 18 who is interested in playing football, get in touch with us or another local football team, and give them a chance to be part of this.

They might win. They might not.

But they will most definitely benefit from being part of football.



HUGHENDEN VALLEY FOOTBALL U15 – A JOURNEY THROUGH THE YEARS

As Hughenden Valley Football Club proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2024, another important milestone has followed

close behind. In 2025, the club's current U15 squad marked 10 years together as a group - a remarkable journey that began back in the 2015/16 season when a lively bunch of youngsters first laced up their boots as the Under 6s.

Their earliest sessions took place at Hughenden Valley Primary School, where the focus was simple: fun, friendship, and a love of football. Over the years, their training grounds have shifted across the local area — from Kingshill School, Magnolia Park and Lacey Green to the King George V lower and main fields — each one holding its own stories of muddy games, early mornings, and shared laughs.

The team was originally guided by coaches Andrew Booth and Rob White, who laid the foundation for what would become one of the club's most enduring and tight-knit groups. It's been especially fitting to see Andrew Booth return to the coaching team this season, helping to guide the same players he first coached as six-year-olds, now confident young footballers at U15 level.

A name synonymous with this group is Michael Rose — one of only three people to have been involved with the team from the very beginning. His dedication, encouragement, and steady leadership have been invaluable. In recognition of his efforts, Michael was deservedly voted Manager of the Year for the 2020/21 season — a proud moment for him and the whole section.

That same year, a newcomer to the group, Mario Antoine, made a lasting impact and was awarded the prestigious Terrance Bellamy Club Award for outstanding contribution. His creative additions — the introduction of an annual end-of-season Yearbook and the organisation of an internal club competition — quickly became cherished traditions that continue to this day, capturing the memories and spirit of each season.

As the team has grown, so too has its structure. Since the 2023/24 season, the U15 section has expanded to include two teams — Valley and Hawks — now competing in Divisions Three and Eight respectively. This development has given more young players the chance to experience

regular football, develop their skills, and represent the club in competitive league matches.

Two players, Casper Rose and Kellen Nottage Fyffe, deserve special mention as they, along with Michael Rose, have been part of the team since that very first kick of the ball ten years ago. Their continued presence reflects the heart and continuity that Hughenden Valley FC has always valued. Alongside the two already celebrated, we're delighted to add Dylan Booth, who began his journey with the club a decade ago. Although he's always played a year group below, Dylan has now joined the U15's, making him the third player to reach the ten-year milestone — a fantastic achievement and a testament to his commitment and love for the game.

As the U15s celebrate their tenth year together, they do so not just as a football team, but as a true example of what community sport is all about — friendship, perseverance, and pride in wearing the Black and White of Hughenden Valley. With a strong spirit and dedicated coaches behind them, the future looks bright for this special group of players.



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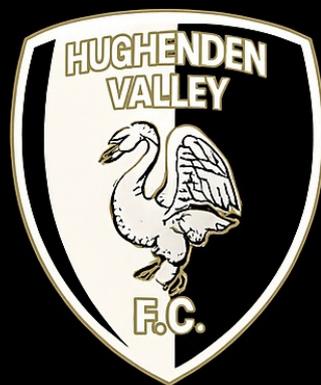


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We hope you all had a great summer; maybe you saw our arts and crafts display in the North Hall at Hughenden Church Flower Festival on the August Bank Holiday weekend? This included paintings, embroidery, photography, quilts, a floral display and our paper flower collage. In addition, we provided the Holiday in Provence fresh flower display by the pulpit (see pictures).

In September, the Local History Group made a very special private visit to Dorchester Abbey where we enjoyed a guided talk, afternoon tea and an Organ recital performed by the son of one of our members. Do visit the Abbey website to see what you may have missed! This Group is continuing with presentations by members on their experiences of living and working in the area. We shall be again at St Michael and all Angels church in November to hear about its special place in our community. These visits to local churches have been very successful as they are often sources of local history unknown to many of us.

Our interest groups all have busy winter schedules. For example, the Discovering Art Group will be

travelling to Birmingham in December to visit the Art Gallery and Library. See our Facebook page for recent events and activities.

The speaker on 26 November for our Monthly Meeting (2pm at Lacey Green Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month) will be Dr Jane Sellwood. The talk is topical: Water: How we use it and abuse it. Do join us for a free first visit if you want to find out more.

We are delighted to report that a record number of new members joined us in September and more members means that we can start new Groups. The first meeting of our Chess Group took place in September, and we are actively looking at starting other Groups later in the year. Details of all our Groups can be found on our web site
<http://highwycombe.u3asite.uk>

We have over 30 interest Groups 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. You will be welcome to drop in as a visitor for a taster session free of charge.



Paper flower collage and floral display

The importance of keeping an eye on this area is reflected in the Local Plan for Bucks which sets out the future house-building plan for Bucks. There was a consultation period from 17 Sep 2025 to 29 Oct 2025.

Free Home Upgrades to Cut Energy Bills and Stay Warm This Winter

Buckinghamshire residents who live in privately owned homes, including private rental properties, that have low energy performance EPC ratings can apply for free energy-saving upgrades that will help them cut energy bills and stay warm this winter.

Household Recycling Centres switch to winter opening hours from 1 October

From Wednesday 1 October, all 10 of Buckinghamshire's Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) will move to

winter opening hours of 9am to 4pm daily.

Have your say on how future development in Buckinghamshire should be determined

Buckinghamshire residents, businesses and interested groups are being asked for their views on the council's approach to future development in the county, in light of a significant increase in the number of new homes central government says must be built here.

The council has launched a consultation today (Wednesday 17 September) on its draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire. This is something that all councils are expected to have in place; the Local Plan sets out the strategy for meeting Buckinghamshire's future housing and employment requirement through to the year 2045.

Bucks Council Bereavement Services

Join Buckinghamshire Council Bereavement Services for their annual Christmas remembrance events at Bierton Crematorium on Sunday 7 December and Chilterns Crematorium on Sunday 14 December, both from 2–4pm.

Enjoy carols, readings, festive crafts, and refreshments in a warm,

welcoming setting for reflection and remembrance.

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Chilternscrem.csb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk OR
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A report of recent issues fixed or closed in the Hughenden Valley area on Fix My Street.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

Report Name	Type	Reported
VW Golf	Abandoned Vehicle	2 Nov 2025
11/12 South Maundin	Tree Issue (Other)	31 Oct 2025
Coombe Gardens, between junction with Coombe Hill and Number 2	Pothole	30 Oct 2025
Kingshill Road, High Wycombe, HP15 6LH	Pothole	30 Oct 2025
In the road on the left hand side turning in from Valley Road/Friars Gardens	Manhole Cover Broken/Missing	28 Oct 2025
On Four Ashes Road, near the gate to the woods of uplands house	Dead Animal (on the Road)	27 Oct 2025
Blocked	Blocked Drain	21 Oct 2025
Drain blockage	Blocked Drain	21 Oct 2025
Cryers Road near to Great Kingshill	Parking	10 Oct 2025
Adjacent to Holly Cottage	Blocked Drain	10 Oct 2025
Opposite Lisleys field	Unauthorised Signs	5 Oct 2025
Tree blocking half of road	Tree Issue (other)	4 Oct 2025
North Road	Overhanging branch/tree	4 Oct 2025
Outside Kingshill House	Pothole	1 Oct 2025



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From the Newsletter of the Hughenden Residents association, Spring 1996

Looking to the future our community has many exciting events in preparation and I am sure that with everyone's enthusiastic support these will be as successful as in previous years. Our community supports a wide range of activities that anyone can be involved in and one of those is the Residents Association, so it is now time for my plea for additional road reps. Being a road rep is not a terribly onerous task and does allow you to get to know people within the village and what their concerns are. It also gives you the opportunity to address those concerns and improve the quality of life for all of us.

Alan Wright, Deputy Chairman

Some of you reading this may be unaware that not too long ago the Hall had no gas central heating nor double glazing and was heated by inefficient night storage heaters. The facilities have been improved so much over the last few years that we now take them all for granted. It might be worth reflecting on some of those changes. In addition to the heating and glazing, we have completely replaced the seating and tables, extended and resurfaced the car park and refurbished the kitchen to comply with Health & Safety requirements. The children's playground was enlarged and re-equipped and in 1994 we built an extension to provide a pleasing entrance hall and toilets for the disabled. In addition a loop system was installed to assist the hard of hearing.

Ed Cheshire, Chairman, Village Hall Committee



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November

National Trust Events

Ink, pens and paintbrushes; writing history at Hughenden

Hughenden

Free Event (Admission applies)

8th Nov to 24th Nov 11:00 - 15:30

Free guided walk of Hughenden Parkland & Chalk Stream Walk

Hughenden

Free Event (Admission applies)

26th Nov 11:00-13:00

North Pole Post Trail

Hughenden

Free Event (Admission applies)

29th Nov to 4th Jan 10:00 - 15:30

Christmas Lino Printing

Hughenden, £35

29th Nov to 30th Nov 13:00 - 15:30

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Hughenden, £50

22nd, 23rd Nov, 1st, 5th Dec

10:00-13:30

December

National Trust Events

Live Christmas Music: The Blue Bird Belles

Hughenden

Free Event (Admission applies)

14th Dec 11:00-15:00

Live Christmas Music: Lissie Allsopp

Hughenden

Free Event (Admission applies)

21st, 28th Dec 11:00-14:00

Christmas Wooden Train: Craft Workshop

Hughenden, £3

22nd, 23rd Dec 10:30-11:30

Christmas Post Box: Craft Workshop

Hughenden, £6

22nd, 23rd Dec 11:45-12:45

Valley Player Present

Pantomime 2025

Hughenden Village Hall

4th, 5th Dec 19:30; 6th Dec 14:30, 18:30

Adult £14, Child (5-16) £9

<https://www.valleyplayershughenden.co.uk/>

January

National Trust Events

Northern Lights Paint and Poke Day

Hughenden, £75

24th Jan 10:00-16:00

HVRA AGM

2026 HVRA AGM will be in May 2026

Village Hall Regular Users

Some bodies may meet every 2 weeks or just once a month (e.g. HVRA), or vary their bookings to reflect their seasonal activities (e.g. Valley Players).

For a full up to date list of ALL hall bookings please refer to the Village Hall Website to view their online calendar:

www.hughendenvillagehall.co.uk/booking-page/

Mondays

09:15am - 11:30am

05:00pm - 07:15pm

07:30pm - 10:00pm

Tuesdays

09:15am - 10:45am

01:30pm - 03:30pm

06:45pm - 09:00pm

Wednesdays

09:45am - 12:00pm

03:45pm - 05:15pm

06:00pm - 07:00pm

Thursdays

10:00am - 12:00pm

02:15pm - 04:15pm

06:45pm - 08:30pm

Saturdays

08:45am - 10:15am

Spectrum Pilates, Emily Harwood, emily@spectrumpilates.co.uk, 07803 123092

Dance Legacy

Valley Players, Andrew Pitman, Ajpitman123@gmail.com, 0797 1840877

Yoga

Badminton, Diana Dove, KerryThompson.cv@googlemail.com

Spectrum Pilates,

Pilates with Pamela, Pamela Wilson, pamela@pilateswithpamela.co.uk, +447759831706

TSOD Dance Classes, Kerry - Ann Williams, kerrywilliams7@yahoo.co.uk, 07917564181

Pilates class

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Editorial

Volunteers

Special thanks to Elaine for not just organising the Family Picnic and the Afternoon Tea events, but also reporting back for this edition.

If you want to put something back into the community then working within HVRA is a great way to start. You don't have to attend our monthly meetings - but you'd be very welcome! We run the Potter quiz, the Tea for Senior Citizens and the summer Family Picnic. But we need more people to help us do so!

HVRA Information

As ever, please note that all HVRA meeting minutes and financial records are available on our web site <https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/>

You may have spotted a new logo for the HVRA appearing in the magazine, many thanks to Emily Harwood for the wonderful design.

As the year draws to a close, the editorial team wishes all readers a wonderful and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to returning for the next edition in Spring 2026.

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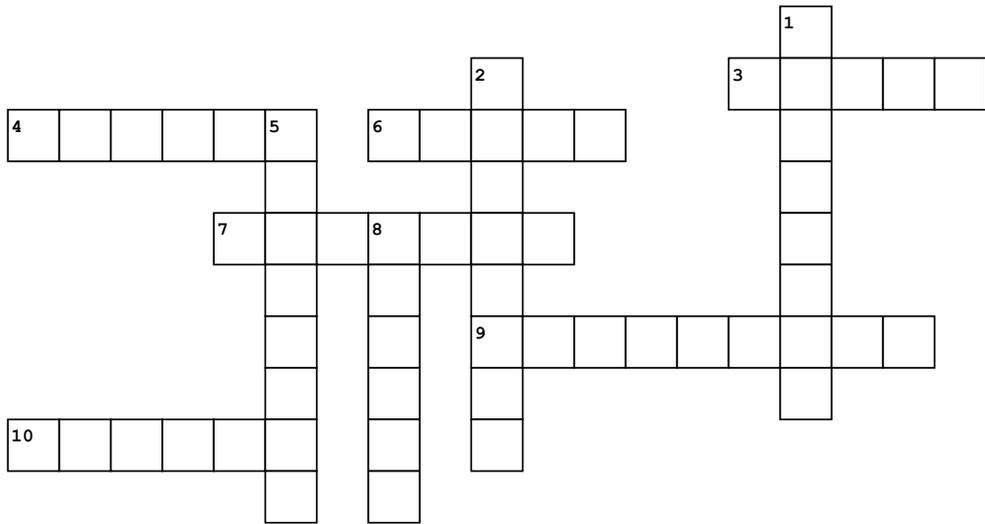
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Across

- 3. A large, often edible fruit
- 4. Recent visitors to Hughenden's fields
- 6. Throughout the Eras are rarely touching the ground
- 7. A strong, cold wind that blows in from the Rhone across southern France
- 9. Rich molasses flavoured sugar
- 10. Bold and without shame

Down

- 1. A walking path or road that is much lower than the land on either side of it
- 2. A warm sweet spice made from the bark of a tree
- 5. A moment of sudden and great realisation
- 8. The character of quality of a musical sound

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Last Friday each month (not Dec or Jan).	HAGA, Large Hall, dates and topics can be found at https://hughendenresidents.org/calendar/
Annual Events	
29th Nov 2025	Village Hall - Christmas Fete
May 2026	HVRA AGM
Other Dates	
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