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Chairman's Letter

Magazine Funds: many thanks to those who made a contribution to the magazine's funds last month. We had a healthy response and it has set us up nicely for the year ahead. If you would still like to make a donation then it will be gratefully received and we will be able to add more colour pages*.

Positions Vacant: we are looking for a keen photographer to help with the occasional assignment or who has local pictures of note that we can include in the magazine.

Articles: We have great articles, often from unexpected contributors. If you have a story, confession, or photograph worth sharing, send it to Paul our editor. We can publish articles anonymously if the author wishes.

This issue: I am particularly grateful to Louise Hartley (Campaign For Rural England) who has submitted an excellent piece on the recent planning implications for our corner of Buckinghamshire. And how to take up an active involvement in shaping its future.

** The committee would appreciate any contribution, ideally minimum £8 per household.*

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Front cover: - the village as it once was - extract from a map of 1888

A note from the Editor

Richard Jennings, our Chairman, has kindly prepared material for this issue which attempts to show in as much detail as is currently available the various plans and possible developments that may affect Ellesborough and its surrounding area in future years. These are included in the centre of the magazine. In addition Matthew McGrail has contributed an article which outlines the relevance in planning terms of the Village Design Statement. He is now proposing to assemble a working group to bring this document up to date. As he explains, this is an important document in relation to developments planned within the village and it is important that it is kept up to date. If you are interested and feel that you can contribute to this process would you please contact the Parish Clerk by email clerk@ellesborough.org.uk

The magazine committee are grateful for the donations received from readers to help cover the cost of production of the magazine, and for the kind comments received from readers who find the magazine interesting and useful. We have included some of the comments which we have received in a panel later in the magazine. We always appreciate feedback, whether it be positive or negative, and any suggestions that you may have for extending or improving the coverage of the magazine.

As we are intending to include colour pages in all future issues I am always pleased to received good quality colour photographs either in illustration of articles that are submitted or relevant to the village, its activities and the seasons of the year.

With all good wishes,

Paul Couling

Editor

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Ellesborough Coffee Mornings are normally held on the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Maureen Audsley Room of the village hall at Butlers Cross. Everyone is welcome so please come along.

The Tea and Chat ladies meet on the second Wednesday each month 2pm-4pm in Ellesborough Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Flag Days

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Official Celebration of H.M. The Queen's Birthday	17 th June

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Between the end of May and mid September I'll be home from university and available for babysitting. So if you fancy an evening out but need someone to look after your children, give me a call: Emma 07860 850731.

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Deadlines: 10th February for March; 10th May for June; 26th July for September; 10th November for December.

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MOONRAKERS AT ELLESBOROUGH

We are delighted to have this talented group of musicians back for another summer's evening of amazing music and entertainment this year. They were last here in 2015 at a sell-out performance at Ellesborough Church.

They are a professional music group based in Oxford. They specialise in Celtic traditional and contemporary music Celtic harp, fiddle, and female/male vocals. You can hear and see them on www.moonrakers.net.

Make a diary date: Friday 9 June. Ellesborough Parish Church.
A limited number of tickets are still available at £10.00.

Please contact Tony Young for tickets
Email: young.ellesborough@gmail.com Tel 01296 622306.

Ellesborough Village Diary

Bell ringing practice every Wednesday evening 8.00 pm at Ellesborough Church

Ellesborough Silver Band every Friday at 8.00 pm in Ellesborough Village Hall

The Ark Coffee Stop every Thursday 10 am - 12 noon at The Ark

June

1	Thursday	Wendover Library Reading Group	19:00	Reading Room
6	Tuesday	K & E Horticultural Society	20:00	Stewart Hall
7	Wednesday	Kimble & Ellesborough WI	14:00	Stewart Hall
14	Wednesday	Tea & Chat	14:00	Village Hall
16	Friday	Village Coffee Morning	10:00	Village Hall
23	Friday	Mobile Library	12:15 - 12:30	Elm Close

July

2	Sunday	K & E Horticultural Society - Summer Show	14.00 - 16.30	Stewart Hall
5	Wednesday	Kimble & Ellesborough WI	14:00	Stewart Hall
6	Thursday	Wendover Library Reading Group	19:00	Reading Room
8	Saturday	Annual Parish Party	12.00 onwards	Village Hall
12	Wednesday	Tea & Chat	14:00	Village Hall
18	Tuesday	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Village Hall
21	Friday	Village Coffee Morning	10:00	Village Hall
21	Friday	Mobile Library	12:15 - 12:30	Elm Close

August

2	Wednesday	Kimble & Ellesborough WI - Coffee Morning	10.30	Homelands
3	Thursday	Wendover Library Reading Group	19:00	Reading Room
5	Saturday	Cream Teas at Brook Farm	14.30-16.30	Marsh Road
9	Wednesday	Tea & Chat	14:00	Village Hall
18	Friday	Village Coffee Morning	10:00	Village Hall
18	Friday	Mobile Library	12:15 - 12:30	Elm Close

September

3	Sunday	K & E Horticultural Society - Autumn Show	14.00 - 16.30	Stewart Hall
5	Tuesday	K & E Horticultural Society	20:00	Stewart Hall
6	Wednesday	Kimble & Ellesborough WI	14:00	Stewart Hall
7	Thursday	Wendover Library Reading Group	19:00	Reading Room
7	Thursday	Parish Hall Management Committee - Chequers: a personal view	19.30	Village Hall

MEMORIES OF ROGER WHALLEY

Roger who passed away on 20th March was well known and much loved by his family and wide circle of friends both in the village and further afield as shown by the numbers who attended his funeral at Ellesborough Church on 10th April.

These are extracts from some of the tributes paid to Roger by his family and friends during the service.

By his brother Peter:

"Roger was born in 1944, towards the latter end of the war, in Widnes Lancashire, now in Cheshire, but we both still regarded ourselves as Lancastrians. Dad was a Policeman in the Lancashire Constabulary and as such was in a reserved occupation.

My first memory of Roger was this little blonde boy charging about on his trike round the bomb shelter at the back of our terraced house.

We later on moved up the housing ladder to a semi-detached police house opposite the Widnes Rugby League ground and my cousin Don and I used to spend our Saturday afternoons in the ground. Roger however was too young to come with us.

Dad was then promoted to Sergeant at Colne in North West Lancashire where winter started in August and finished in late May! In 1950 the family were again uprooted and moved to Lancaster Road at Hindley once more in a police house. We lived here until 1955 when my dad retired from the Police force and then we moved to nearby Hindley Green.

His next step in life was going to university in London and Liz and I transported him with all his belongings to take up residence there. We sometimes visited him in London at the weekends and on one occasion took Liz's friend from Lee Common who was called Glenise and thus started a whole new chapter in Roger's life.

By his children Alexandra and Thomas:

My sister and I were very lucky to have a Dad like ours.

Dad was a bit old fashioned, and he was not one to wear his heart on his sleeve, but he loved us hugely. Growing up, as long as we worked for it, he helped us however he could. Later on, he was brilliant at welcoming James and Ella into the family. More recently, he surprised us all with his soft nature around his grandchildren.

Dad didn't suffer fools gladly, particularly if he came across someone driving badly, but he was still extremely well liked and he had a massive group of very good friends who he kept in contact with until the end. The number of people here today and who visited him during his last few months bear testament to that. Many of his friends can be

grouped... most recently were the RIBS, the Tuesday Club, the Art Group, the Asket Wine Society, the Unemployables and the WiGs. The group that lasted throughout my life and were so dear to his heart were the Dominos boys. Over the past 40 odd years Dad would rarely miss a Friday night in the Bull. As a child, I used to ask Dad on a Friday evening if he was going to the pub, he would always respond by asking, "is it Friday?" I will always remember, Saturday mornings, seeing his winnings which he would leave by the back door and comprised of piles and piles of 1 and 2p coins. I don't think Dad would ever say this out loud but it was clear that he loved his mates.

Personally, the moments I'm going to miss the most are the evenings when Dad and I would nip out to the pub before dinner on family holidays, our time together whilst out in the Porsche and Sunday afternoons watching the Grand Prix with him.

Most of all, I'm going to miss Dad as my guide and mentor in life. He would always be my first port of call if ever I needed help. More often than not, Dad didn't know the answer to whatever problem I had. But that didn't matter as he would always spend time to discuss my worries and together we'd always work out the best route to take. Talking things through with Dad would always give me the confidence to go out and see it through. I sincerely hope I can do the same for my own children.

By his friend Liam Moore:

Most Friday nights for the last 30 years it was my privilege to sit next to Roger. We started off as a group of young working men, family men. We found solace and sanctuary from life's tribulations in a pint of beer and a pack of dominoes. As the years passed by we became a band of brothers. We started marking our birthdays, organising clay pigeon shooting, meals together, even sometimes took our wives. We've been to our children's weddings. This is our first funeral.

Sometimes after a particularly good night at The Bull I would be moved to record the night's happenings in verse. After Roger's death Glenise phoned my wife to ask if I would write a poem to mark Rogers passing. My wife said I would; make it happy and light asked Glenise, My wife said I could. After all it's easy at this difficult time to put some words together and hope that they might rhyme. To understand this poem fully you need to visualise a crowded bar room in down town Stoke Mandeville. At a table in the corner sat five men heavily engaged in their activity.

Mick and Roger being founder members had pole positions opposite each other, on window seats. I sat on Roger's left, Mark sat opposite me. Richard, he was last man in so he was of no fixed abode, kind of a floater filling in for absentees. I know what you're thinking, Richard's got a seat now.

A Poem for Roger

At Butlers Cross we mourn the loss
No reason to be jolly
It is the end, we've lost a friend
It's goodbye Roger Whalley

We join today to kneel and pray
To make his soul look cleaner
Lest in his life when faced with strife
He fell to misdemeanor

I've been asked if I might shed some light
Of his happy times here on this earth
When a night at The Bull was guaranteed full
of merriment and mirth

For pennies we played as the dommies were laid
With a thud on the wood of the table
With the aid of a beer our worries we'd clear
We were young, so fit, so able

Then that Friday night you end our delight
Your news put an end to our humour
Lads, you I must tell, I'm really not well
My life is at end with a tumour

One last meal together one last Chequers shoot
One last visit to your room
Roger its Mick and Liam
Mick and Liam, you remember
Your mumbled brain
Contortion confusion
The creeping resignation
We knew your time had come
You fell to sleep Roger, moved to the next room,
passed to the other side
What's that Roger, just tell them that you've died

Are you in heaven Roger, now you have left your mates
Have you seen His splendour passed through the pearly gates
Tell me Roger, does St Peter run a pub
Is the garden there called Eden is paradise a club
Are the barmaids there all angels ethereal with zest
Do they pour the ale from pitchers, Is there one you like the best
If there is a Bull in heaven I know that you'll be fine
What a dream to have a landlord who turns water into wine

Do they have a set of dommies, loud music and the craic
If you get a pint that's cloudy, do you still send it back
Is there a table in the corner where you sit all alone
Beyond us earthly mortals beyond our mobile phones
We have so many questions indeed I feel perplexed
Do you know which dommie player is heading your way next
Dear Rog until it's my turn I'll play the best I can
On Friday nights at dommies, I've lost my right hand man.

ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Peter Jones, Secretary to the Trustees of the Chequers Estate, will present his personal view of Chequers accompanied by his own photographs.

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Thursday 7th September 2017

at Ellesborough Parish Hall

7.30 pm prompt

Tickets £10.00

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Ellesborough Curry & Quiz, 29th April 2017

Who knew we had such a competitive village! As I looked round the packed hall of 62 merry quizzers at the beginning of the evening, little did I know what keen minds we have in our parish!

When I was asked to be quiz master by the PCC a few months ago, it seemed pretty straight forward (I have to do a lot of speaking to large groups of people in my job anyway), and I was working with the joint forces of nature that are Liz Norris and Elizabeth Hine – so what could be easier?

However, as I started compiling the questions and rounds the doubt set in: pitch the questions too hard - and people switch off, make them too easy - and everyone wins! Finally we decided on a broad selection of rounds – Geography, Food & Drink, Sport, Transport, Literature, TV, Pot-luck and Local Knowledge, as well as the obligatory picture round (Capital Cities) and Anagrams (British Birds)

My fears proved groundless however, with all teams doing very well – but still with enough points to separate all the teams, but only just! Everyone seemed to have a fantastic evening, enjoying the quiz, and especially the delicious curries and sides provided by Kumar and Debra Panniker.

A huge thank you to all who supported this event in aid of Ellesborough Church, we raised over £750 on the evening. And a special thank you to Kumar and Debra for the lovely meal, to Liz and Elizabeth for all the organisation, and to my lovely wife and co-host Lucy.

Philip Oldham

Test Your Local knowledge with Philip's "Ellesborough Round" questions - see page 42

Ellesborough Parish Church Services June to August 2017

Sunday 4 th June	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.45 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 11 th June	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 18 th June	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 25 th June	18.00 p.m.	Patronal Festival - Choral Evensong
Sunday 2 nd July	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.45 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 9 th July	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 16 th July	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 23 rd July	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 30 th July	10.00 a.m.	Five United at <u>Butlers Cross Village Hall</u>
Sunday 6 th August	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.45 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 13 th August	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 20 th August	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 27 th August	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion

Holy Communion (BCP) is held at 8 a.m. at All Saints, Little Kimble on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month, and at 9 a.m. on the 5th Sunday of any month (9 a.m. on 30th April)

Service at the Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore
Sunday 24th September Harvest Festival
followed by Harvest Supper in the village hall

Further information and access

For further information about Ellesborough Parish Church and for access when the Church is closed contacts are:

Tony Young - Churchwarden (01296) 622306

Liz Norris - Churchwarden (01296) 615821

Glenise Whalley (01296) 622159

Richard Hares (01296) 622473

Benefice Administration Centre:

The Ark, 28 Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury HP22 5UT.

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am – 12 noon. Tel. (01296) 615886

Rector: Revd. Jan Henderson (01296 612855)

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Gooseberry and Lemon-Thyme Cake Gooseberries and Elderflower Ice Lollies



Was it a happy accident or nature's clever plan, that while English gooseberries are ripe and ready for picking, the elderflower is in full blossom, and that the flavours of the two together are superlative ? Here are 2 such recipes - both for sharing amongst grown up and children.

1. GOOSEBERRY & LEMON-THYME CAKE

INGREDIENTS

For the cake

- 125g (4½oz) butter
- 125g (4½oz) caster sugar, plus 5 tbsp
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 75g (2¾oz) plain flour, sifted
- 2 tsp lemon-thyme leaves, chopped
- zest of 1 lemon
- 75g (2¾oz) ground almonds (preferably freshly ground)
- ¾ tsp baking-powder
- 350g (12oz) gooseberries, topped and tailed

For the syrup

- 4 tbsp granulated sugar
- juice of 2 large lemons
- 1 tsp lemon-thyme leaves

To serve:

- some thyme flowers, if you can find any
- icing sugar, for dusting
- creme fraiche or whipped cream (optional)

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/gas mark 5.

Grease and base-line a 20cm (8in) spring-form cake tin.

Beat the butter and 125g (4½oz) of the sugar until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs a little at a time, beating well after each addition. If the mixture starts to curdle, add 1 tbsp of the flour.

Put the thyme leaves in a mortar with the lemon zest and pound together to release the fragrance. Add to the batter and briefly mix.

Fold in the rest of the flour, the almonds and the baking-powder using a large metal spoon.

Scrape into the tin. Toss the gooseberries with 5 tbsp caster sugar and spread over the top of the cake. Bake for 30 minutes.

The cake is ready when a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

Leave the cake to cool in the tin a little, then carefully remove and put on a plate.

To make the syrup, quickly heat the sugar, lemon juice and thyme leaves in a saucepan, stirring to help the sugar dissolve.

Pierce the cake all over with a skewer and slowly pour the syrup into it.

Leave to cool completely.

Any thyme flowers you have will look lovely on top of the cake.

You can leave it as it is or dust lightly with icing sugar just before serving.

Serve with crème fraîche or whipped cream if you wish.

2. GOOSEBERRY & ELDERFLOWER ICE LOLLIES

INGREDIENTS

- 200g gooseberries
- 4 tbsp elderflower cordial
- Good quality, readymade custard
- You will need ice lolly moulds

METHOD

Put the gooseberries in a pan with the elderflower cordial

Bash with a wooden spoon to open.

Simmer for five minutes until the fruit is soft.

Purée with a hand blender and then rub it through a sieve.

Taste and add sugar if it needs it. It should be on the sweet side.

Layer alternate spoonfuls of fruit puree with ready-made custard into lolly moulds.

**IF YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE SEASONAL RECIPE
AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT THROUGH THE MAGAZINE -
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Judith Harper 01296 622033 judith.c.harper@gmail.com

Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society



JUNE MEETING

Colour in the Garden

Tuesday 6

Edwin Rye, former BBC Gardener of the Year and known for his beautiful Wendover garden that is open under the Yellow Book scheme, returns to talk to us about 'Colour in the garden' and will be looking at a variety of seasonal plants that give colour and how to combine them for the best effect.

SUMMER SHOW

Sunday 2 July 2 00 – 4 30 pm **SUMMER SHOW** at Stewart Hall

Why not come along and enjoy some beautiful displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables together with delicious home-made cream teas.

AUTUMN SHOW

Sunday 3 September 2 00 – 4 30 pm **AUTUMN SHOW** at Stewart Hall

Come and see some wonderful displays of flowers and vegetables and enjoy our homemade cakes.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

GM crops: Saints and Satan

Tuesday 5

Prof Sandy Primrose, scientist and author, is sure to give us another very informative and interesting discussion regarding the real facts about the safety of GM foods.

Our meetings are held at 8 00 pm in Little Kimble's Stewart Hall. Visitors are always welcome free of charge. If you would like more information, please contact Brian Butler at butler@care4free.net or ask any Committee member at one of the meetings. You can also visit our website for further details.

www.bucksvoice.net/kehs

News & Reports

Kimble & Ellesborough W.I.

Kimble and Ellesborough WI meet at Stewart Hall, Station Road, Kimble, on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm. We love to have visitors and everyone is made very welcome. We have a speaker each month and of course there is always plenty of tea!

Joining the WI is a really good experience and a great way to make new friends, there are wonderful opportunities for everyone within the WI. Our Institute offers a £300 bursary every year so that one lucky member can go to our Denman College in Marcham, near Oxford to study something new, whatever she likes. But you have to be in it to win it! Come along and meet us we are known to be an especially friendly group - and it's free to visit.

March The first day of March was a real treat for members of Kimble and Ellesborough WI. We were taken on a 4 month long round the world cruise on the Queen Mary 2 courtesy of our member Margaret Couling and her husband Paul who came to show us their wonderful holiday photographs. We had a wonderful cruise. It's great being a member of the WI.

April Members of Kimble and Ellesborough WI had a beautiful day for their April meeting. After Jerusalem and the distribution of birthday cards we heard all about the visit to Adam Henson's Rare Breeds' Farm. There was so much to see and do, there had been day old chicks and ducklings to hold, lambs to cuddle, baby piglets to love and in the lambing shed sheep panting and bursting at the seams, waiting for the WI to leave before producing their babies. Everyone enjoyed the outing to the beautiful Cotswolds.

We were given details of our next outing - to Kingsbridge Gardens in May which will include a cream tea. Hurrah!

Our speaker was local girl, Jane Waller, wearing her writer's hat on this occasion and not her artist's hat. She is a lady of many talents and read aloud to us from her latest book *Growing Up in Kimble* - an enchanting story, memories of her childhood which also provoked happy memories for many members and made us all laugh. Some members are living now in the houses where Jane's Grandparents were brought up. We heard about her Grandfather Horris who had a wooden leg riddled with woodworm.

We were asked to listen out for things we no longer see. Elm trees for example, isinglass, the butcher's and the baker's delivery vans. Jane is a very accomplished speaker and we all enjoyed her presentation. There were hot cross buns for tea!

May Mrs. Elspeth Rutland conducted the meeting in the absence of the President, Mrs. Liz Malvisi. During the usual business, we were told when the next coffee morning at The Swan pub will be, the transport arrangements for our visit to Kingsbridge Gardens, and details of an outing to Hatfield House in September. A visit to the Greatmoor Energy From Waste facility has been organised and a chance to explore Sir Joseph Bazalgette's Victorian sewer system. Not to be missed!

We have been given the opportunity to have a Paramedic come to one of our meetings to explain to us how to use the

defibrillator sited outside our meeting hall and other places locally.

It was agreed to start collecting our copper coins again to go to the Scanner Appeal.

Elizabeth Hine appealed to members for oddments of wool and asked them to look in their button tins for any large buttons to decorate the Twiddlemitts that she and Margaret Couling are knitting for dementia patients at Fremantle Court and Stoke Mandeville hospital. A delivery to Fremantle Court was made earlier this week.

We also discussed the resolutions put forward by members from all over the country. Any WI member may put forward a resolution - an idea for a campaign, and these are gradually reduced by members' votes to one or two and if voted for will become a National Federation campaign. Previous resolutions have been to Save our Honey Bees, the famous Keep Britain Tidy campaign, and during the war a campaign for manufacturers to be allowed to use stronger elastic in ladies knickers! It is not often that the NFWI are unable to persuade Government to launch an action plan.

Last year hundreds of WI's across the country participated in our Carers Welcome campaign - joining together to ensure patients in hospital with dementia have access to their family carer and are treated in a dementia friendly environment. This year's resolutions are - Alleviating Loneliness and Protecting our Oceans [from plastic soup]. These final chosen resolutions will be taken to the Annual Meeting to be held this year in Liverpool on June 12th. Our member Anne Adams will be one of over 5,000 members present, she will represent Kimble and Ellesborough WI and vote on our behalf.

Elizabeth Hine told members that permission for a plaque to be sited beside the tree planted in the grounds of the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Ellesborough, to celebrate 100 years of the WI in Great Britain had been obtained with the help of the Church Warden Tony Young and is now in place.



Gardening in Ellesborough

Notes from an occasional diary



Gardening in Ellesborough. Notes from an occasional Diary Gardeners (and no doubt farmers) are even more obsessed by the weather than the British in general. Regular tasks allocated to seasonal changes, are anticipated and if all goes well, all is sweet light and contentment.

But, of course, within each season the weather varies and sometimes locks into prolonged periods of distinctly unhelpful patterns. Right now, in early May, we have experienced several weeks without decent quantities of rain. Not only has it been dry, the wind has varied scarcely at all from a steady cold blast from the north and east. Coupled with that there have been some late frosts. This followed a mild winter and an early spring that at times was balmy with temperatures that compared favourably with parts of the Mediterranean. Everything was growing apace. Scarcely had early bulbs begun to die down than the first buds were beginning to show on roses and fruit trees were in blossom. Everything seemed to be happening at once and now it has almost come to a stop. I heard of one farmer near Abingdon pointing to a stream running through his land saying that the last time he saw it this low at this time of the year was in 1976, a year with an exceptionally hot, dry summer.

Another obsession of many gardeners, and we are no exception, is an optimistic striving for perfection. Common sense and experience warns that this is pretty well unachievable in the open garden but that doesn't stop the striving. So when the weather doesn't behave as we expect and hope it will, emergency measures are sometimes needed. That

accounts for late evenings out in the semi dark covering up the fruit bushes outside and the Head Gardeners' precious seedlings and cuttings in the unheated part of the greenhouse with fleece, secured against the wind by clothes pegs. As it was, we seem to have lost a lot of strawberries which were in blossom and are now blackened by the frost so too were many new shoots on all sorts of plants, shrubs and trees, even of ivy, were frosted.

In times past orchard growers would have lit small fires under their trees in valiant efforts to secure their crops when frost threatened trees in blossom. I saw in the media that some English vine growers have updated the old practice by lighting large candles in containers positioned all along their rows. Had I seen this earlier I might have been tempted to try it. Surely another sign of obsession! On the whole though, it seems that unless there are more severe late frosts, our plums, cherries, quinces and apples mainly seem to have survived.

There are some positives about the current dry and cool spell; it has checked the rapid growth of some plants which had they continued would have been at risk of breaking off in the stiff winds. And slugs and snails that thrive in wet mild conditions are still lying low. We have also been able to get on top of many routine jobs: staking, weeding and, with lots of watering, new planting and a risky effort at moving a large shrub. We had the stump of an old laurel, cut down in the winter, ground out – nowadays the specialist contractors make a very quick, neat job of this, though it gets less of the side roots out than when we used to this with the aid of tractor and chain or once, rather recklessly, with a tow rope attached to a car (it didn't do the rear car fender much good). Anyway the space that was taken up by the laurel, which is facing north and is in dry shade has been cultivated and planted up with shrubs and plants suited to these conditions.

At the moment there is no sign of any significant rain forecast; our ponds are very low and the threat of hose pipe bans are on the horizon. Fortunately when the ground was still saturated before this long dry spell started we had laid a good blanket of compost on most of the borders which has helped to retain moisture and reduced loss by evaporation.

Gardening in Ellesborough (continued)

There is still some to be covered but these will have to wait until after a thorough soaking with rain.

It is good to be able to get out in the garden; there is a lot in flower and much is coming on. Birds are active and in song at dawn and at a dusk, with non-stop activity at the feeders and in the ponds. Though in the present cooler temperatures there seems less evidence of bees and other pollinators, earlier a number of wasp queens were actively seeking nests sites. Equally active, the HG has been very productive in the greenhouse with plants for filling in the borders with more tender plants as the seasons progress, including bringing on plants for the annual Horticultural Society Plant Sale.

It is beginning to look and feel more like summer is not too far away. We have the first group visiting

soon through the Gardens Open for Charity under the National Garden Scheme (NGS). We are also planning to take part in August in a new initiative by the NGS called Garden and Health Week. It is to increase awareness of the health and wellbeing benefits of gardens and gardening. Participating gardens will be hosting groups of people, for example, those living with Parkinson's, MS and from local hospices etc. So following a busy and rewarding spring I doubt it will be a less busy summer; hopefully with time to relax. What better place to be than in a tranquil garden paradise to retain a sense of sanity in the midst of the momentous/manic political and economic upheavals going on around us?
TY May 2017

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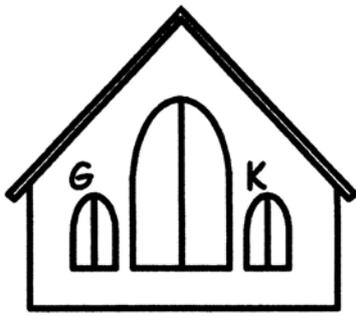
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School News

June 2017

Towards the end of last term, we celebrated Easter with a special service at the church and Fayre after school. Lots of fun was had by all and we were so impressed with the creativity demonstrated by the children in designing their own Easter Bonnets. We had a special parade to show the bonnets off and a local artist had the difficult task of choosing the winners! Thank you to everyone who was involved. The Fayre raised a fantastic £485.70 which can now be used for additional resources to enrich the learning opportunities for our children.

We have recently introduced buddy reading at school. The children are buddied up with a child from another class and during the last 15 minutes of the week, the whole school enjoy reading together and developing relationships with children from other classes. This is working really well and it has been a joy to watch new friendships blossom.

Red Nose Day - Thank you so much to all the children who purchased a red nose from school and to all the families that so generously donated money. We raised £120.80 and during this time the children focused on our Christian value of 'thankfulness' to reflect on how fortunate so many of us are.

We started the Summer Term with two excellent road safety sessions for Year 1 and Year 2, delivered by Bucks Youth Service. The children have learnt about the Green Cross Code and how to keep safe when travelling on roads. The children are now experts on the safety rules in cars, with many informing us they have shared their knowledge and safety rules with family members.

The children are now well underway with their new topics this term. Year 2 have been busy learning about plants and writing non chronological reports on new species they have created. Year 1 have been learning about Roald Dahl and were fortunate enough to go on an educational visit to the Roald Dahl Gallery in Aylesbury. They led an excellent Wednesday Worship at the church and we all enjoyed their performance of The Enormous Crocodile. Reception have been learning about dinosaurs, making dinosaur bones and carrying out digs in our outside area to find fossils. They recently enjoyed a trip to College Lake, ready to start their new topic on growing. The children always enjoy going on school trips as it brings learning alive and links experiences outside of school to their learning in school. We would very much like to thank the Friends of Great Kimble School (FOKS) as they help to subsidise these educational visits so that every child can benefit from these enriching experiences.

Despite being a small school we are very fortunate to be able to offer the children lots of sporting competitions throughout the year. Children from Year 1 and Year 2 represented Great Kimble at a mini tennis competition at Princes Risborough and we were proud of the sportsmanship and skills they displayed. Well done to all the children who enabled our team to come 2nd against 5 other local primary schools. This term Year 1 will also be taking part in the HASSP Dance Festival at Haddenham St Mary's School. We wish them lots of luck with their performance and know they will enjoy performing with children from other local schools.

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Lesley Stevens to our team. She has taken on the role of our new Finance Officer. We are delighted that she brings with her a wealth of financial knowledge and hope she will be very happy at our school.

In contrast, we have the sad news to announce that Miss Wheels will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She has loved her time teaching Year 1 at Great Kimble but now feels ready for a new challenge, taking on the post of Year 1 teacher at Stone Church of England Combined School in September 2017. We wish her all the best for the future.

Summer Term at Great Kimble is now fully underway. On the 24th May the children will be involved in our annual Maypole and Country Dancing event on the school playground followed by a delicious cream tea. Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 5th July at the Kimble cricket ground and on **Saturday 15th July** we have our annual **Summer Fayre**. We know that many families of 'past' pupils support this special day and we do hope you will be able to join us.

Addendum to School Report - Expansion to Key Stage 2

As many of you are aware we started the formal process of consultation about expansion to Year 6 in February 2017. I would like to thank everyone who responded to the consultation as it allowed us and Bucks County Council to obtain the views of all interested parties. The support we received from the local community and parents/carers for the expansion was overwhelming with 93% of those who responded to the consultation saying they were in favour. Bucks County Council are now in the process of appointing an Architect practice to work up a scheme for the expansion of the school. We will let you know when we have any further information to report.

We hope you enjoy the next few months and have a wonderful summer.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 15TH JULY

12-3PM



ANNUAL PARISH PARTY

AT

ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL

ON

SATURDAY 8th JULY

AT MIDDAY

FOOD SERVED FROM 1.00PM

**Ellesborough Silver Band
1.00 pm till 4.00pm**

Children's games

Barbeque by Buckmoorend Farm

Bar serving wine and local ales

Dunsmore News

Heading for a Dunsmore Summer

Spring has been marked by its notable absence, but here in Dunsmore, we're looking forward eagerly to some warm weather – and we wouldn't even mind some rain on our gardens. A few days of teasing sunshine and warmth were just not enough!

The Irish Evening on 18 March was well attended – and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the music, the craic and the wonderful meal. Irish stew with soda bread was followed by Guinness chocolate cake. What more could we ask for? Perhaps some rollicking tunes to get the locals up and jigging? You bet. It was lively and loads of fun. Special thanks to the musicians and cooks for providing us all with such a wonderful experience.

Village Clean-up in April also drew a strong turnout. The lanes were picked clean of trash, the Village Hall swept and cleaned, and some work begun on the pond. Another team of volunteers will meet at the pond to finish the job once the moorhen chicks are mature enough to tolerate the volunteers working there.–So if you'd like to help, get yourself kitted out in wellies with rakes in hand! We need to pull the sediment from the pond bottom, which will cut back on the duck weed and give the small fish and waterfowl visitors a chance to swim happily across it depths. If you haven't already volunteered, please contact Andy Stancombe (andystancombe@sky.com) to offer your assistance.

Due to unexpected commitments, the committee was unable to run the Picnic on the Village Green on May 14th. However, if there is enough demand, the DVHA Committee are planning to reschedule the fun for July. Watch out for an email from the chairman regarding this – and do respond if you would like this event to take place.

A warm welcome to the new occupants at Snowdrop Cottage. Carl and Karis love living in Dunsmore and hope to stay for a bit. The village is delighted to have them and hope to see them soon – perhaps at a cream tea?

After cream tea season has ended, we all look forward to September and the Harvest Festival. Keep an eye on the Church of the Resurrection news in this magazine, the village notice board and your personal letterbox for more details of what's coming up.

Dunsmore News

The Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore

We had a good congregation for our Easter Service, our thanks go to Peter Louis who led the service.

By the time you are reading this article we will have had the first of our cream teas this year. For more delicious homemade cakes and scones come to the remaining two on June 25th and July 16th. Please note that this year we are starting the teas at 2.30pm and finishing at 5.00pm. These teas are a major source of income for us and we would like to thank all those who come and support us and all those who provide the cakes and help on the day.

The next service will be our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 24th September at 6pm, followed by a Harvest Supper in the village hall at 7pm.

The first-ever Dunsmore Scarecrow Competition will be held in conjunction with the Harvest Festival in September. Entry forms and contest rules will be distributed to all Dunsmore homes in early July. Watch your letterbox for all the details!

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Cream Teas



Truly Scrumptious Cream Teas with Homemade
Cakes & Scones! Free refills of tea & coffee
Do come along and join us and enjoy our
friendly Chiltern Village—all welcome

2.30—5.00pm

Sunday, 25th June 2017

Sunday, 16th July 2017

Proceeds go to the maintenance of our lovely village church

Dunsmore - Fond Farewell

I came to live in Dunsmore when my wife died thirty six years ago and I was in my late forties. The reader can do the arithmetic. I could not have imagined how good the decision to put roots down in the village would prove to be.

When I took early retirement numerous years later my retirement cake was iced with a reproduction of the village's White Pond. At the office I must have cracked on about it and about the succession of ducks which I had raised or scrounged over the years. I had resolved to make my first retirement job to be the cleaning of the pond. That took me all of an afternoon and when I stepped out of my welly boots I asked myself the question, "Now what?"

Now what, is far too lengthy to itemise here but a few consequential experiences will convey the gist. I returned a roof-tile cutter to Rod Hamer who invited me to attend the opening of his new art studio just around the corner. Then I started attending his and Val's life classes. At the opening, I had met a woman whom I persuaded to join the Wendover Art Club. (I was the secretary at that time). Later, she persuaded me to take a degree in fine art. This was something I would never have dreamt of undertaking. As part of my "professional practice" for the course I converted my garage into an exhibition space of sorts. What followed was that for the next sixteen years I opened my exhibition to passers-by on sunny summer Sundays. Astonishingly, many of those passers-by came from all around the world and my work is in private collections around the globe. My degree show paintings are now in the Northampton Shoe Museum and Art Gallery alongside other more established old masters. I have exhibited in London galleries and elsewhere.

Not only that. Rod and Val Hamer leant on me to write a history of the village. I am no historian but, after much perspiration and weeping, three hundred bound copies of "Dunsmore, People and Happenings Remembered" came off the presses. Although the smallest quantity to be economical, in a village of only forty dwellings it seemed likely that two hundred or so would languish in a cupboard ever after. In fact, they sold out quickly and funded the first tree surgery around the village chapel.

All this followed from the return of a roof-tile cutter.

My fellow Dunsmorons have all been charming over the years and a select few have become close friends. The social life is vibrant too so you may well ask, "Why the departure?" When one enters later life one reflects on the fact that there is more future behind than ahead. Then something clicks. Often the back or the knees. "Sans teeth, sans eyes" sans driving licence, particularly the latter, makes life with no bus service at the top of a steep hill problematic. Pedal power is no substitute for the horse variety. I had always planned to depart in my box not a removal van. But needs must.

It may be farewell but not goodbye. I expect Dunsmorons to visit me in my new abode. I shall put the kettle on and, who knows, may even rustle up my signature lemon drizzle cake.

Peter Jewell

NATIONAL & LOCAL TRANSPORT AND HOUSING INITIATIVES
SUMMARY as at May 2017

This is an attempt to bring together the strategic and local plans that affect Ellesborough Parish, not necessarily directly but that will impact in terms of housing pressure, traffic, and the character of the environment adjacent to us. It is not the intent to apply any judgment on the schemes, just to take stock of what is happening in our broader neighbourhood.

The table below outlines the different initiatives that are in the public domain, there is no single source of information and to find out more about them best Google the scheme name.

NATIONAL & LOCAL TRANSPORT AND HOUSING INITIATIVES

Scheme	Major Impact	Reference
AVDC Local Plan	+ 26.000 New Houses	CPRE Article
Aylesbury Link Road	Links A41 (Tring Bypass) to A4010 (Risborough Road). Extra through traffic at Terrick Roundabout	HS2 / AVDC Planning Applications
High Wycombe Local Plan	+ 11,000 New Houses	CPRE Article
East West Rail Link	1 train / hour Milton Keynes - Princes Risborough via Great Kimble Marsh Lane Level Crossing Closure	EastWestRail: 2016 News Update Services Map
RAF Halton Closure	Additional houses not covered in AVDC Plan	
Oxford / Cambridge Expressway	Major trunk road North of Aylesbury	Oxford To Cambridge Expressway Listed Options
HS2 Construction Phase	Tunnel construction camps at Small Dean. Ellesborough Road diverted in Wendover. Nash Lee Overbridge Marsh Lane Level Crossing Major Works	HS2 Map 1 HS2 Map 2 HS2 Map 3

In summary, we are moving from an era of relative rural isolation midway between M1 & M40 with a train link to London, to a critical geographical point where the Greenbelt and AONB ends and the next generation of South East expansion begins.

Richard Jennings

The charts and plans referred to under the heading Reference, above, are included on the following pages

LOCAL PLANNING AND HOW TO HAVE INFLUENCE

Louise Hartley, Buckinghamshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Good land-use planning is the unsung hero of environmental protection. Effective planning helps us to develop appropriately and preserve the character of our villages, towns and landscapes. It is also more important now than ever before. A continual drive for economic growth by the Government and population pressures have resulted in an unprecedented level of threat to the Bucks countryside, and indeed across the South East.

Despite the importance of our planning system, local communities often have very little input and find it hard to engage in the complex process. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) campaigns to ensure planning decisions are truly locally-led and ensure our green spaces are protected from inappropriate development. This article outlines the key components of local planning and highlights how local people can have the most impact.

Local plans and housing targets

District councils across Buckinghamshire are busily preparing their latest Local Development Plans. These are the legal bedrock of all *local planning* decisions and will guide where houses and employment sites are built over the next 20 years. The finalised plans will therefore have a major impact on many landscapes and communities in Bucks.

Current proposals estimate that 11,200 houses should be built in Wycombe District (WDC) and 26,800 houses should be built in Aylesbury Vale (AVDC), in order to meet local need over the plan period.

It is clear that we need to build more to solve the housing crisis and CPRE Buckinghamshire strongly supports the development of Local Plans which meet the needs of local people. However we have significant concerns about the level of inappropriate development being proposed on greenfield sites.

The problem largely lies in the methodology used to calculate housing targets, or 'Objectively Assessed Need' (OAN) as it is known. The current OAN formula uses past trends of population growth and economic ambitions to calculate the figures. This inflexible approach does not take proper account of the capacity of an area to accommodate the numbers. WDC and AVDC have significant areas of precious countryside, particularly the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), but housing targets have not taken sufficient account of these constraints on the land.

As a result, the draft Local Plans are proposing development on huge areas of greenfield land, including the release of 400 hectares of Green Belt in and around the Chilterns. In nearby Wendover, AVDC is proposing 800 new dwellings on land that is currently Green Belt. CPRE research has also shown that OAN figures are not being balanced with sensible planning for infrastructure (<http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/housing-and-planning/housing/item/4158-set-up-to-fail-why-housing-targets-based-on-flawed-numbers-threaten-our-countryside>).

	Need 2013-33	Unmet Need	Local Plan Level of Housing?
Aylesbury Vale	19,300	n/a	26,800
Chiltern and South Bucks	12,700 (2014-33)	5,800?	6,900
Wycombe	12,900	1,700	11,200
Bucks	44,900	7,500?	44,900

WDC, latest draft housing numbers, March 2017

<https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/uploads/public/documents/Planning/New-local-plan/New-local-plan-stakeholder-briefing-15-March-2017.pdf>

LOCAL PLANNING AND HOW TO HAVE INFLUENCE (continued)

To exacerbate the situation, if a district council is unable to meet its five year housing supply target, the shortfall is filled by speculative (rather than plan-led) development. In the absence of an up to date Local Plan, developers are able to pick the most profitable sites, which are usually greenfield ones leading to an even greater loss of countryside.

Whilst this is highly concerning, there are signs that Government is listening and ministers recently pledged to create a new method for calculating housing need, although this is likely to be delayed due to the General Election. CPRE Bucks will be campaigning for a new methodology that better reflects local need, particularly the need for affordable housing, and ensures valued countryside is truly protected. Changes to how housing need should be calculated will be an absolutely crucial factor in the levels of threat the countryside will face. The best way for local people to engage in the Local Plan process is to respond to formal public consultations. Both AVDC and WDC ran consultations on their draft Local Plans in 2016, however it is not too late to have influence. It is anticipated that both councils will have a final consultation on their submission plan later this year. CPRE Bucks will be submitting responses and we also have a website full of advice and resources to help local people engage in this process: <https://planninghelp.cpre.org.uk/>

Neighbourhood planning

Developing a neighbourhood plan is another powerful way communities can influence planning policy. Many people we have spoken to about local planning matters have said they feel powerless and ignored in planning decisions. An approved neighbourhood plan carries statutory weight and becomes part of a Local Plan, making it an effective way to help shape where you live and ensure your voice is heard.

Neighbourhood plans can only be prepared by the relevant town or parish council or, where neither of these exists, a 'neighbourhood forum' designated by the local planning authority. Feedback from communities who have a neighbourhood plan in place have said it has been well worth the effort. Reinvigorating community pride, getting the right developments in the right places and enabling improved relationships with planning authorities.

CPRE has a guidebook on how to go about preparing a neighbourhood plan: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/housing-and-planning/planning/item/2689-how-to-shape-where-you-live-a-guide-to-neighbourhood-planning>

Major infrastructure projects

It is difficult to talk about threats to the Bucks countryside and not mention High Speed 2. CPRE has long been involved in campaigning to secure improvements to the proposals to reduce its impact on the countryside and local people. Whilst some improvements have been made, the chosen route will still have a major impact on wildlife sites, protected landscapes, rights of way and many local communities, including locally around Wendover. But there is still influence to be had and we are exploring how we can best engage with the HS2 design panel. The General Election could also pose an opportunity for the Government to move away from blindly supporting HS2.

Another major infrastructure project that threatens rural Buckinghamshire is the proposed Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge expressway that will cut through the Aylesbury Vale countryside. CPRE Bucks has serious concerns about the proposals which give no consideration to environmental constraints and propose up to 1 million homes to be built along the route. There has also been a serious lack of engagement with local communities and environmental groups about these plans to date. CPRE is in the process of responding to the National Infrastructure Commission strategic plan consultation and will be keeping a close eye on how the proposals progress.

Housing White Paper

In February 2017, the Government published its long awaited Housing White Paper (HWP) and the public consultation closed on 2 May. CPRE welcomed recognition by the Government that there are many opportunities to meet housing need without building on precious green spaces and there is a need for more affordable houses.

LOCAL PLANNING AND HOW TO HAVE INFLUENCE (continued)

CPRE was also pleased to see plans set out to support more brownfield development and new rules requiring councils to have up-to-date registers listing all available brownfield sites.

The paper includes a commitment to maintain strong protections for Green Belt, however this is clearly not being translated on the ground with proposals to release large swathes of the Green Belt in Bucks. The HWP does not provide adequate tightening of measures to protect our most precious landscapes which is very concerning as our countryside continues to be eroded.

District councils are analysing the proposals outlined in the HWP which may slow down progress on finalising Local Plans. The impact of the General Election and a possible Bucks Unitary Authority is also unknown. CPRE's HWP consultation response can be read at the link below and we will be continuing to campaign on the issues highlighted in the response: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/housing-and-planning/item/4590-cpre-response-to-housing-white-paper-consultation>

In the lead up to the General Election, CPRE has produced a Manifesto calling on all parties to recognise the countryside's huge contribution to the economy and people's well being, and to develop policies that will protect and enhance rural areas.

We urge you to write to your local candidates asking them to sign up to our Manifesto: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/component/k2/item/4582-cpre-manifesto-for-general-election-2017>

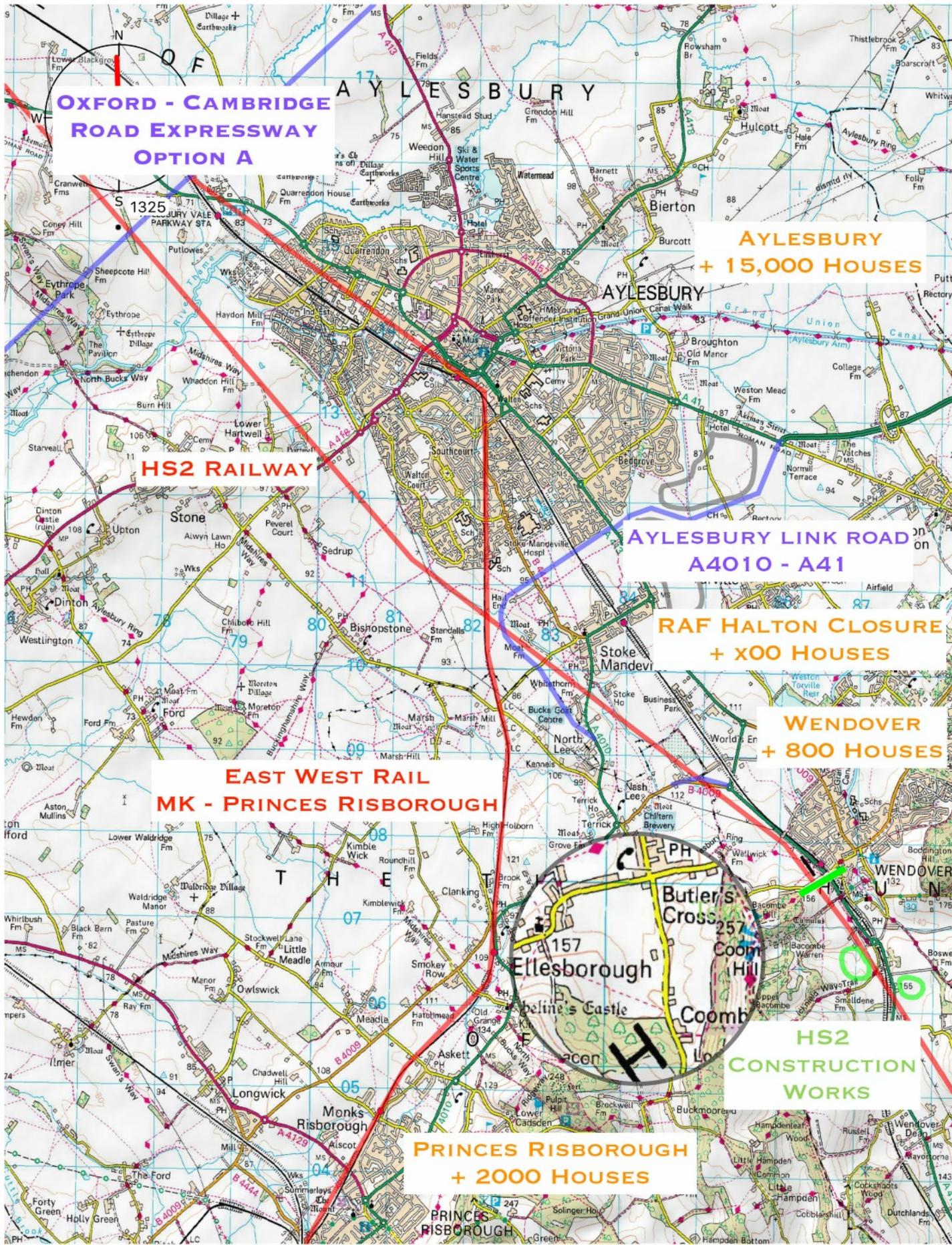
Whether it is through neighbourhood plans, responding to planning applications or submitting comments in consultations, local people can influence the planning system and it is important not to give up. CPRE has developed a suite of resources to help local people engage in planning matters and we continue to campaign for an open and accessible planning system that encourages more community engagement.

If you would like to find out more about CPRE Bucks you can get in touch with Louise at louise@cprebucks.org.uk or visit the website: www.cprebucks.org.uk

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Help protect the Bucks countryside by becoming a CPRE member for £3 a month:

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**OXFORD - CAMBRIDGE
ROAD EXPRESSWAY
OPTION A**

**AYLESBURY
+ 15,000 HOUSES**

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A4010 - A41**

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+ x00 HOUSES**

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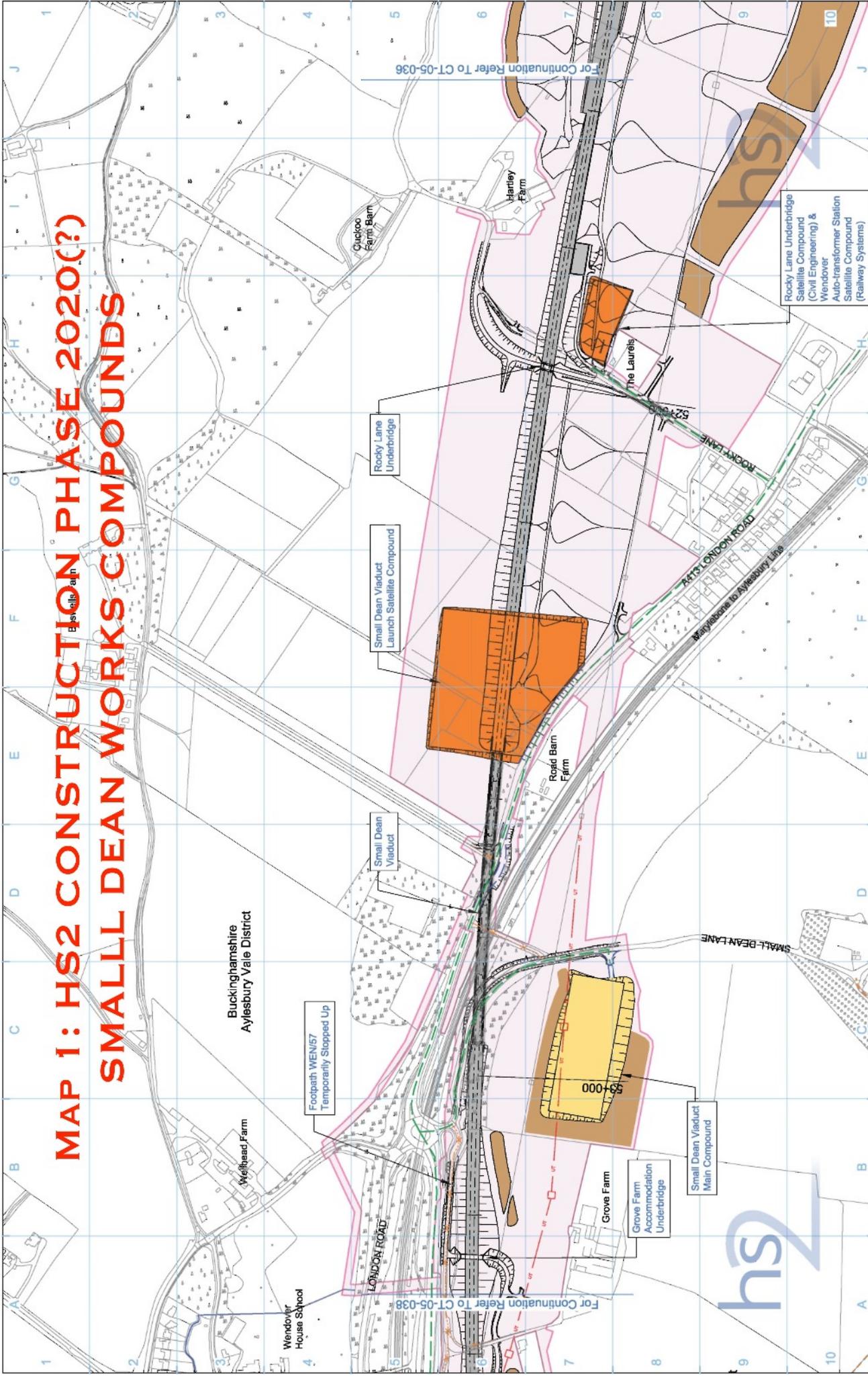
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**NATIONAL & LOCAL
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MAP 1: HS2 CONSTRUCTION PHASE 2020(?) SMALLL DEAN WORKS COMPOUNDS



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For Continuation Refer To CT-05-036

Legend

- Depot, station, headhouse or portal building
- Tunnel portal
- Main construction compound
- Satellite construction compound
- Temporary material stockpile
- Rail alignment formation
- Landscape earthworks
- Engineering earthworks
- County boundary
- Borough / District boundary
- Land potentially required during construction
- Community forum boundary
- Existing watercourse
- Tunnels external extent
- Construction traffic route (PROW)
- Existing public right of way
- New, diverted or realigned PROW
- Stopped-up PROW
- Temporary PROW diversion / realignment
- Temporary highway diversion / realignment
- UT - Main utility works
- Chalgrave (e.g. 10+000)
- Rail alignment

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Construction Phase

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Dunsmore, Wendover and Hatton

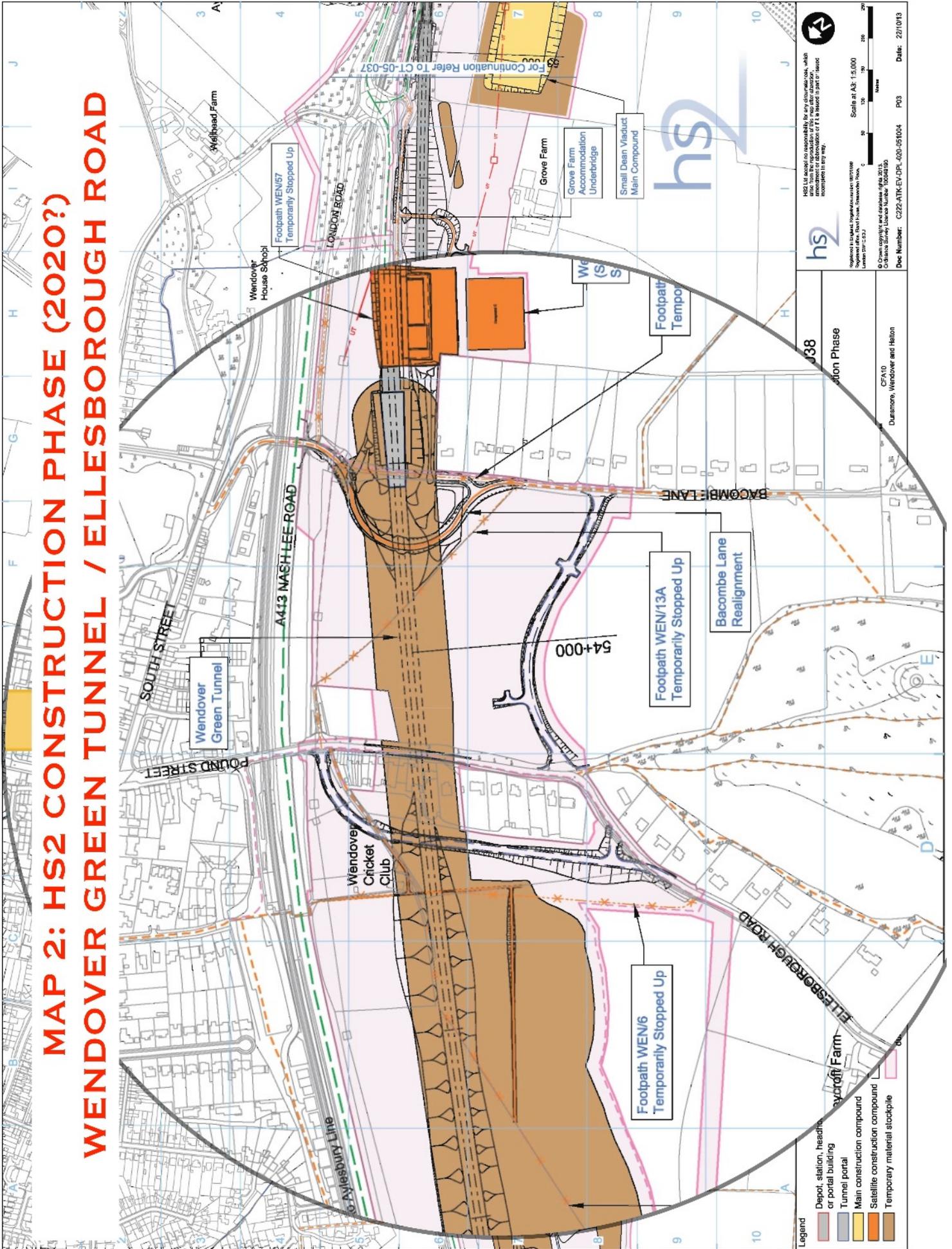
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MAP 2: HS2 CONSTRUCTION PHASE (2020?) WENDOVER GREEN TUNNEL / ELLESBOROUGH ROAD



OXFORD TO CAMBRIDGE ROAD EXPRESSWAY OPTIONS

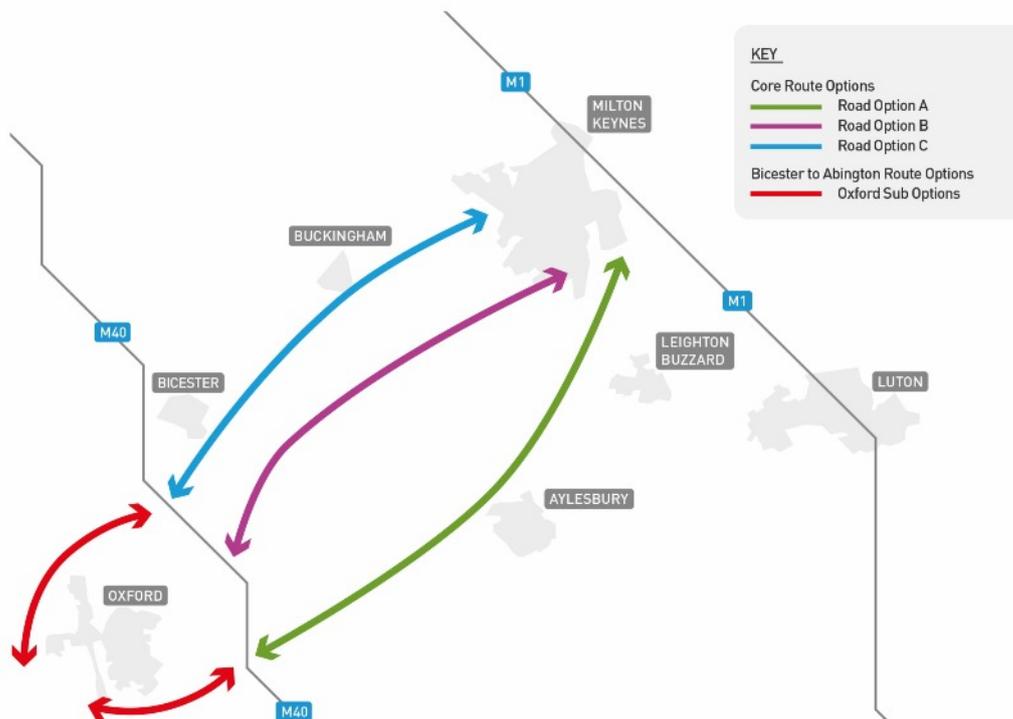


Figure 0-1: Short Listed Expressway Options

Figure 0-1 shows the short listed Expressway routes are via Aylesbury (Option A), the East-West Rail (EWR) corridor (Option B) or the existing A421 corridor (Option C). The options include on and off-line improvements and a number of sub-options in order to route around Oxford. All three Expressway options include conversion of sections of the A34, A421, A428 and A1 to Expressway standard to complete the route between the M4 and A14/M11. Each Expressway option would form part of a package of transport measures including EWR, route technology, integration with rail interchange hubs and local access and mobility measures (including non-motorised users).

The strategic case for an Oxford to Cambridge Expressway is based on the analysis of the existing east-west road route performance, stakeholder feedback, the form and function of the region's economy and the growth aspirations of the corridor. The analysis considers how an Oxford to Cambridge Expressway could positively contribute to growth at the national, regional and local levels.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
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NOVEMBER 2016

EastWestRail: Aylesbury to Princes Risborough

Milton Keynes to London Marylebone

Milton Keynes – Bletchley – Winslow – Aylesbury Vale Parkway – Aylesbury – Princes Risborough – High Wycombe – London Marylebone
1 train per hour in each direction

Update May 2016

Consultation

Consultation on East West Rail Phase 2 was carried out in September and October 2015 on original plans which involved substantial work to allow an increased line speed of 80 mph along the Princes Risborough – Aylesbury line.

Likely Scope of Work for East West Rail

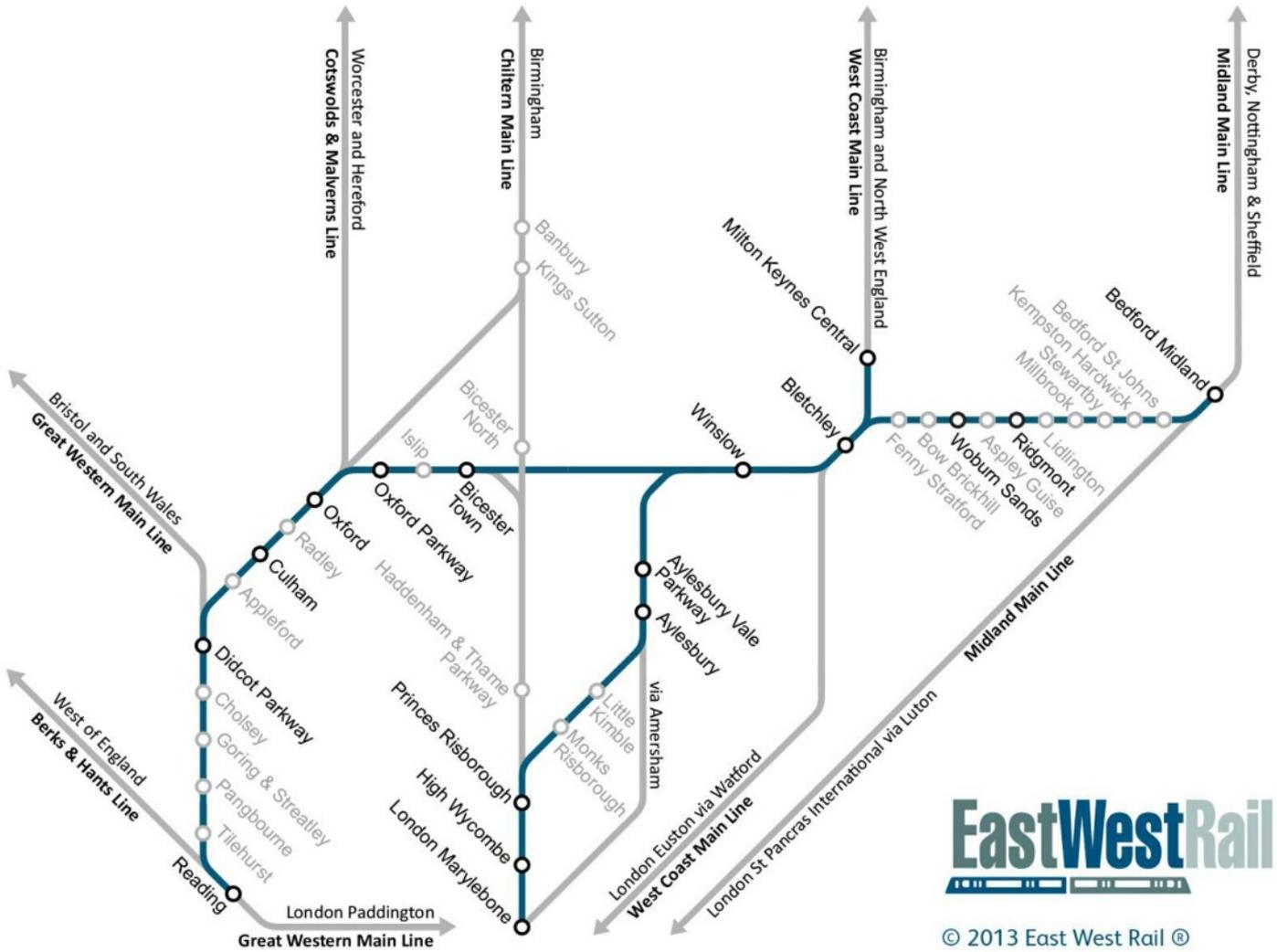
However, further development of timetable modelling has concluded that the line speed improvements are not now required to achieve the planned service pattern of one hourly passenger train (in each direction) and capacity for freight trains. As a result of this it is no longer proposed to increase the line speed along the route and therefore the associated construction work is no longer required.

East West Rail's likely scope of work involves extending the platforms at Little Kimble, Monks Risborough and Princes Risborough to allow longer four-car trains to operate and the East West Rail project team will continue to develop options for the closure of Marsh Lane level crossing. We are also working closely with HS2 to, as best practicable, integrate the projects where they overlap.

Longer Term Plan

Network Rail's Long Term Planning would be to deliver further capacity improvements along the line, which could require full double tracking. The line could also be a candidate for electrification. These plans will be included in Network Rail's Route Study document to be published May 2016 and will be subject to Government and industry consultation. Planning for this would not be envisaged before the mid 2020's.

Proposed New Passenger Services on East West Rail Western Section





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THE ROLE OF YOUR PARISH COUNCIL IN THE PLANNING PROCESS AND PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Author: Matthew McGrail, Councillor for Ellesborough Parish Council

The role of Ellesborough Parish Council (EPC) is to act as a statutory consultee for all planning applications, submitted to Wycombe District Council (WDC). EPC are notified by WDC of all planning applications, within the Parish, and given the opportunity to provide an opinion, local feedback and in some cases we submit written support or objections, by return.

Typically, a planning application will be submitted to WDC and the EPC Clerk will circulate the application to the Councillors. It will then be reviewed for the impact on the Parish and a decision will be taken as to whether the EPC should submit an opinion of support or objection.

Planning applications can be very emotive as such input from local residents is always taken seriously and we rely on this feedback, so please keep it coming. If you are making representations about an application to WDC directly, we would also ask that you copy in the Clerk at EPC. We only meet every 2 months and can convene special interim meetings to review sensitive applications, if required.

Members of the Parish are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and make representations to EPC for any application they may have an opinion on. Please check the smart new notice board outside the village hall or www.ellesborough.org.uk for dates of the meetings.

The EPC has recently successfully helped several parishioners with applications, which have been delayed or refused by WDC, so do also let us know if you need our help or advice regarding an application.

One of the key documents which the EPC refer to when considering an application is the Ellesborough Village Design Statement. This is a guidance document produced some years ago by the Parish and has been formally recognised by WDC, as a key consideration during the application process. It can be found on the council website www.wycombe.gov.uk. Ellesborough are 1 of only 3 Parishes which have prepared a Village Design Statement within the Wycombe District.

As you will have read in the CPRE article (**page 24**) there is a strong case for, up to date, Village Design Statements / Neighbourhood Plans. Going forward they will become more important in helping us protect our local environment, particularly in rural areas such as Ellesborough. When the Village Design Statement was originally prepared, a working group was created and it took considerable time and commitment to complete this document. We are now asking for your help to update our Village Design Statement. If you are interested can you please email the Clerk on clerk@ellesborough.org.uk and we will be in touch.

I look forward to meeting all the willing volunteers, in due course.....

M McG
17th May 2017



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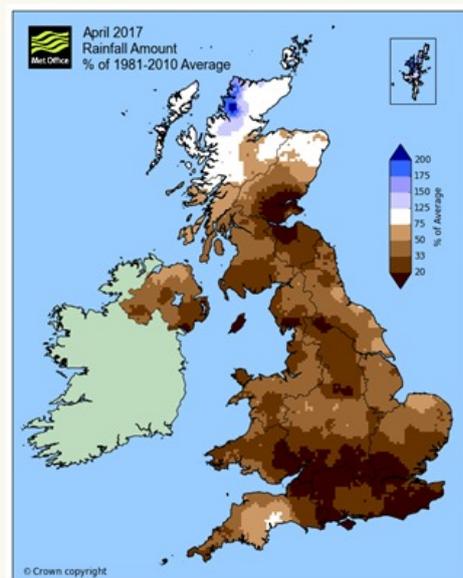
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Issue 011

Rain...anyone?

Lambing has been and gone, and we were fortunate to have good weather for our outdoor lambing ewes. Little did we know at the time that it was to be the start of what has turned out to be an exceptionally dry period. Our crops that we planted in the Autumn are strong enough that they are coping...stressed, but coping. Our Spring barley and beans are really suffering though, with very little moisture about to get them growing. On average we have had just 47% of our average rainfall for April. The negative impact of this statistic is amplified on these chalky, dry Chiltern Hills. Nevertheless, we persevere, and we are getting ready to plant the maize as there is some rain in the forecast for mid-May...fingers crossed.

Most of the cattle have been turned out for the Summer, again in the hope that the pastures are strong enough to feed them.



The fine weather has definitely encouraged BBQ fever though, and we have had a sudden shift in demand from roasting joints and vegetables to burgers, sausages and salad. We are only too happy to provide. I'd be lying if I said we hadn't enjoyed experimenting with some new flavours. Pork and Apple sausages were enjoyed by many, however our new Rebellion Ale and chorizo sausages have really been flying out. You might have to

try a little harder to get to us for a while though, as it seems Transport for Bucks are set to close the road soon. Please note - we will be operating our normal business hours and will still be here with a lot of yummy food in stock. Wed - Fri 10 - 6 Sat - Sun 10 - 4

On a final note, we have been made aware of a challenge taking place locally. Jo Fielder is walking the 87 miles of the Ridgeway footpath in 7 days. A mean feat itself, however Jo suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, making the task even more impressive. To find out more please visit www.jofielder.com

www.buckmoorendfarm.co.uk
01296 622 472

The United Benefice of Ellesborough, The Kimbles and Stoke Mandeville

Administration Centre: The Ark, 28 Risborough Rd., Stoke Mandeville. Tel: 01296 615886.

Open Tuesday - Thursday 10am-12 noon.

Email - ark.office@gmx.co.uk

Rector: Revd. Jan Henderson Tel: 01296 612855

Curate: Revd. Janet Wales Tel: 01296 612936

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

Dear All

What a beautiful spring we have been having. As I write this just after Easter the blossom is out, many days have been sunny and warm and everywhere looks glorious as new growth bursts forth.

We give glory to God for the beauty of his creation. God has given us many gifts and he gives us the Holy Spirit to enable us to use those gifts for his glory. When we think about the beauty around us we should remember those people who have been given gifts of growing plants and of landscaping gardens. It is a bit like a composer writing wonderful music – it comes alive when people actually perform it.

As we move into June the Church looks forward to celebrating the day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) which is when the Holy Spirit came on the disciples who were gathered together in a room. There came a noise like a wind and what appeared to be tongues of fire rested on each of their heads. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and given gifts of being able to speak in different languages. This gave the disciples new confidence and they started talking to the assembled crowds about Jesus and God's love and deeds of power. Three thousand were added to the number of believers that day and so Christians celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the church. How amazing that day must have been!

The Holy Spirit transformed the life of the disciples and is still available to us today. Allowing God's Spirit to work within us gives us access to the streams of living water that Jesus has promised will refresh and empower us so we can use our gifts for God's glory.

Wishing you all every blessing
Jan

Ark Ministries

The Welcome Club at The Ark -

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th and 20th June 10.30am – 12noon 'Open House'

(Bring your sewing/knitting/crossword along & join us for coffee and a chat)

Tuesday 4th and 18th July 10.30am – 12noon 'Open House'

Tuesday 1st and 22nd August 10.30am – 12noon 'Open House'

Tuesday 5th September 10.30am – 12noon 'Open House'

Thank you to everyone who kindly came and supported our Spring Coffee Morning – It was lovely to see so many people.

Mustard Seeds - A Sunday School for 5-11yr. olds on the 4th Sunday of the month between 10.30am - 12 noon held at Butlers Cross Village Hall. Children learn about God through Bible stories, craft work, songs, games, drama and prayer time.

For details contact Liz Bonner (01296 748093).

The Ark Youth Group

The Youth Group meets at 7pm at The Ark on alternate Fridays. Please contact The Ark for further details.

The Ark

The Ark is a pleasant, comfortable and well equipped venue for the many church ministries and meetings taking place there. The Ark is also used by several caring agencies within the community for their meetings. For a small fee The Ark may be booked for private functions when not otherwise in use.

Pastoral Care in the Benefice

It is the aim and the privilege of the Pastoral Team to visit sick, bereaved, lonely or house bound members of the community. We are also happy to assist with transport for those who are in need of it. Please get in touch if you know of anyone who would value a visit and the support of the team, it is often the only way we get to hear of their needs. Similarly if you have an hour or two to spare a month and feel you could help with this important pastoral work, we would be glad to have you on the team.

For further information regarding Pastoral Care in the benefice please contact:
Jan Henderson at The Ark (01296 615886)

HELP NEEDED

Do you have any free time?

We are in need of some help with various different areas of Benefice life.

If you would be interested in helping with any of the following please could you get in touch with the person mentioned or Jan (01296 612855) Thank you so much.

PEWSHEETS: We are looking for someone to collect information and produce the weekly pewsheets for our churches. For more info contact Lynn (07887 396170 or 01296 424581).

STOKE MANDEVILLE BIBLE CLUB: We are looking for someone, who likes doing craft with children, to help at Stoke Mandeville School Bible Club for an hour on alternate Weds lunchtimes during term time.

SAFEGUARDING AND DBS CHECKS: We need someone who would act as a Benefice centre for Safeguarding information, organising DBS checks when needed and liaising with the Oxford Diocese etc. Phone Liz for more information on what is involved on 01296 622888.

YOUTH GROUP: During Term time Liz Bonner runs a fortnightly Youth group at the Ark on a Friday evening. She would love to have someone to help her with running this group. For more info contact Liz on 07941 875573.

THE ARK: We are in need of someone to take the role of a sort of 'Ark Manager', responsibilities would include helping with some Benefice admin work and ensuring that there are plentiful supplies of tea, coffee, toilet rolls, photocopying paper, etc.



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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

***Cream Tea at Brook Farm, Marsh Rd., Little Kimble
Saturday 5th August 2.30pm – 4.30pm***

LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE SELECTED AT ELLESBOROUGH



Wildflowers in Ellesborough Churchyard

We are delighted to hear that the churchyard of St Peter & St Paul at Ellesborough has been selected by the Bucks & Milton Keynes Record Centre as a Local Wildlife Site (LWS). This follows a survey by their Wildlife Sites Officer and was considered to be of sufficient species composition, diversity and high wildlife value against specific criteria to warrant inclusion by their Selection Panel.

The aim of the Wildlife Sites Project is to identify the most valuable non-statutory sites for wildlife at a county and local level and to encourage management that will enhance their wildlife interest. The selection as a LWS is recognition that

the land is ecologically important without legal or statutory obligations.

We have been given a copy of the survey which gives an up-to-date picture of some of the extensive species and habitats which are present. The survey did not include animals or birds. Apart from a detailed description of the extent of the churchyard and the hedges, it acknowledges the way that the site has been sympathetically managed to encourage those species more typical of flower rich meadow. Recommendations are also made for further management that can maximise the wildlife value of the site.

In collaboration with the Parish Council, which is responsible for the maintenance of the churchyards not currently in use, we have been progressively managing the way in which the site is cared for to encourage the growth and expansion of natural wild flowers; this in turn provides a nectar source for a range of insect pollinators. Basically this means changing the timing of seasonal cuts so that wild flowers can develop, set seed and grow new plants. The grass is cut twice a year in high summer and again in late autumn; crucially after being left lying for a couple of weeks it is then raked up. There is no increased cost to the Council.

Although the grass is cut by the Parish Council's contractor this does not include raking up, this is down to volunteers. We hope to be able to extend the area that is cared for this way on all sides of the church, this will depend on the number of volunteers able to spend a couple of hours twice a year to help with this work. The effect of managing the process this way is to reduce the fertility of the soil and thus weaken the vigorous grasses which compete with wildflowers. Hay-Rattle, a natural wild plant that is partly a parasite on grasses is sown in areas to become established to further weaken the grass competition.

Thanks to the help of volunteers, in the last couple of years nearly two thousand bulbs of successive spring flowering narcissi have been planted to give early interest over the weeks before the wild flowers start to blossom.

The motivation for this church and community activity is to make the best possible use of this most attractive, prominent and widely visited site and to support the conservation of wildlife generally. It is an added contribution to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB) in which we are so privileged to live and to the conservation area surrounding the church. It is important to maintain and if possible to extend areas managed to the levels achieved so far but that will depend, as always, on the support of our willing volunteers.

For further information contact me: Tony Young, Churchwarden: Tel: (01296) 622306. Email: young.ellesborough@gmail.com.

Art Corner in June and July Bucks Open Studios

10th to 25th June 2017

Bucks Open Studios is an annual event held in June every year where artists and makers all over the county open their studios or hold exhibitions and events showcasing and demonstrating their work. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience first-hand the creativity going on around Buckinghamshire. Bucks Open Studios is run by the Visual Images Group, an alliance of over 600 artists and makers living and working in the county.

Bucks County Museum, Aylesbury

GAMES of THRONES - THE HARDHOME EMBROIDERY:
20th May to 17th June

HS2// INTERVENTION: by award winning photographer, MARK KING:
Until 8th July

BEAUTIFUL STITCH – TEXTILE TREASURES of the EMBROIDERERS GUILD:
July 1st to 28th October

FACES by CALY TRENCH
15th July to 9 September (Artist in Action on 29th to 31st July)

BRICKS BRITANNIA: THE STORY OF BRITAIN IN LEGO BRICKS
22nd July to 2nd September

A Little Bird Told Me Gallery, Wendover.

BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS with SUE & EDDIE GOSNEY
10th to 25th June and meet the artists on 4th June

DI OLDFIELD
11th July to 5th August

PAULA WATTS & ANNE MARIE
From 6th August

Wendover's Garden Theatre



It is easy to see why Mikron Theatre are so popular, as their productions reflect on hallowed British institutions with affection and humour. The evening will be a great mix of stories, music and song. **'Best Foot Forward'** is a affectionate hike through the history of hostelling, with harmonies, hills and humour. The talented actors act, sing and play instruments after a day moving their traveling home through heavy locks.

Open Air Theatre returns to Wendover on the 14 June when Mikron Theatre bring their acclaimed travelling production **"Best Foot Forward"** to Lindengate as part of their national tour. The Yorkshire Post described the production as **"Acutely observed, cheeky, and just a little bit irreverent"**.

This will be the third year that Mikron have visited Lindengate and it is getting to be a highlight of the local social calendar, as it combines an evening of theatre and music with the opportunity to picnic in the beautiful Lindengate Gardens.

Doors will open at 6pm to allow people to enjoy a picnic on the Lindengate lawn before watching the show. Refreshments will be available from 6pm and during the interval, so save some space for delicious cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee.

Tickets (£13 or £11 concessions) are on sale online via Golden Giving, accessible at <https://www.goldengiving.com/event/bestfootatlindengate> or on the door and you can find more information about Mikron and "Best Foot Forward" at www.mikron.org.uk.

You can contact Lindengate on 01296 622443 or find us on Facebook @Lindengategardening



Ellesborough Parish Council Notes - May 2017

This quarter is generally a quiet time for the Parish Council as it is the end of the financial year and funds run low. Nevertheless, when the offer of a defibrillator was made, the Council had to accept it even if as planned, it couldn't go in an old style red telephone box on the site of the now redundant public phone box. So as an interim measure the defibrillator now sits in its eye catching container just to the left of the hall main entrance. Another improvement is the new Parish Notice Board outside the hall. Made in aluminium and powder coated it should serve us for many years to come.

The Parish Email List is gradually expanding as more people become aware of this service. The intention is only to use this method of communication sparingly so that when you see an email from the Council you will know that it contains something of interest. We definitely do not want recipients to be bombarded with a lot of generally useless information. So please, if you haven't already, give your email address to the Clerk.

The affordable housing project continues to make progress and we hope shortly to be sending out survey forms to all households to gauge interest in the project. For the survey to be meaningful, we need a good response and would ask that you complete the forms and return them to the company that is going to analyse the data for us.

HS2 continues to be monitored by the Council and at the time of writing it is interesting to see which parties are including it in their manifestos. We are informed there is some disquiet in Government circles about the cost of the project so far. Rumours that the design phase has now cost nearly 3 times as much as the original contract was let for, may mean questions being asked in the House of Commons. We can only hope that common sense will prevail!

Plans for the annual village party on the 8th of July are progressing and as well as the usual attractions of children's games and the Silver Band, this year the catering may well take a different form, courtesy of our own farm shop at Buckmoorend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rob Alexander

Try your local knowledge with Philip's "Ellesborough Round" Questions

1. In 2011 census what was the population of Ellesborough Parish, to the nearest 10?
2. What other name were the Alms-houses near the Church built in 1746 commonly known?
3. What was the name of the ancient Neolithic track that the road from Wendover to Princes Risborough, follows?
4. Which Shakespeare's play refers to a location in the village?
5. Name the four hamlets that according to Wikipedia form the civil parish?
6. To the nearest 10ft, how high is Coombe Hill above sea level?
7. In which year was the Chequers estate given to the country to be a retreat for the serving Prime Minister? A) 1918, B) 1919 or C) 1921?
8. What par is Ellesborough golf course?
9. What war does the monument on Coombe Hill commemorate?
10. In what century was the current Chequers mansion built?

*Answers:
(1) 820 (2) Lady Dodd's Cottages (3) Icknield Way (4) Cymbeline (5) Dunsmore, Terrick, Butlers
Cross & Chalkshire (6) 852 (7) A – 1918 (8) 71 (9) Boer War (10) 16th*

Planning Applications for Ellesborough Parish 14 Feb 17 – 17 May 17

For further information, contact Wycombe District Council 01494 461000 Website wycombe.gov.uk or the Parish Clerk, 01296 615821, clerk@ellesborough.org.uk quoting the application number shown below.

Application No	Address	Brief Description of Application	Decision
17/05382/TPO	105 & 109 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross	Remove adventitious growth from main stems, crown lift to form higher archway into No. 107 Chalkshire Road at approximately 7 metres from ground level by selectively removing secondary laterals - cuts not exceeding 150mm in diameter to 2 x Turkey Oak trees (T3 and T4) to retain arched effect but higher up.	Application Permitted
17/05303/FUL	Land Adjacent, 8 Terrick Row Nash Lee Road Terrick	Demolition of existing garage/workshop and erection of 1 x 2 bed detached dwelling with associated parking.	Awaiting decision
17/05110/FUL	Brambles, 29 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross	Application for erection of detached garden room/shed to rear.	Application Permitted
17/05831/FUL	The Hollies, Wendover Road, Butlers Cross	Application for erection of single storey side extension & alterations to fenestration following removal of existing conservatory & extension to existing side dormer window (alternative scheme to pp 16/06648/FUL).	Application Permitted
	Cedar House, North Lee Lane, Terrick	Application for construction of single storey side extension incorporating porch canopy and insertion of 3 x rooflights to East elevation.	Application Permitted
17/05873/FUL	91 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross	Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side extension to existing chalet style bungalow including alterations to roof to form gable end and rear facing dormer window and external alterations to existing windows and doors.	Awaiting decision
16/08452/FUL	Summerland, Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville	Householder application for construction of single storey side and rear extension.	Application Permitted
17/05237/FUL	Jade Place, Wendover Road, Butlers Cross	application for construction of single storey front and side extension & single storey rear extension.	Application Permitted

The Chiltern Brewery

Great news. Our brewery shop is now open for longer – back to six days a week, including Mondays again from 10am to 5pm. Set in a lovingly restored farm building in Terrick, the shelves are lined with goodies – the full range of our bottled ales and our limited edition specials, English wines, liqueurs, gins, ciders, mead, whiskies and foods, many of which are made with our beer. Not forgetting too of course our full range of permanent and seasonal draught ales - and you can even try some before you buy to see which is your particular favourite. We have a great variety of carry-out options, large and small, including new Mini Casks - 8 ¼ pint / 5 litre take outs that can also be ordered online for delivery www.chilternbrewery.co.uk or with Click & Collect - order online and then collect from the brewery shop at a time convenient to you. You get our ales fresh from the conditioning room ready to drink and we think it's the freshest way to enjoy our fine English ales.



Summer is a time of lighter, golden ales, perfect for barbecues and the longer evenings. Our seasonal special draught for May and June is Cobblestones Summer Ale 3.5%. This draught golden ale that we have produced for the early summer season for many years now is a firm favourite with those ale drinkers who enjoy a golden, light, crisp, refreshing and fruity beer with a hint of bitterness. It's a great session beer with flavours of blackcurrant and renowned for its consistency to deliver time and time again; and thinking of barbecues, matches superbly with fish, chicken dishes and light cheeses. The name was originally inspired by the beautiful old cobblestones in the ancient courtyard of our brewery tap, The King's Head in Aylesbury, where you can enjoy a pint or two too.

For July and August the seasonal special draught ale will be another favourite – Chiltern Gold 3.9%, bright gold, honeyed, citrusy, well balanced and refreshing, with hints of grapefruit. It has biscuity malt notes and is hopped with the rare UK grown Cascade.

On 6th January last year we created our 2000th Gyle – or brew – and to celebrate we produced MM, a new limited edition bottle-conditioned ale. It's a real treat we think, a true classic IPA, light gold in colour with a fruity aroma and set off by a dry malt middle and a long hop finish for a 6.4% vol strength sparkling ale. The bottles have matured for 12 months to allow the flavour to mellow and each bottle is individually numbered. They can also be ordered for delivery on the website.

Monument Gold Pale Ale 3.8% is now one of our permanent bottled ales available across the year. A beautiful clear gold colour, it has tastes of smooth honeyed malt and citrus aromas and is perfect for spring and summer. It is also certified gluten free. The name is inspired by the Coombe Hill Monument which is visible from the brewery.

A full range of our draught ales is lovingly served at our brewery tap, The King's Head in Aylesbury www.kingsheadaylesbury.co.uk including our new Chiltern Craft Lager, Golden Harvest and Chiltern Black craft keg beers. The first two ales are gluten free and Chiltern Black is vegan. The King's Head prides itself on putting the 'Ale into Aylesbury' and now serves evening food from 5pm to 9pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in addition to lunch every day. Our famous Sunday roasts are served from 12 to 6pm on Sundays.

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Thank you for producing such a great magazine . . .

I always enjoy it so much and it is lovely to have it delivered. It keeps me in touch of the time that we lived in Ellesborough Road . . .

Thanks, and we really appreciate the magazine as we recently moved here . . .

Keep up the good work! It's a great magazine which we really appreciate . . .

We are amazed that you and your team have managed to keep the magazine 'free' for so long . . .

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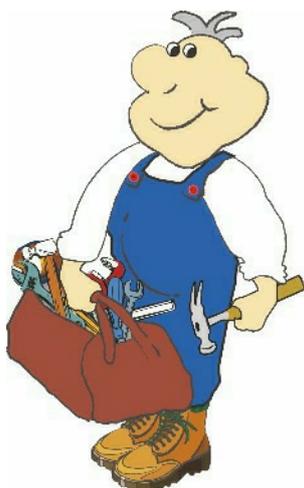
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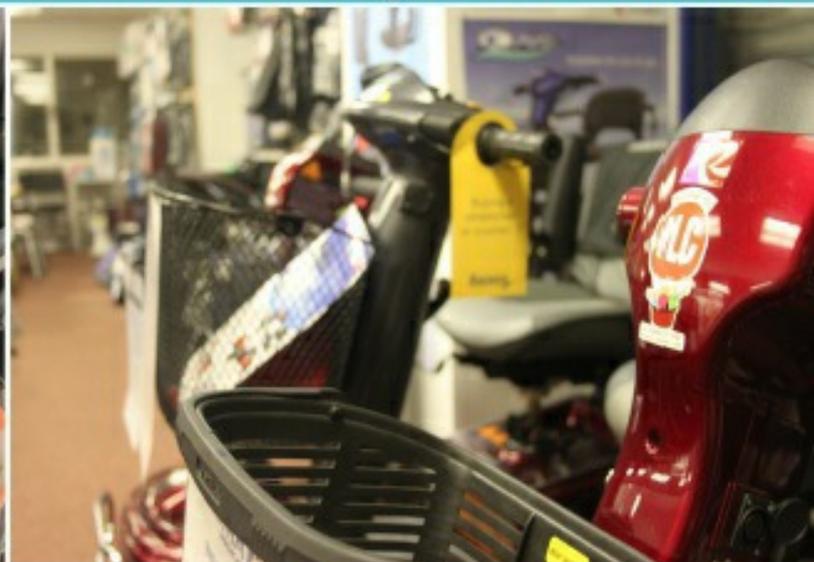
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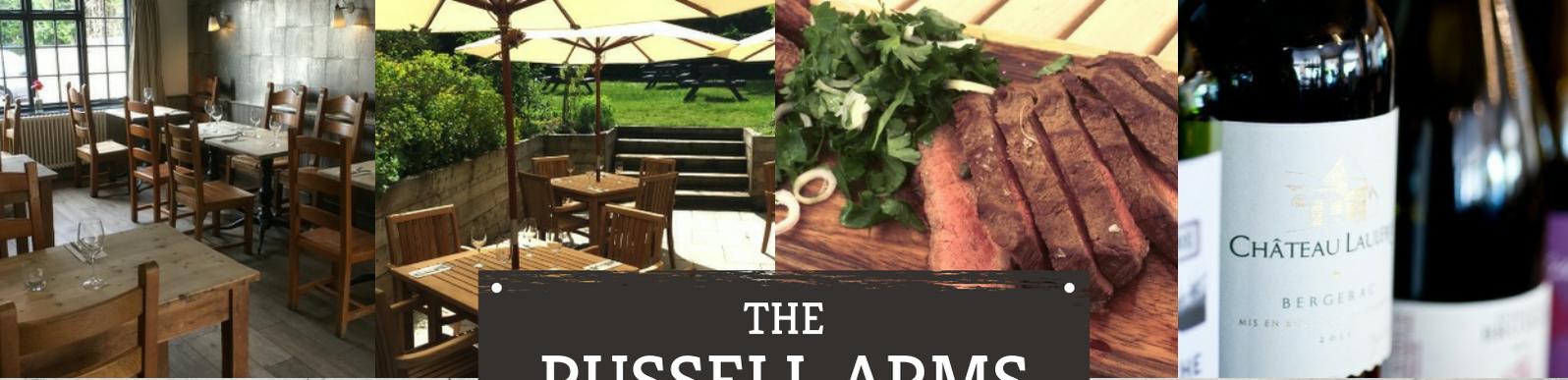
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