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# Chairman's Letter

I am happy that this Magazine has reached you. There is no printed version. This edition has been kindly hosted by the Dunsmore Village Website, for whom we normally provide copy but in these COVID-19 times it is our only outlet.

Going forward we intend to produce printed and pdf versions of every issue of the magazine. There are pros and cons of each. If you have a preference for an electronic version, that includes a summary of content and useful local contacts, please subscribe by contacting me via [subsemgz@gmail.com](mailto:subsemgz@gmail.com).

While the electronic pdf has the great benefit of full colour, both versions have an upgraded look and feel. I'd like to thank Judith Harper for the inspiration and Paul Couling (ed) the perspiration in making the changes.

This quarter's edition is largely focussed on the effects of COVID-19 on our community, in a positive way. Again Judith and Paul have excelled in bringing all the content together.

Given the amount of work that goes into each edition, we would like to get the magazine to as wide a range of readers as possible. Please forward to any fellow householders and neighbours either the link <http://www.dvha.co.uk/village-news-2/> or better our subs email address [subsemgz@gmail.com](mailto:subsemgz@gmail.com) so that we can better reach all our community going forward.

With very best wishes

**Richard Jennings**

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Front Cover

Sacha on course to complete 26 non-stop ascents of Beacon Hill (see page 18)

*Photo: Fiona Tchen*

## A Note from the Editor

This edition focuses on how the village has responded to the coronavirus emergency with particular emphasis on the support offered by individuals and local organisations to the more vulnerable in the community and more widely. We have reports on a wide range of individual and group initiatives, which we have brought together in a section starting on page 13.

Almost all of the activities and events publicised in the last edition have unavoidably been cancelled and we still await news of the expected progressive relaxation of restrictions which we should allow at least some of our normal activities to restart over the next few months.

We hope to be able to produce a print and digital version of the September edition of the magazine. As a result of pre-arranged holiday commitments (assuming that they can go ahead) the next edition will be

published by the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September.

If any readers' children or grandchildren are in need of new reading material over the next few weeks we have included a list of suggested books for three age groups (see pages 33 to 35). These are recommendations made by practising primary year teachers.

I hope that by the time of the next edition life will be returning to some degree of normality and can again enjoy the company of our family and friends - while observing social distancing.

With very best wishes,

Paul Couling  
Editor

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## ELLESBOROUGH RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Ellesborough Relief in Need has recently taken over the assets of Ellesborough Aid to create a single body providing support to those in need within the Parish of Ellesborough. The two Charities have very similar Schemes with approval for the merger being given by the Charity Commission. The combined assets are in excess of £100k.

The income from the charity has been used to help with fuel costs, training needs, free provision of Aid Call for elderly people and most recently materials to support the Community allotment. However the Trustees are very conscious that the full economic impact of the current pandemic is still to come so we ask all readers of this piece to keep their eyes open for anyone in the Parish who is undergoing need or hardship. This could include people who are out of work, the elderly or students whose college plans are in the balance.

If you identify with such needs either for yourself, a neighbour or a friend please do not hesitate to contact one of the Trustees:

Rob Nicholson (612658), Jackie Rysdale (615109), Debra Panikkar (613259), Don Hayes (622370), Judith Harper (622033), Peter Tilbury (624108)

## Macmillan Fundraising 2020

This year it will be 30 years since Macmillan launched the World's Biggest Coffee Morning Event and I was planning to do so much, until the Coronavirus pandemic took hold. It has changed everything, and whilst this year's national event is still scheduled for Friday 25th September, my fundraising efforts may have to take a different form this year. I've yet to finalise my plans, and hope to gain your support yet again this year, as people suffering from cancer need our help more than ever in these circumstances. I'll keep you posted.

Stay safe

Julie Needle

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# Notices

## Ellesborough 200 Club

### March 2020

25 Mr & Mrs Stewart	£50
65 James Ferris	£35
52 Jude Howie	£25

### April 2020

31 Steve Finch	£50
75 Mrs S Runstall	£35
102 Sara Hayward-Cook	£25

### May 2020

13 Mrs J Young	£100
57 Mr & Mrs Cripps	£50
79 Michael Hinchcliffe	£35
118 Mrs Broom-Smith	£25

### **Ellesborough Coffee Morning Dates**

Cancelled until further notice

### **Flag Days**

2<sup>nd</sup> June Coronation Day

10<sup>th</sup> June Birthday of the Duke of  
Edinburgh

13<sup>th</sup> June Official Celebration of Her  
Majesty's Birthday

### **Fish and Chip Van Visits**

Parish Hall Car Park  
5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.  
9<sup>th</sup> June

Please see Ellesborough Parish Update  
for later dates.

## **General Data Protection Regulation**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It is designed to give people more control over the personal data held by companies and other organisations, and impose greater control over the way that data is held and used. Personal data is necessarily held for a variety of reasons, some to comply with legal and similar statutory requirements or to allow processes essential to the functioning of the organisation to be carried out. In some instances however, where such requirements do not apply, the specific consent of private individuals to the holding and use of personal data is required.

Where we publish contact details of the representatives of local organisations whose contact information is a private or personal telephone number or email address we will confirm your consent to us holding and using such data.

*Editor*

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# The RUSSELL ARMS

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For all the things I planned for since starting the Moogies business back in 2013, a global pandemic was never one that cross my mind, or probably any other small business owners. Closing the Russell Arms and our other venues, albeit temporarily, so suddenly back in March, was a massive shock, but critically a challenge to make sure that we could continue to sustain a viable business for when the time comes and we can re-open our doors.

The Government schemes, particularly the Job Retention Scheme, has critically allowed us to furlough all our permanent employees and our important Casual Worker team too, who worked with us during February and March. Being able to retain our fantastic team is what will put the business on a good footing for the future and the scheme has made sure we've been able to do that, and they are also there to welcome you back!

As far as has been possible, we've been using the time to get around to the jobs that are challenging to do when we are trading, as ensuring we continue to keep on top of our obligations including the health and safety requirements and the general upkeep of the beautiful buildings we occupy.

We watch with interest as the first phases of re-opening begin. Based on

current guidance. It would seem that we may be able to re-open in July, although, it feels like there's a long way to go in restoring the public's confidence before we'll see a return to any level of 'normal' trading. Please be assured that once we have advice on re-opening we'll do our practical best to follow this and get the doors, open, our fabulous food options restored and our wide selection of beers and wines back on tap. For those of you, that can't or don't feel comfortable to join us in the pubs, we're looking at ways we can extend our reach into the local communities, including how we can enhance our take-away services.

For those of you who's signed up to receive emails from us we'll be sure to let you know what our re-opening plans are. For everyone else, keep following our usual social media channels or our websites [www.therussellarms.co.uk](http://www.therussellarms.co.uk) or [www.moogiesltd.com](http://www.moogiesltd.com), and we'll keep them up to date too.

Until we can welcome you back to The Russell Arms or one of our other venues continue to keep safe and well.

Best wishes

**Paul, Robert, Johnny, Safi and all of the rest of The Russell Arms team**

# Ellesborough Village Diary

Subject to ongoing restrictions details of forthcoming events and meetings  
will be included in the September edition

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## Ellesborough Parish Church Services

The church is currently closed

We hope that church services will resume later in the year

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### **Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society**



**We regret that we have had to cancel all events until September.**

**We hope that we will be able to re-commence our programme in the Autumn but please visit our website below for the latest information.**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

##### ***Genetically Modified Crops - A Good Thing?***

Tuesday 1 September

Martin Hodson, a plant scientist and author from Oxford Brookes University, returns with another very topical subject following his stimulating talk last year on Plants & Climate Change.

##### ***AUTUMN SHOW*** at Stewart Hall: 2 00 – 4 30 pm

Sunday 6 September

The Autumn show includes beautiful dahlias and chrysanthemums as well as delicious home-made cakes.

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 Charlie Taylor, Membership Secretary, at [kehs.bucks@outlook.com](mailto:kehs.bucks@outlook.com) or ask any Committee member at one of the meetings. You can also visit our website for further details.

**[www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/)**

## Support for volunteers and voluntary groups

During the COVID-19 pandemic, over 1,800 people have signed up via Buckinghamshire Council's website to volunteer to help in our local communities. The Bucks Volunteer Matching Service was created to ensure these volunteers are deployed where, when, and how they are needed throughout the crisis and to help our communities recover.

The service is provided by Community Impact Bucks, working together with Buckinghamshire Council and the Clare Foundation. There is now a pool of volunteers ready to support local charities, community groups and other volunteer-involving organisations like health services.

If you are part of a charity or community group and would like to tap into this volunteer resource, fill in the [volunteer request form](#).

Community Impact Bucks is a local charity which supports people and groups to get involved and make a difference in Buckinghamshire communities. It does this by providing practical support and advice, helping people to find volunteering opportunities as well as helping charities and not for profit groups to get started and grow.

Whether you are an established charity or you have formed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we also can give you tips on how to secure funding, advice on how to run your organisation, ideas on how to recruit and manage volunteers – and much more.

*If you are currently volunteering, you will find advice on how to get the most out of volunteering on our website including online training on safeguarding and telephone befriending, and guidelines around shopping for others.*

To find out how you can support your community both now during the pandemic and after lockdown – whether as a volunteer or as part of a community group - visit [www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk](http://www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk) or email [info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk) for one-to-one advice.



# Gardening in Ellesborough...

## Notes from an occasional diary



reached their peak than tulips were a blaze of colour and in no time at all were over, everything seemed to be happening at once. There was of course a downside; there were long spells without rain and now in mid-May with fruit blossom and tender vegetables most vulnerable we have had a couple of nights with sharp late frosts. Covers were put up over the new raised strawberry bed but the Head Gardener (HG) has lost her first planting of climbing french beans. But truly, it really is a small price to pay and hopefully the danger will soon pass as we move into June.

Was there ever in modern times a better time to be able to garden? Confined to home by the Covid 19 pandemic for eight weeks to date, only now slowly emerging, being able to get out, into the garden working manually and be creative in the open, with all the fresh colours, scents and sounds, has been a life line to keeping fit physically and mentally. How short sighted that so many modern house are being built with scarcely any space for a garden and how precious are those allotments now being brought back into use. Homo Sapiens did not evolve to live totally cooped up by four walls, slaves to flickering screens.

A bonus has been the most splendid of spring weather, probably it will turn out to be another of those record breaking seasons we are now experiencing as the climate changes. Come to think of it, was there ever a better time of year to have to hunker down as the grim news unfolded? How much more miserable it would have been to have to cope with a lock-down in, say, November. So far we have done well with cabbage, forced and early rhubarb, the asparagus bed is in full production and the HG is cropping regularly from early salad leaves, grown this year from packets of seeds sent by our daughter as a food parcel to the poor old over 70's.

Following a mild, wet winter, the early spring became at times more like high summer. Everything opened out in a glorious burst of growth. No sooner had the early daffodils

There is always something to be done at the right time. The Garrya, winter flowering Honeysuckle, Forsythia and Cotinus all needed pruning and the debris shredded. Apart from pernicious weed which goes into the green garden waste bin, we usually are able to make use of all of the shredded material. Having a bonfire has now become decidedly anti-social even with the wind in right direction, as bad as hanging a full dog poop bag in a hedge. Because of wet weather at the end of winter, weeding all the beds was held up and so we were rather late in getting all the compost laid. An extra couple of cubic metres are imported in addition to our home made. This is of enormous benefit in improving the quality of our very thin chalky soil, as a weed suppressant and to minimize moisture loss which we are getting already so early in the year.

One hard learnt lesson that gardening teaches is that work on it never ceases. Short of allowing nature to have a totally free hand, which is an idea some of us - but not the weed obsessed HG - sometimes rather like. A second lesson is that for the sake of a peaceful life, especially in the confines of a lock-down, there can only be one Head Gardener. The weeks and days merge one into another and there are scarcely any weekends and time disappears in a blur. Not being able to get out to socialize, go down to

# Gardening in Ellesborough...

## Notes from an occasional diary(continued)

the pub for a casual meal (must try to remember what that was like), visit on a whim and, if the weather stays so good, the risk is of not having a break; so there is absolutely no chance of boredom, just exhaustion. Then simply sitting on a bench in the warmth of the sun, glass in hand enjoying it all is a consolation and reward enough. That is a third lesson to be treasured.

A sad loss has been a glorious *Trachelospermum jasminoides* which we planted by the front door about five years ago. The wonderful summer scent and the glorious deep red leaves in the autumn, it was trained to cloak the wall, and it will be greatly missed. It is a slightly tender plant but was sited in a south facing position but in a very restricted border. We are now trying to source a less tender variety and plant in a container so we can give it better quality soil.

From the start of the lock-down we have been unable to open under the National Garden Scheme and a number of bookings have had to be cancelled. Each year The National Garden Scheme has been opening gardens to raise funds for nursing & health charities for

over 90 years and made annual donations totalling £3 million in 2019. With their gardens now closed they face an 80% drop in the donations they can give. In none of the 90 years have gardens been closed not even in the Second World War. Some very special gardens can be viewed under their Virtual Garden Visit scheme and donations made, see their website [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk). Meanwhile we garden on as optimistically as ever and assume that we will be able to open to visitors if not later this year then for 2021.

Each year we are gradually adapting the garden in line with our physical capability to work in it and to be able to enjoy doing so. Next stage this autumn is the removal of one main bed and grass it over. It will open views through to the wild flower meadow. It will not be achieved without some drama as homes elsewhere in the garden will be needed for some special plants and there will be a lot to be disposed of. It will probably, as usual, be a case of two steps forward and one back.

TY May 2020

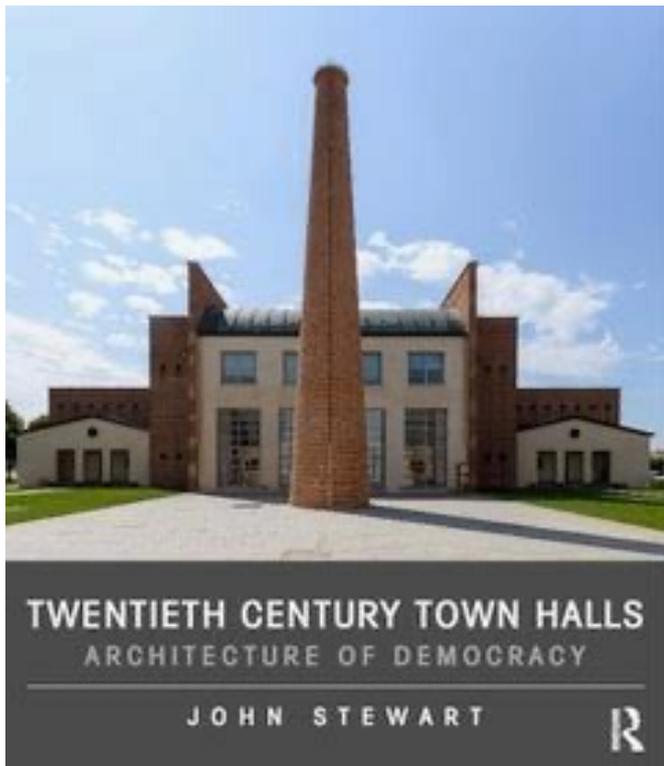
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### Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore

We have decided to cancel all three of our cream teas this year, we will miss seeing our regulars and welcoming new faces this summer but hope you will all come and support us next year.

We are hoping to be able to hold a service of some sort in September, when we normally have our Harvest Festival. Nearer the time we will put up posters and send round an email to Dunsmore residents to let you know what is planned.

# My New Life as an Author : Part 5, by John Stewart



All the books I've written so far have been illustrated non-fiction. As I've mentioned before, when I started writing I had no idea - firstly, that I would have to source all the illustrations for my books myself, and secondly - how complicated and time consuming the process was going to prove. Now, when I'm considering what or who I'm going to write about next, one of the first considerations is where will I source the images?

Only a few publishers will pay for the image rights for any illustrations that they use and most now expect their authors to not only source the images but also cover any costs. It's a competitive business and they know that these crazy authors will do almost anything to get their books published. I might have what I think is a really interesting area of architecture to write about, but if all the photographs and drawings that I'll need are in museum or gallery collections, I wouldn't go any further as their charges for reproduction are so high. For most its between £100 and £150 per image and as most of my books have around 100 images, it's not an investment I'd be willing to make - especially without an advance payment - so I

spend quite a bit of time checking this issue out before I commit to a topic.

My last book was a biography of the eminent British architect Sir Herbert Baker and before I started writing I established that his archive was in the V+A (bad news) but having contacted his family, they confirmed that they had photographs of him throughout his life and many of his buildings, which they'd be pleased to let me use without charge (good news) - so I went ahead, confident that I could supply all the images I'd need, at no cost.

One of the advantages of writing about architecture, is that, in most cases, if the building is a good one, it's still around and can be photographed, and I'd rather spend my money enjoying the travel to photograph buildings myself than just shelling out for someone else's image. This is OK when the buildings are in the UK, but starts getting prohibitively expensive when they are overseas. Its then that I start to check out what's available from the internet via various photo-sharing sites such as *Flickr*. With so many cameras and good quality phone cameras around the world, most good quality buildings have been photographed by lots of people worldwide and many of them are happy to have their photograph used in a book as long as they get a credit.

After going through this process once or twice, I now have a number of really good amateur photographer contacts around the world who are interested in architecture and who I can go to when I need something specific. If they are regular contributors then I can usually get them copies of the finished books, which keeps the relationships going. I can be sitting at my laptop in Terrick emailing virtual friends in Spain, Sweden or Saskatchewan about particular buildings and asking either, what they've got, or who they might suggest I contact, for a particular image.

## My New Life as an Author : Part 5, by John Stewart (continued)

For my book on *Nordic Classical Architecture*, I was missing one specific interior shot of a secondary school in Copenhagen. I'd exhausted all the sites without success and so I emailed a previously helpful Professor of Architecture in Arkansas, to see if he had anything. He responded that he hadn't visited that particular building but gave me a contact of his own in Copenhagen to try. I emailed his contact and he told me that he'd had a nervous breakdown and hadn't been doing much photography recently. I told him what I was after, to which he responded, "That school is just a couple of doors down from my therapist – leave it with me and I'll see what I can do." A week later a set of beautiful photographs of the interior arrived in my inbox.

On occasion I have had no option but to either pay a professional photographer or a museum for their images but that really is a last resort. For my book on *Twentieth Century Town Halls* There was one out of the twenty

'case study' town halls that I just couldn't get images of. I knew that it had been professionally photographed and I contacted the photographer in Spain, but he wanted so much money for the image rights that I thought it would be cheaper to fly there and take them myself – which is what my wife and I did (for less than the cost of his proposed reproduction fee). After an early start, we flew to Madrid, picked up a hire car (at a charge of £1 a day) and drove to Valdelaguna where we were welcomed by the mayor and shown around his beautiful little town hall. After a delightful late lunch in nearby Chinchon, we high-tailed it back to the airport and home. Sometimes it's not a bad life being an author!

John Stewart  
Terrick 2020

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## VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Plough



# COVID-19 Lockdown

how we coped and what we did



*Exercise at Home by Judith Harper*

## Ellesborough Village Community Volunteers during Covid 19

The positive attitude and community spirit that has been demonstrated by the residents of Ellesborough has been exemplary during the past 8 weeks.

Two months ago, Ellesborough Parish Council (EPC) took the decision to act quickly and organise a network of volunteers to help the members of our Parish that might need assistance during the proposed lockdown. None of the Councillors fully understood what might be required or for how long and for whom, but instinctively we knew that there would be residents who needed assistance and that as a community we needed to react. The response was brilliant.

Within a few days, a hardcore of "Book Club" ladies had already started beating their drums and Amanda McGrail had set up a Whatsapp group which soon extended to the far corners of the Parish. Over 30 volunteers were ready and willing to help. 5 days after the lockdown was formally announced, 25

volunteers met in the Russell Arms and a door to door Parish mailing was undertaken.

8 weeks on, we now have over 50 volunteers registered and 21 people have been helped via the Volunteer network. The Volunteers have been collecting prescriptions, shopping, dog walking and even arranging for electricians to fix cookers. We also know that many more people have been helped by neighbours and friends, not via the volunteer network.

On behalf of Ellesborough Parish Council, we thank you and you should all be proud of yourselves. With no sign of "normality" in the short term, we know that you will continue to help those who need it.

It is often only in the face of adversity that true characteristics can be seen.

Matthew McGrail on behalf of EPC

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## Homeschooling during Covid 19

For our family the effects of the lockdown by Covid-19 have been extremely mixed. We are a family of five with three boys under the age of eleven. On one hand we're all thoroughly enjoying having everyone at home and spending time together not needing to rush here and there for school drop offs and numerous after school clubs, but on the other hand, the home schooling has been testing to say the least. Trying to motivate each of them individually has been a challenge and there have been more fights than I ever expected.....but then again boys will be boys and I now have a completely new respect for all teachers! But we're working through it and know that everyone is trying their best and we will get there in the end. We have achieved seven weeks of lock-down so far, which is the equivalent of longer than a school summer holiday, so I think parents deserve a 'pat on the back' for still being sane - but ask me in 4 weeks time and I might say something very different!

The boys are desperate to see their friends at school again and even though they can wave and say hello via video messaging, nothing is the same as seeing them in person. We are all living history and I hope they will look back on this time, not just as mummy being a terrible teacher and forcing them to do some work, but as a special and bonding experience that we all have benefited from. Having children at home 24/7 is unbelievably hard and adding being teacher, mum, housekeeper, cook, referee and wife into the mix is even harder. I myself, will try to look back on this time positively and with no regrets; we are the lucky ones, we live in the beautiful Chilterns and have space to move and breathe in proper fresh air, we are lucky.

Our hearts go out to those who are not so lucky and have tragically lost loved ones in this awful pandemic and to those who have fought the virus on the front line.....we thank you.

JS

## The Children's Society in Covid 19

As a longstanding volunteer and local representative for The Children's Society, I would like to share, with you, some of the ventures and appeals that The Children's Society are doing, during these unprecedented times, for the young people that need it most.

Every childhood has been disrupted by these challenging times, but it has trapped the most vulnerable children and young people at home, hidden from view and away from vital support. They are all alone, trying to cope with their mental health problems, their fears and uncertainties, their abusers – through to poverty and neglect.

In the current situation, giving these children help is more vital than ever – that is why The Children's Society, their practitioners and partners are making sure they are still there for young people. They are speaking with children on the phone, delivering vital care packages, and calling emergency services when the child is at high risk or too scared to do it themselves.

**One of our practitioners has shared 'Young people are going to need more support to get them back to where they were before all**

**this happened. We are the place that they can turn to.'**

Perhaps you may have a moment to read about their emergency appeal in the link below or, if possible, a donation to their emergency appeal.

### Emergency Appeal

To find out more about this appeal please visit <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/lifeline>

The Children Society – just giving via Judith's fundraising

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/judith-harper21>

### Covid-19 Information and Support

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-support>

Thank you, Judith Harper

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## A Thank You message from Elizabeth Hine

May I please take this opportunity to thank everyone, friends and neighbours, the Ellesborough Community Network and the Risborough Grapevine for all they do for me and other housebound folks. For the flowers and cakes, Easter eggs and fresh new laid eggs left on my doorstep. The shopping, the prescription collection, and the 'phone calls. I couldn't have survived this without you.

Thank you so much, I and my families living overseas are so very grateful to you.

Elizabeth Hine

## Sewing for the NHS during Covid 19

After a couple of weeks in lockdown, I noticed on Facebook a group who were sewing items for NHS staff. My children are teenagers now and no longer need World Book Day outfits made, so I dragged my machine out from the cupboard and blew away the dust. Initially my machine and I had a big argument but after a good service we made up and I was ready to collect fabric and join the group, so that's what I did.

"Sewing for the NHS" has over 3,500 members and is a volunteer group covering Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes.

So far the group have provided NHS staff, carers and surgeries with over 16,000 scrub bags 7,000 headbands, 300 NHS approved scrub sets & caps.

The scrub wash bags provide an invaluable and hygienic way for Doctors and staff to take their clothing to be laundered and the headbands have buttons attached either side to prevent pressure sores behind the ears from wearing masks for long periods.

It's been great being part of something and connecting with new people but also learning new skills on my machine.

Take care and stay safe

Kaye Warner



*The Head bands.*



*NHS staff with the headbands and scrub bags.*

## School teaching during Covid 19



As a Primary School Teacher at Great Kimble School I am one of a skeleton crew looking after children of critical workers, who are often working 24 hour shifts. It seems strange being in school with only a few children but we are filling the days with a mixture of routine and fun activities. To help the children and parents staying at home we gave them Home Learning packs before the lockdown

and on our school website post daily tasks for our classes, together with lots of resources and links to useful websites. We have rung our families, stay in touch by email and encourage the children to send in photos of their activities. We share their pictures in our weekly newsletters to help everyone keep in touch and stay motivated. We are lucky to have our own private Youtube channel and I am rising to the challenge to produce weekly videos linked to our topics, which the children are enjoying. I am sure my rehearsals in the garden have kept the neighbours entertained! We are all using our Growth Mindsets and can't wait till we'll meet again!

By Helen Holman

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## The morning walk



## Fund Raising during Covid 19

Early lockdown seems long ago; the flood of memes has now slowed to a trickle and the chain poems/recipes/albums/books have petered out in a way that we can only hope the virus will eventually. When I received the 5/5/5 chain challenge - run 5 km, donate £5 and nominate 5 others, it was a great excuse for another outing to the woods in the beautiful weather that has been helping us through. I decided that as Capt. Tom had smashed all targets on NHS fundraising, another charity could benefit and as a result of using Judith Harper's Children's Society fundraising page, I'm writing this. Not that I really run in the way that Judith does, or Liz Alexander, who has a real achievement to report! 'Interval running' is a great way to get fit gradually and not worry about stopping to talk to people (at an appropriate distance) or to take photos or watch wildlife. Basically you walk as much as you like, especially on the uphill sections! Unlike Couch to 5 km or other schemes, there is no guide so you can take it as you please, but somehow you end up going a little further and faster over time, whilst not stressing your knees and back quite so much.

Meanwhile, my son Sacha considered doing a vertical 5 km, in multiple ascents of Beacon Hill. In the end he decided to attempt the '26' challenge, suggested by lots of charities as an alternative to the 26.2 mile marathon on April 26<sup>th</sup>. People all over the country ran, walked,



sang, swum and knitted their way to 2.6 or 26 targets. Sacha completed non-stop 26 climbs of Beacon Hill (from near the gate into the field), almost 1500 m of height, in 2¾ hours, raising funds for Crisis

This pales into insignificance when compared to the long hours being put in by all key workers: the NHS, teachers, post office, transport and our own wonderful farm shop and village volunteers - a huge thank you to you all!

Fiona Tchen

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This was Spring - in case you missed it!



## Allotment project and fresh vegetables for the community in Covid 19

In just a few weeks we have progressed rapidly, turning two unused and overgrown plots into what we expect to be highly productive land for a wide selection of fruit and vegetables. The first job of finding volunteers achieved success, and we are now an energetic team of 6 enthusiastic amateurs: more volunteers always welcome.

Having ploughed, tilled, levelled and cleared we have now also completed about 70% of the planting, with the remaining tender seeds/plants waiting for the risk of frost to pass. A tense time ahead while we wait for the donated plants and seeds to grow or germinate, but the potatoes are coming up, the radish, spinach & lettuce are growing well and we're hopeful the many other seeds will also thrive.

We'll obviously report progress again, but until then we'll be weeding, watering and planting to ensure we can have fresh, local and organic produce available for our Parish neighbours this Summer.

Many thanks to our volunteers, but also to the Ellesborough Relief In Need charity for provision of crop protection netting and to Buckmoore Farm for well-rotted manure for the plots.

Graeme Bird



Allotments – then and now

## Art Therapy Online during Covid 19

With the local MS Centre closed, due to "lockdown," - the members and patients suddenly found themselves without their treatments, therapies, social groups and interaction with each other.

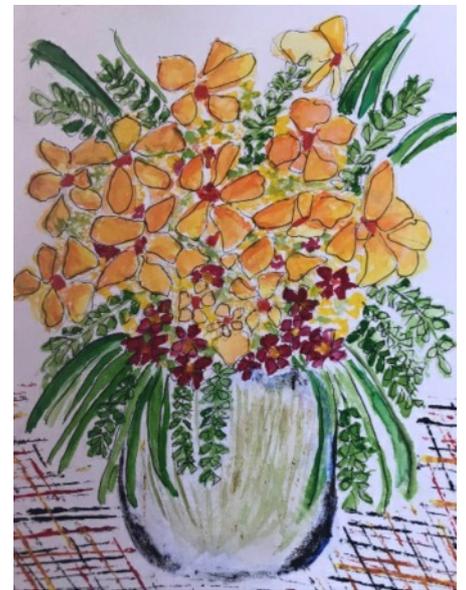
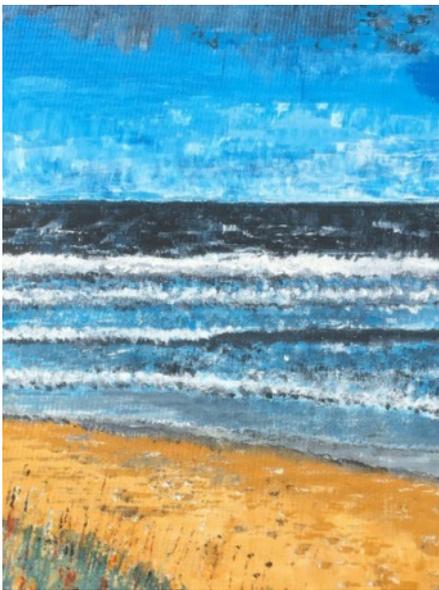
Included, was the fortnightly art group, so we decided to continue our volunteering by running online art sessions throughout this difficult time.

With almost 50 following our art challenges and several participating in art – it has worked out to be valuable and therapeutic for many

The challenges have included: working in the Style of LS Lowry, Spring Flowers and Seascapes.

Below are some pieces of work completed by members/patients.

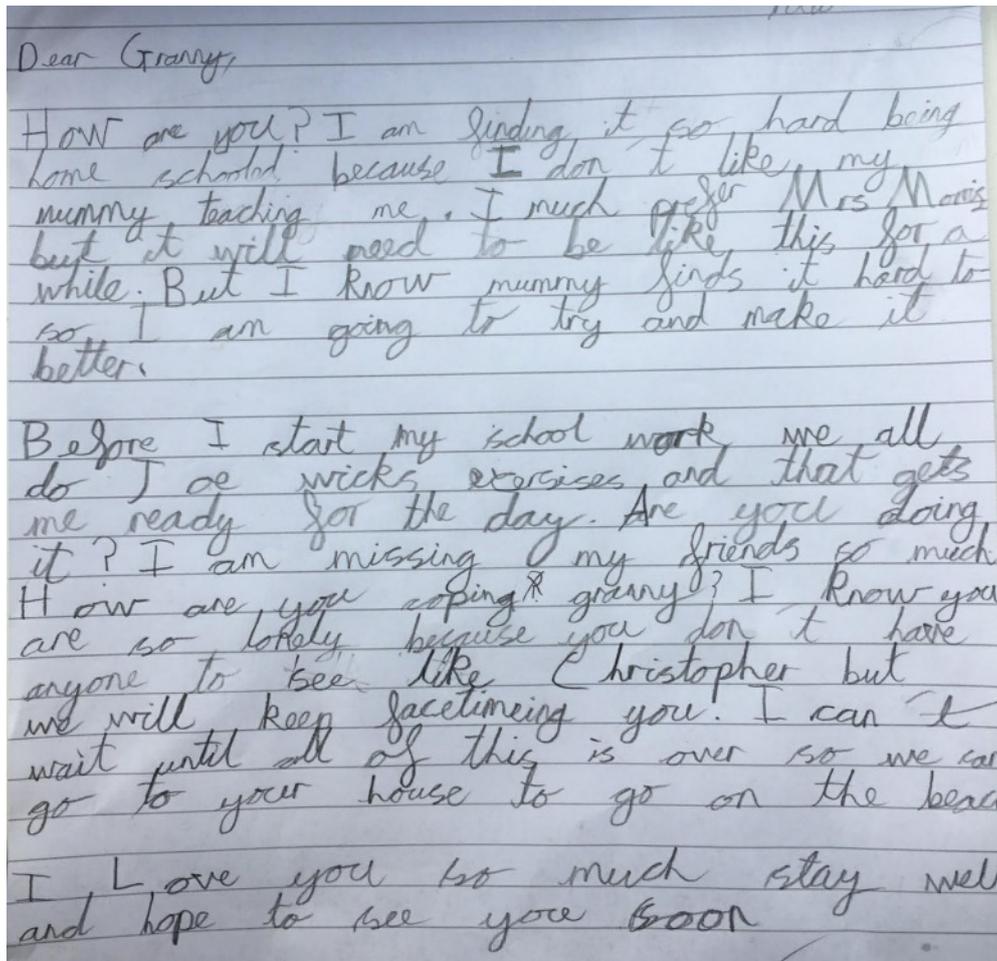
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Another Reminder of Spring



## A Letter to Granny during Covid 19



## Daniel's Wonderful Tribute to the NHS



# The Alexanders during Covid 19

## Lockdown according to the Alexander 'youth'

### Tom (20)

Working over this period of uncertainty has been interesting to say the least and working in the food industry even more so. I work for an online butcher called field&flower who deliver nationally. As a result of the pandemic demand has increased significantly and our working patterns have had to flex to accommodate the increased demand. We've all been working at home since just before lockdown which has also been an interesting experience!

It's great to see how we can manage to help people who are self-isolating across the country by delivering free-range grass fed meat and sustainably sourced fish. We have also been donating to FareShare South West as a company which is very rewarding to know that over 80,000 meals have been donated by us and our customers.

A bit closer to home I have been helping my younger brother - Josh - in his collections for food banks. So if you see an old grey Volkswagen pottering about the village of an evening you'll know we're out collecting! It's been amazing to see everyone in the village get involved in this great enterprise and help out those who are in need in these bizarre times.

### Han (19)

During the pandemic I have been working at the farm shop along with doing my degree from home. It has been a big change at the farm shop with online deliveries, collections as well as serving customers in a socially distanced face to face way.

It is great to be able to help the local community to access high quality food in a time like this. I've also been doing my lectures online on my days off which has been more challenging than when in Edinburgh!

### Josh (16)

In the lockdown I got a job at Aylesbury Tesco and I'm working there twice a week. I'm in the Covid-19 Response team and our main role is to help people to feel safe whilst they are shopping. We sanitise the trolleys and hand held scanners for people, manage queues so that not too many people come in the shop and then do our best to ensure people stay 2 metres apart whilst they are shopping. It's quite sociable and my colleagues are all very friendly. Through my school (AGS) I've been collecting food for local food banks from the village. My brother Tom has been my collection driver. People have been incredibly generous and we are extremely grateful for all the support. I've also been studying at home for my A levels which has been an interesting experience!

## My alternative london marathon - Liz Alexander

After 7 years of trying, I finally had the opportunity of a lifetime to fulfil one of my major ambitions - running the London Marathon.....I had already entered the Edinburgh marathon as initially I didn't get into London, so back in the Autumn it seemed like a good idea to run them both, 1 month apart, to raise funds for the amazing mental health charity YoungMinds (<https://youngminds.org.uk>)

I have run 2 marathons in 2 months before, but that was 6 years ago, and whilst the spirit is still very willing, my half century plus means that the flesh is undeniably weaker.....

Getting from December to now has been both a physical and a mental challenge; physically it has been about making it through the training without too many injuries - this didn't go according to plan as I developed foot and knee injuries pretty early on which hampered initial training. But it has also been a very real mental challenge; 26.2 (x 2!) miles is a long way, and compounded by the fact that I've never before entered

## The Alexanders during Covid 19 continued

an event that meant I had to train during the winter months, in fact I've actively avoided them. I don't enjoy the winter, I thrive in the sunshine, so the thought of having to motivate myself to get the training miles in during the dark and cold was seriously scary. I did however know that there was a definite end to my mental challenge at the finish line. For many people mental health challenges can seem never ending, which is why I wanted to



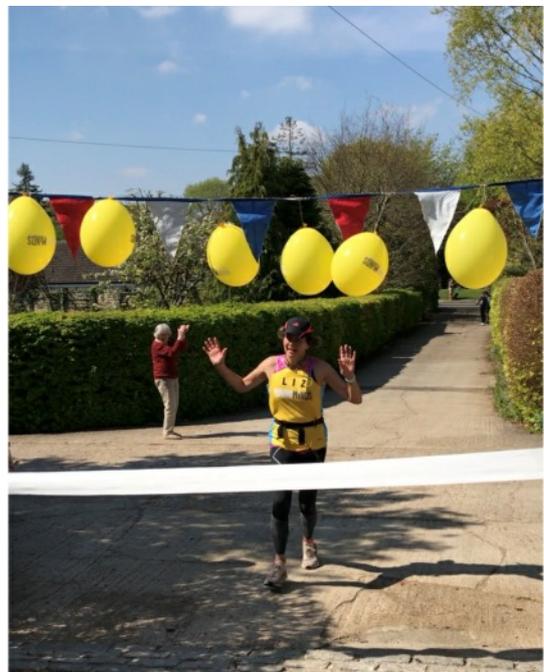
do something to support the amazing charity that is YoungMinds. They are committed to ensuring that every young person in a dark place, and their family, can see that there is light at the end of the tunnel. YoungMinds is a unique charity which provides mental health support for young people aged 0 to 25 and, crucially, their parents & carers as well.

Back in the autumn, who could have predicted that living through a pandemic would be our reality in the Spring. London and Edinburgh marathons were postponed to the Autumn, and even as I write there is significant doubt that either will actually happen before next Spring. I had spent months training and so many people had supported me and sponsored me, that I really wanted to do something in return for their faith in pledging their hard-earned cash to YoungMinds.

So..... On Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> it wasn't quite the London Marathon I'd imagined, but I had decided that I would run my own 26.2 miles in honour of the cancelled event. My route consisted of twice round a very close to home local lap - 1 loop with Hannah and the

other with Josh - and then the majority of the miles on my own round the garden/lane. It was an amazing, unique and surreal experience, if a bit lonely on the garden laps! I found the last 3 miles very hard as I hadn't managed a long training run for 6 weeks due to lockdown.

I hadn't really told anyone other than immediate family what I was going to do, as I was very nervous that I may not be able to finish, but the support was astonishing: Hannah had made chalk board landmarks to keep me motivated on the way round the garden, there were amazing banners from the Hares family, neighbours, realising something was going on, offered amazing support from a safe distance behind their garden gates, the 'Grannies' were dialled in on FaceTime for the finish, and Eldridge Lane made an amazing Mall substitute for my very colourful finish line, adorned with bunting and balloons. A cold Erdinger low alcohol isotonic beer was waiting at the end ...and proper fizz did follow once I had recovered enough to be sure it wouldn't make me fall over!



A huge thanks once again to everyone for the most amazing support for #YoungMinds (for more info see [JustGiving.Liz Alexander](#)) and hopefully, when the pandemic subsides, I will be able to run the real London Marathon.....probably in 2021! LA

# Putting out a message



## Dunsmore in LockdownLand

These certainly are 'interesting times' we live in! None of us expected to be in our nearly-three-month separation from friends and family at this point in 2020. We are eternally grateful, however, to be isolating ourselves in such a beautiful part of the country – the bluebells have carpeted the woods, the trees have fully leafed out, and our villagers have taken to the lanes and footpaths, where we're seeing as much – if not more – of each other than whatever constituted 'normal'.

The extremely good news is that villagers unfortunate enough to have contracted Covid-19 have recovered, to the relief of all of us. Neighbours are assisting in shopping and undertaking other errands for those who are self-isolating. No one seems to be in dire need, and we're thankful for the delivery service provided by Buckmoorend Farm Shop at the bottom of Coombe Hill.

Every evening around 7 p.m., we are lifting our beverage of choice in solidarity to all the other residents of Dunsmore. That, of course, is in addition to the cheering and noise-making (alphorn, anyone?) at 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Now, if only those who feel a great necessity to speed along our lanes to nearby beauty spots would consider the walkers, bikers, horse riders and children of the village before they hit the accelerator, we'd be very happy.

### A Look Back at Dunsmore with Clive Duncan

The Dunsmore Village Hall was bequeathed to the village for use as a school by Langford Lovell in 1849. The tradition of an annual Langford Lovell Lecture was established in recognition of Langford Lovell's intention that the hall be used to educate and enrich the lives of the villagers. After an absence of a few years, this tradition was revived on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March when Clive Duncan gave his Langford Lovell Lecture on growing up in Dunsmore in the 1950s and 1960s.

An accomplished sculptor, teacher and lecturer, more used to addressing audiences in rather illustrious venues, it was quite a change for Clive to address the Dunsmore



villagers in our tiny hall, but a real treat for us to hear his fascinating recollection of growing up in Dunsmore, illustrated with some beautiful old black and white photographs of his parents and some of the villagers from that time.

Born in London in 1944, he moved to Dunsmore as a boy, initially with his mother, a glamorous former model or mannequin as they were known then. Many of his recollections of characters in the village can be found on the Dunsmore website <http://www.dvha.co.uk/history/>, but what I think resonated with his audience is just how close and comforting the environment of Dunsmore was and still is, particularly right now when we are struggling with strange times in lockdown. He talked of his difficult time in school in Wendover, where he was bullied and treated as a bit dense. In fact he was dyslexic but that was not recognised at the time. Coming home from school to those local characters gave him solace, but it is his belief that it is to them that he owes his real education.

If you would like to know more about Clive's work, you can visit his website: <http://www.cliveduncansculptor.com>

It would be nice to have another Langford Lovell Lecture to look forward to next year so if anyone has any ideas for a speaker do get in touch with the DVHA. (NB: Thanks to Carol Keats for this submission and to Richard Jennings for his photograph.)

## Dunsmore in LockdownLand (continued)

### A Very Special Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter activities had been cancelled or severely curtailed in the village, so Alice Minchell got to work to ensure Dunsmore children could get into the Easter Spirit during the lockdown. A Social Distancing Easter Egg Hunt was arranged for villagers over the long Easter Weekend. This entailed Dunsmore residents using their creative flair to design Easter eggs from anything they could find and display these in a visible place outside their homes. The challenge was making sure they could withstand a few days' UK weather. All eggs were in place by Good Friday afternoon to be admired, counted and hunted by participants during their allotted exercise slot - of course adhering to strict social distancing guidance.

There was a great turnout with 17 households displaying 103 eggs! There was naturally a competitive element, with the DVHA committee judging eggs in three categories for design, as well as awarding a prize for the household which was closest in counting the



correct number of eggs.

The prize winners were:

- Egg hunt count: Winner - Rose Cottage, Runner up - Moonrising
- Best Design: Springfield
- Most innovative design: Jubilee Cottage
- The Easter Bunny prize: Orchard End

The Design Prize to Springfield featured this rainbow egg and bunny. Congrats to every household that participated and to our winners, who had a great weekend making and finding every egg in the village!

### An Historical Snapshot of Dunsmore

During lockdown, Eneka Stewart, our resident professional photographer, found her wedding business disappearing. But wanting to use her considerable talent, she decided to document Dunsmore under lockdown as an historical statement. Eneka called her project 'A Visual Moment in Time' and began contacting villagers and close friends of the village to determine which households would like to participate. To her great credit, Eneka has managed to photograph 39 households, each captured (at a distance, of course!) at or very near their homes. Some produced signs to thank the relevant communities for seeing us through this, others simply appeared as they wished, happy to be part of a fascinating all-village event.

The resulting photographs should be up on the Dunsmore website <http://www.dvha.co.uk/history/>, this month. In addition, Eneka hopes to have sent a slideshow to everyone in the village by the time this publication is put online.

Villagers have been offering excess plants and fruit/veg to one another, and a recent offer of excess rhubarb was snatched up with great alacrity. We all miss the cream teas, the Ladies' Lunches, and a special celebration planned for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. But we are very hopeful that there can be an even better celebration when we are allowed to gather once again as a village.

Stay strong, stay safe, and keep helping one another in the marvellous spirit of our village, Dunsmorons. We will get through this in good health and committed to our life in the Chilterns.

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# Lockdown Farming

I have spent many a day feeling somewhat guilty in recent weeks. Without doubt the common question asked by customers in our shop or footpath users on our farm is how Covid19 has affected us. The honest truth is that it hasn't much. In the first few days I used to joke that we were already in a fairly isolated position anyway. However, as reality has dawned on how long we may have to endure this new way of living, and what the long-term effects may be, my same response has become far more penitent.

I certainly feel like I'm fortunate in this situation. As a farmer I have livestock to tend and crops to oversee. I have a bona fide reason to carry on with my work, and fortunately it cannot be done from indoors. We are approaching the end of lambing, so recently my days have started at 5am in the lambing shed, and ended there around midnight, with a plethora of tasks to be carried out throughout the day.



I have total sympathy for anyone who has a yearning to spend a weekend getting out and about. I honestly don't know how I'd manage given the fact that I spend 365 days a year working outside. Especially with the stunning weather of late. There could be some hope for the claustrophobic though...whilst we grow cereals and rear livestock, other farms nationwide are desperately recruiting for farm workers to pick and pack fruit and vegetables. There is a real fear that some of this fresh produce could end up rotting in the fields

without the labour to harvest it. So, if you fancy the challenge, it could be your ticket outdoors! <https://www.fwi.co.uk/business/coronavirus-urgent-appeal-for-brits-to-work-on-farms>



We have made some significant efforts in our shop to adjust to the new guidelines in relation to social distancing. We have also introduced an online ordering system to arrange collections and deliveries for customers who are in isolating situations. We have increased our stock and range of products. More information can be found on our website at [www.buckmooreendfarm.co.uk](http://www.buckmooreendfarm.co.uk) or give us a call on 01296 624 425

Finally, we would like to thank all of our customers for shopping with us and supporting local.

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## Nature not in Lockdown - time to look for glowworms.

Glowworms can easily be found in our vicinity, the reason they are not seen or known about is that you need to actively look for them in the dark. This means after 10.30pm in June or July and walking along

the same place for up to a week as the female tries to attract a male flying by. Once mated the light is extinguished and the fertilised eggs go on to hatch into small larvae. It takes at least two years to mature



a path or track without a torch.

The little bright yellow green lights are low down, often a meter off. In past years I have seen them on the Missenden Road verges, on Beacon Hill, in the Ellesborough Church yard, and if lucky find one or two within our garden boundary. More generally they are widely distributed along the Chiltern scarp, being mainly reported at Wendover and Stokenchurch nature reserves. A late evening stroll on the slopes of Beacon or Coombe Hill and you are bound to find them.

The light emanates from the female beetle, genus *Lampyridae*. In daylight it is an unremarkable wingless creature like a large woodlouse. The female tends to hide amongst low vegetation (annuals / grasses), where the rooks can't find them. Swathes of cow parsley are likely sites.

The stationary glowing spec shines all the hours of darkness and can be seen in the

into adults, and the cycle is repeated.

Because their lifecycle is greater than one year, and individuals are quite widely spread out, a precise location's display is likely to vary from year to year. However once suitable habitat is lost recolonisation is very slow as the female is flightless.

A problem for glowworms is artificial lighting. The female shines brightly in the darkness, but males are unable to locate them if there are distracting lights from houses, gates and driveways\*. It's probably best to program these off after 11pm in the summer so that we can all enjoy the stars and worms.

### **Richard Jennings**

\* Bird, S., Parker, J. Low levels of light pollution may block the ability of male glow-worms (*Lampyrus noctiluca* L.) to locate females. *J Insect Conserv* 18, 737-743 (2014).

# VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Chalkshire Road Street Party

Much enjoyed, but all strictly Socially Distanced



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## Nicholas Strathon has these memories of VE Day 1945

I do actually recall as a six year old attending the Bonfire celebration of VE day in Peaslake in Surrey where my mother and I were staying with friends having left London in summer '44 for a spell to get away from the V1s and V2s. The War for us wasn't over at all since my father was shortly to go to the Far East, but fortunately Japan surrendered very shortly after he landed in India!

## Victory in Europe, May 1945

My memories of this period are very vivid. I was a young 9 year old child living at my home in Bath with older brothers and sisters all involved in war work. Two brothers in the Navy, one a sub-mariner in the Far East and the other on a Destroyer in the North Sea and Baring Straits I think. One sister was directed to Nursing, one to the Admiralty and one to a secret location where National treasures were hidden away. Home life was somewhat fragmented with comings and goings at odd hours - no job was a regular 9 to 5.

May 7th stands out for me, it was the birthday of one of my sisters and we knew the war was over, but we had to wait until May 8th before Mr. Churchill would make the Official Declaration of the end of the hostilities in Europe. The excitement had 24 hours to build.

And Oh the relief. After nearly 6 long weary years of anxiety, blackout, worry, fear and so much more - we were overjoyed. Dancing and singing in the Streets and of course we held a Street Party. Fancy Dress or Sunday best. Bunting. Flags. Fish paste sandwiches, jelly and iced buns made by our local baker - boy were they good. A veritable feast. We didn't exactly go hungry during the war but food was 'different' and somewhat bland and certainly not plentiful, no one was overweight.

However, celebrations were tempered by thoughts of those who would not be returning from the war, or our friends lost in the local blitz on Bath.

My brother James was still on active service in the Far East until August 1945, and Oliver's Destroyer was sent to many places around the world to pick up soldiers to bring them home. All this took very many months. An amazing story to end. Returning from the Far East James's submarine came through the Suez Canal and stopped for refuelling at the same Port as Oliver's Destroyer was picking up with soldiers.

They met! What an amazing coincidence.

When finally after many months they were both home and very fortunately with no injuries although they had both witnessed the true horrors of war.

And the upside for me was that I had some very nice souvenirs from faraway places. And also, because of all my older siblings I know all the words to the wartime songs.

Jean Young





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## School News - Summer Term 2020

**June 2020**

We usually start this June edition of the newsletter with details of our special Easter service and announcing the fantastic funds raised at our annual Easter Fayre. Sadly, none of these happened due to the Covid-19 outbreak and we are all now experiencing such monumental and turbulent times. However, in all my time as a senior leader, a teacher or a volunteer, I must say that I have never felt so proud to belong to a school community. To not have encountered any negativity, even in times where anxieties are running at an all-time high, isn't just rare - it's remarkable. Great Kimble is such a unique and special place and I have been honoured to serve as Great Kimble's headteacher to date.

All our teachers are continuing to work tirelessly to prepare and upload daily work for the children, on top of managing their own lives. Each class has been treated to the most amazingly creative videos on our closed YouTube channel and these have delighted the children. It helps to keep the connection alive and show they are not alone. When children are struggling, teachers are always there on the other end of the phone line and our thanks go to everyone for their positive mindsets during these unprecedented times.

At the time of print, the government announced that all Reception and Year 1 children would be returning to school, in some capacity, by the 1st June. We will therefore be doing our utmost to follow guidelines and put this into action. Hopefully the rest of the school will reopen shortly afterwards.

In the meantime, we have some wonderful news to share.

**Playground Project** - Our playground project is finally finished and it looks fabulous. In just 10 days the team at Pentagon Play worked flat out to complete this monumental project. I'm a firm believer in 'everything happens for a reason' and this has certainly been the case here. Pentagon Play have been the perfect company for us as a school. They have been positive, proactive and professional at all times. The quality of finish on the project is exemplary and I cannot thank them enough for going the extra mile for our school.

I would also like to thank Mrs Walsh for her huge part in this project. Behind the scenes, Mrs Walsh has been opening up in the early morning and locking up at night. She has also been really helpful and considerate in keeping us all updated on the progress. Next, a huge thank you to the marvelous FOKS. Being such a small school, this huge project should have been unthinkable. However, the generosity of FOKS, who have already contributed £28,000 and

plan to donate another £7,000 in the future, has made it all possible. Finally, thank you to all of the individuals, families and businesses who have donated to the project. This is appreciated immensely and will make such a difference. Your contributions will ensure that as a school we can continue to provide the services that we do, and will ensure that FOKS can continue to contribute funds towards other aspects of the school like trips and visits.

PLAYGROUND PHOTOS:



Sadly, for the first time ever, the children will not be able to perform their fabulous Maypole and Country Dancing event and we are still dubious as to whether the whole school will return before the end of the Summer Term. We are keeping all fingers are crossed as we desperately miss everyone's' smiley faces.

Keep safe, healthy and well and we hope to be able to give you some positive news on the school reopening soon.

*Miss K H Needham, Interim Headteacher*



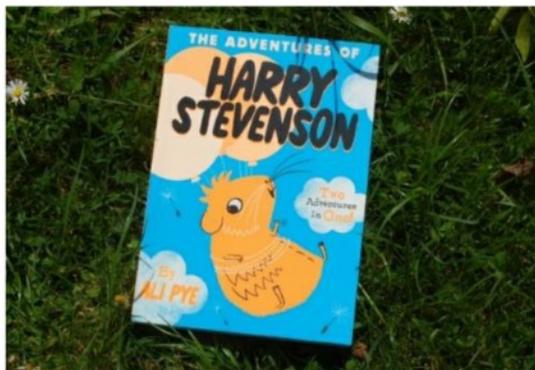
# Children's Book Recommendations

## Younger Readers (6-9)



**Bad Nana: That's Snow Business! Sophy Henn**  
Harper Collins ISBN: 978-0008268138

Snow and a Winter Talent Show are enough to make everyone over excited, but Bad Nana has gone razzle-dazzle crazy! Jeannie is still 7 3/4 and still has a very annoying little brother called Jack and she still lives only eight minutes and thirty-six seconds away from Bad Nana. When the show is announced, Bad Nana's old show-biz friend, Bobby Trulove, appears and he and Bad Nana get up to all sorts of mischief as they are determined to hog the limelight. Jeannie is not happy about how Bad Nana is behaving, but can she make her see sense? Great fun!



**The Adventures of Harry Stevenson Ali Pye**  
Simon and Schuster ISBN: 978-1471170232

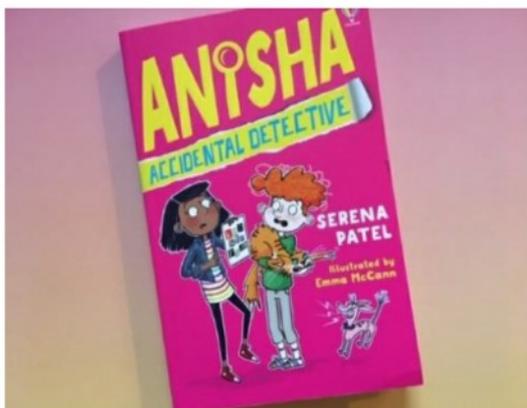
Harry Stevenson is a guinea pig whose life is full of eating, sleeping and eating some more. Although food is his main passion, Harry is also very fond of his owner, Billy, sharing snuggles and secrets- an ideal life. However, Harry's peaceful life is disturbed by the two adventures in this book!



**Witch in Winter Kaye Umansky, illustrated by Ashley King**  
Simon and Schuster ISBN: 978-1471175626

When Magenta Sharp disappears, Corbett the raven is worried that her magical tower will go and find a new owner so he visits Elsie Pickles and asks her to tower sit until Magenta returns. Bringing winter with him, a mysterious stranger seems to have set his sights on the empty tower and Elsie and her friends need all their wits about them to keep it safe until Magenta reappears. The fourth in this delightfully funny series about Elsie Pickles.

## 9-12 Year Old Readers



**Anisha Accidental Detective Serena Patel, illustrated by Emma McCann**  
Usborne ISBN: 978-1474959520

Anisha's Aunty Bindi is getting ready for her wedding and amid all the chaos and drama this involves, Anisha finds a ransom note pushed through the door. Uncle Tony- the groom-to-be has been kidnapped, only to be released if the wedding is cancelled. With her best friend, Milo, it is up to Anisha to solve the mystery and save THE big fat fabulous wedding!



The Mask of Aribella Anna Houghton  
Chicken House ISBN: 978-1912626106

Aribella lives in Burano, one of Venice's islands, with her father, a lacemaker, who has never recovered from the passing of her mother. On the eve of her birthday, Aribella is horrified that when angered by a local lad, fire erupts from her fingertips, causing the locals to call her a witch. When her name is put into the Lion's Mouth, a carving on the wall of the Doge's palace whose mouth is open *per denontie segrete* (for secret accusations) along with that of her father, Aribella is forced to flee, only to be rescued by a secret organisation of masked strangers. These are the Cannovacci, each with a special power and each devoted to protecting Venice. But evil is rising in Venice and Aribella soon finds that she and her new friends must fight to defend the city and the people that they love. 'The Mask of Aribella' is a wonderful read, full of magic and wonder.



The Strangeworlds Travel Agency L D Lapinski  
Orion Children's ISBN: 978-1510105942

Flick has recently moved to a new house in Little Wyverns with her parents and new baby brother, Freddy. Whilst exploring the village, she comes across a tiny, squashed-looking shop called The Strangeworlds Travel Agency. She finds herself invited to become a member of The Strangeworlds Society and is amazed to discover that each of the suitcases on display in the shop leads to another world. With Jonathan Mercator, Head Custodian, Flick is able to use the cases to explore the multiverse. But everything is not quite as it seems... The Strangeworlds Travel Agency is an excellent read, full of magic and adventure. (NB: The picture shows a proof copy of the book; the finished cover is different).



The Highland Falcon Express M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman,  
illustrated by Elisa Paganelli  
Macmillan Children's ISBN: 978-1529013061

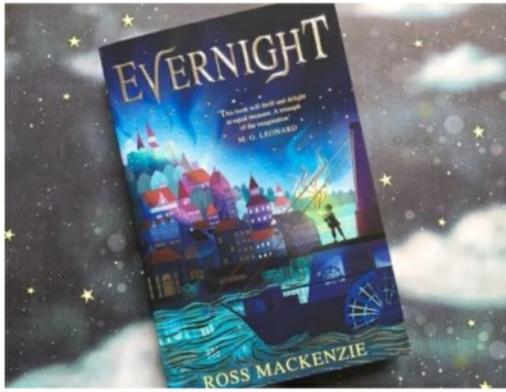
When Harrison (Hal) Beck is told that he will be accompanying his train-obsessed, journalist uncle on the final trip of the Highland Falcon as she makes her last journey ever, he is less than impressed. However, when a priceless diamond brooch goes missing just a few hours into the trip, Hal begins to investigate with Lenny, the driver's daughter. As accusations fly and the suspects list grows, will they unravel the mystery before the Highland Falcon reaches the end of the line? Fantastic fun!



The Train to Impossible Places P G Bell, illustrated by Flavia Sorrentino  
Usborne ISBN: 978-1474948616

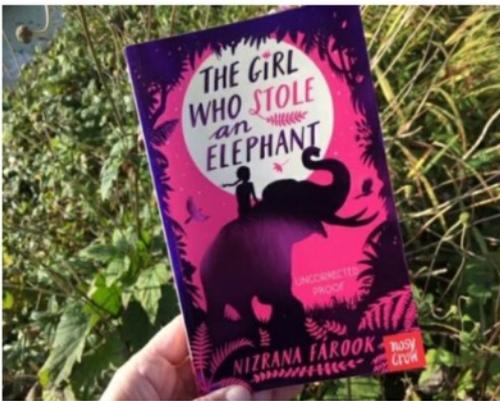
Meeting a grumpy troll who is building a railway track through your hallway is surprising enough, but when a massive steam train appears Susie's curiosity really gets the better of her and she leaps aboard to find out exactly what is going on! This is the Impossible Postal Express, a steam train which delivers mail across the Union of Impossible Places. Postmaster Wilmot takes her on as a new recruit and her first delivery goes horribly wrong when she rescues the contents of a package, starting an impossible adventure!

## Older Readers (11+)



Evernight Ross Mackenzie  
Andersen Press ISBN: 978-1783448319

Lara is completely at home in the sewers where she works as a tosher, searching beneath the city for things she can sell. Her world changes when she stumbles upon a little box- a box for which others are hunting. Lara suddenly finds herself the centre of attention and needs all her wits and cunning to survive. An excellent read, 'Evernight' is a compelling and satisfying story



The Girl Who Stole an Elephant Nizrana Farook, cover illustration by David Dean

Nosy Crow ISBN: 978-1788006347

Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, usually has an answer for everything. But stealing the Queen's jewels, even for the best of reasons, is not something she can talk her way out of and soon she has to escape.

On the back of a gorgeous stolen elephant, Chaya leads her friends through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk...

Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?

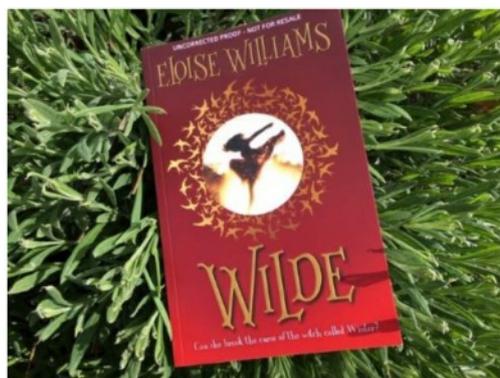


The House of Hidden Wonders Sharon Gosling

Little Tiger ISBN: 978-1788951906

Zinnie lives with her sisters in Edinburgh's murky underworld. Having experienced life in an orphanage, she is determined to keep them together and free from institutions, doing whatever she can to feed them. One way she has found of earning money is working for Mr Conan Doyle who pays her to do jobs for him.

When he asks her to observe a seance, Zinnie finds herself caught up in a mystery involving bodies with missing ears, ghosts and the mysterious House of Hidden Wonders and its sinister owner, MacDuff.



Wilde Eloise Williams  
Firefly Press ISBN: 978-1913102180

Having managed to get herself expelled from another school, Wilde finds her plan has backfired. Instead of being sent home, she has to go and stay with her aunt, Mae, at Witch Point, a place legendary 'for all the wrong reasons', where she is expected to start a new school.

Wilde is desperate to fit in, but a school project to re-tell the local legend of the witch called Winter leads to members of Wilde's new class receiving spiteful curses signed 'The Witch'. As tension mounts, the true story of Witch Point's past is uncovered and Wilde has to learn to accept who -and what- she is.

Reading suggestions provided by North Somerset Teachers' Book Awards (part of the Federation of Children's Book Groups).

## Nettle Soup & Sautéed Nettles



During this extraordinary time of isolation and lock down – why not try something different?

Rob Nicholson recommends some simple foraging and has been busy in his kitchen creating a delicious nettle soup. His sautéed nettles would also be a lovely accompaniment to my Teriyaki Salmon recipe.

Rob tells me that it is his first-time cooking with nettles, saying, *“As you probably know nettles are particularly rich in vitamin C and iron. The soup had a distinctive mineral flavour and you felt it must be healthy!”*

*So, well worth a try - but they do sting until wilted!”*

### **Soup ingredients:**

1 tbsp olive oil

1 chopped onion, 1 diced carrot, 1 sliced leek, 1 potato

200-400g nettles (nettle tops are best)

### **Method:**

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in large saucepan and add 1 chopped onion, 1 diced carrot, 1 sliced leek and 1 potato. Cook for 10 minutes until vegetables start to soften and then add one litre of vegetable stock and simmer for further 10 to 15 minutes.

2. Add 200g washed stinging nettle leaves and simmer for 1 minute to wilt, then blend the soup. Season to taste and stir in 50g butter and 50ml double cream

3. The recipe actually recommended 400g nettles but you have to pick a lot of nettles for that and 200g seemed ample. It is best to pick the more delicate leaves at the top of the plant, ideally before early May when they start to get tough.

### **Sautéed Nettles:**

I also cooked them exactly like spinach and this was equally successful. Sautéed in a saucepan with some butter and 1/2 cup of water until they are wilted.

I put them on some buttered toast with a poached egg on top. Delicious!

Happy foraging, Rob

Thank you, Rob, for being willing to share your foraging skills and creative recipes.

Judith Harper



## Teriyaki Salmon with Stir-fry Vegetables



We just love this Salmon dish – it's always a hit with friends, mouth-wateringly good, "easy peasy" to prepare and ideal for a summer lunch, supper or barbeque.  
Rob's Sautéed Nettle would be the perfect accompaniment.

### Serves 4

#### Ingredients:

4 tblsp teriyaki sauce  
2 tblsp sweet chilli sauce  
Zest of lime and squeeze of lime juice  
4 salmon fillets  
1 tblsp veg. oil  
300g pack of stir vegetables or own choice of vegetables  
2 tblsp soy sauce  
Drizzle of sesame oil  
Chopped coriander or parsley

#### Method:

1. Mix the teriyaki sauce, sweet chilli sauce, lime zest and juice to make a marinade.
2. Pour this marinade over the salmon fillets so they are covered – a shallow dish works well. Chill and leave for a minimum of 15 mins. (I leave for much longer!)
3. Heat veg. oil in a large frying pan and fry the salmon fillets for 4 to 5 mins on each side, until blackened. Set aside and keep warm.
4. Reserve any marinade and reduce very slightly.
5. Cook the stir fry vegetables in a wok, with a splash of water and soy sauce for 2 to 3 mins.
6. Divide the stir fry vegetables between 4 warmed plates, top each portion with a salmon fillet, drizzle with reduced marinade. Drizzle with a little sesame oil and sprinkle with some chopped coriander or parsley. Serve and enjoy.

# Lindengate Mental Health Charity

## Lindengate@Home

Lindengate@Home has been created specifically to support you through this national crisis with the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and can be adapted to support anyone's needs. It is designed to help you gently regain some structure and purpose in your day and learn how to reconnect with things that can help you maintain and regain your wellbeing. Please spend a little time looking at Lindengate@Home which you will find on our home page at [www.lindengate.org.uk](http://www.lindengate.org.uk)

## Lindengate Covid 19 Emergency Appeal



We have cancelled all fundraising events this year leaving us with a precarious shortfall in income. In addition we have closed our 5-acre site to our Gardeners for the duration of the pandemic. When we emerge from this national crisis, we anticipate a significant additional uptake of our already much needed services. It is imperative we keep financially stable to enable us to re-open into the future. We have unfortunately had to furlough 68% of our staff. With government support and the work of the remaining staff, we are determined to ensure the whole team can continue to be paid, so they remain with us for when we reopen. It is vital that we provide continuity for our Gardeners, and this means that the team must remain in place, so old relationships can re-engage when this happens. It also means ensuring that the site is kept healthy and our Horticultural and Site staff are able to maintain our gardens so they are fit for purpose later in the year.

Please consider supporting our emergency appeal – thank you.

**To make it easier to donate we have set up TEXT GIVING: This is how you make a donation:**

- 1. Text: 70450**
- 2. Write Lindengate followed by the amount you wish to donate. e.g. Lindengate5 means you donate £5**
- 3. Hit send**
- 4. You are then sent a link for Gift Aid which gives us an extra 25% if you are a taxpayer**

Thank you for your support of Lindengate, it is very much appreciated.

Anne Mills

Business Development Manager (Corporate and Community)

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Lindengate Mental Health Charity

The Old Allotment Site (next to Dobbies Garden Centre)

Aylesbury Road

Wendover

Buckinghamshire

HP22 6BD

# Ashridge Home Care Live-In Carer - Good news during COVID 19 crisis

Live-In Carer hosts Zoom birthday tea and bingo party for her client's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



## Vikki's story

35 year old live-in carer Vikki came to work with Ashridge Home Care 15 months ago when a friend recommended her. "You're a carer at heart, come and join me", said her friend who was already working with Ashridge.

For over a year now Vikki has been living with the same client she was matched with in the first week. Vikki has a great relationship with her client and they have a lot of fun together. They have not let the current situation dampen their spirits, not even when it was time to celebrate her client's birthday a couple of weeks ago. She was turning 94 but due to the Corona virus was unable to see her lovely friends and family for a traditional birthday celebration. So instead Vikki sent out invitations for a virtual Zoom party. On Tuesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock friends and family logged on and had a traditional afternoon tea together followed by a fun round of bingo. People from all over the country joined in from Bucks, Oxford and Cumbria including her children and grandchildren. Vikki ensured her client still had the best day possible.

Vikki was matched with her client who had lost her husband a couple of years previously and had since had a terrible time with other caregivers. They both now thrive on their relationship and Vikki ensures her client still lives an intellectually challenging life. In the current climate, they are still able to go for their once daily exercise for a good dose of Vitamin D, love to do the crossword in the Telegraph together and have been taking advantage of the free museum tours that are currently available as well as streaming live musical theatre and playing stimulating games such as Rummikub and scrabble.

Feedback from the family on Vikki's role as a live-in carer has been very positive: "She is by

a country mile the best carer we've had for Mum. We've discussed this and come up with the following points about Vikki: cheerful, enthusiastic, proactive and energetic. Has high standards, provides stimulating conversation and is a good judge of how much to encourage Mum to do things," are just some of the feedback Ashridge has received from the client's family.

Vikki has a strong background in the care industry having worked at various levels in residential children's care homes since she was 19. She also worked in a special educational needs school alongside her mother, managed the children's activity provision at hotel chains in Greece and then moved across into the elderly care sector for AGE UK for many years. "The vulnerability aspect of children is similar to the needs of the elderly and I fancied a change into a different sector, which is why I moved to Age UK."

"Being a carer who is entrusted to helping enrich someone's life is such an honour! For me, caring without caring just is not possible; it is all about putting my knowledge, experience and passion into getting the little things right for each and every one of my clients. Knowing that the care, compassion and simple smile on my face can bring joy and happiness to someone else, is priceless. The moments when I reflect back and see how I've positively impacted their lives are what caregiving is all about."

"We have a great routine and I manage the daily routine, cooking for us and managing household chores as well as her medical needs and medication."

Vikki continues: "Ashridge are a fantastic company to work with. Even though most of my certificates were up to date I undertook a rigorous training schedule and they even arranged some specific online training for certain conditions my client was dealing with so I could help her better. Her family interviewed me by telephone before I met my client and they generally ensured we were a good match."

# Chiltern Brewery News - June 2020

The last few weeks have been very eventful at The Chiltern Brewery, but it has been a revelation as to how things have developed on the back of the current situation. From the business we ran at the beginning of March to now, it has changed almost beyond recognition!

When the Prime Minister made his announcement on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we held a meeting the following morning with the whole Brewery team and discussed how we would continue in light of the announcements. We were facing imminent closure, however the team were determined to keep supplies to our loyal customers flowing where there was clear demand.

Although a few pubs kept their doors open supplying take-aways (The Kings Head in Aylesbury for example) the thick majority closed their doors, removing a large part of our business overnight. But instead of trade drying up entirely, the phone started to ring and the website started to get busier with customers asking how they could order our beer and foods. On the back of this we developed two new ways to supply our customers; our Drive-Thru Brewery Shop where customers can pull up outside our shop and collect their orders, without needing to get out of their cars (*Toot and we will load your Boot!*). This operates from Tuesday to Saturday 11am-5pm and orders can be placed in advance online (preferably) or by phone which speeds the collection process on arrival.

Secondly, we developed a free home delivery service for all orders over £30 for customers within 20 miles of our brewery. This has proved very popular with customers who can't or would prefer not to come to the Brewery. Our van is now out on the road most days of the week delivering from Buckingham to Wheatley and Bourne End to Wendover!

The support from all our customers and especially the Parish has been humbling and extremely welcome to us all – so we would like to say a very big thank you to YOU from all the

family and team at the Brewery, it has been invaluable to us.

Whilst writing I thought I would provide some exciting news from the Brewhouse with developments we have been keeping ourselves busy with over the last few weeks! About a month ago we commissioned a new pilot kit at the Brewery which enables us to brew small batches of rare and new beers, which we call Chiltern Brewery Creations. We have already put it to good use a number of times which has been great fun.

With this in mind and as part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, we will be releasing a new beer in a few weeks time – a first for us - and here is a sneak preview of the design!



Yes... it's a can! We have commissioned a local designer to create the artwork – see if you can recognise some of the local landmarks! This will be available from the end of June/early July.

Many thanks again from us all.

**Tom Jenkinson**

# 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!*

March 2020

It was a beautiful spring afternoon for our March meeting which was well attended, the President welcomed 2 new members and 2 guests. At Kimble and Ellesborough WI we still start our meetings in the traditional way - with Jerusalem.

We were reminded of the dates of the Icknield Group Spring Meeting in April and of our visit to the Inter Spinal Unit Games as guests of WheelPower.

Tickets were ordered for the Annual Council Meeting at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury where our speakers will be Esther Rantzen and Jay Blades from The Repair Shop.

It's the Centenary of the Bucks. Federation of WIs this year and all the WI's in Bucks will parade their beautiful banners through the streets of Aylesbury in May in celebration, and there is to be a garden party in the grounds of Waddesdon Manor in July.

A visit to Horatio's Garden has been organised for the summer and ideas for other outing were suggested, including Eltham Palace and the Amazon warehouse facility. Coronavirus permitting!

Our speaker was, Keith Muras who had a 'Licence to Thrill'. Keith, told us about his time as the British Ambassador in Moscow between 1982 -1984, during the 'cold war', a very challenging period indeed. An excellent speaker whom we will certainly ask to come back and tell us more interesting and exciting tales of his time under the perpetual surveillance of the KGB.

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As I have written in the above March WI report there was so much on offer to our members and friends - 'Coronavirus permitting'.

Well, all of those super events had to be cancelled because soon after our March meeting we were advised by Downing Street to stay at home and to stay safe. The trustees of our WI got together 'online' and decided it would be best to cancel the April meeting.

We have a most excellent Communications Tree designed by Jeanette Jones - whereon each committee member is responsible for contacting only 4 or sometimes 5 other members so news is spread rapidly and efficiently. At first we thought we would tell members WI was closed until further notice, but Elizabeth, our President, decided it would be better to contact members month by month so that someone was in touch with every member frequently to ask how they were and to enquire whether they were getting shopping, or did they need anything, offer information about prescription collections etc.. Committee members reported back to Elizabeth if a card or letter, flowers or a cheerful phone call was needed. It's working extremely well.

Sadly, we now know that the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of the WI at the Royal Albert Hall is also cancelled until next year, our speaker and special guest was to be Her Royal Highness Sophie, The Countess of Wessex who is a member of Bagshott WI.

The June meeting of Kimble and Ellesborough WI is also cancelled and possibly July too. We hope very much that our Garden Meeting at The Plough, Terrick, in August will go ahead and be a special 'End of Covid' celebration meeting. We are all keeping our fingers crossed and looking forward to seeing each other again.

Elizabeth Hine

## A Thought from the Rev'd Janet Wales

The Christian Faith is one of optimism. However dark the days, Christians preach that there is hope, that God's purposes are good, that evil will not triumph and that re-creation is possible. We have inherited many of our perceptions of God from the Old Testament which records the experience of the people of Israel of the nature of God. They found that God is faithful, he always rebuilds, he never deserts his people. I am thinking of words of the prophet Jeremiah to the Jews after many had been taken into exile in Babylon and all seemed to be in ruins. He speaks the word of the Lord to the people. 'I know the plans I have in mind for you – it is the Lord – who speaks – plans for peace, not disaster,

reserving a future full of hope for you.' Jeremiah 29:11.

Most of you will be more familiar with the beginning of the Gospel of John - 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.' Christians always preach hope and I pray that you will know that hope in your hearts whatever hardships you are suffering and I send my condolences to all who have lost friends and family or whose future has been affected by financial loss. Many have found in the beauty of this Spring, some solace and perhaps the whisper of God's love for us all and a touch of hope of better things to return.

Revd. Janet Wales.

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## Easter Sunday in Ellesborough Church

Easter Sunday Morning I used my daily exercise walk to look in at the Church. Only one designated person is allocated to inspect the interior during the lock-down. All was in order but a patina of dust is gently settling on everything. Just silence and the sun shining brilliantly through the east window. Incredible that this was perhaps the only Easter morning when there was no service in the building since it was founded some seven centuries or so ago. Through all the great crisis of the past, generations of

local people would have drawn together here on this day. The screens were still folded across the altar reredos as for Lent, I opened them for a few minutes then decided to leave them closed until we can celebrate a re-opening, whenever that may be.

Tony Young  
Churchwarden

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## Church Finances during Lockdown

Closure of the church and cessation of church services and all fund raising activities, including the summer season of church teas, has resulted in a serious reduction in income. Although our expenditure is also to some extent reduced the main cost elements continue. These are insurance, basic utilities costs, maintenance of the church and lower churchyard, and parish share (our share of the payment to the diocese for the services of our minister in charge).

Fortunately due to the generosity of our regular donors we are able to cover the cost

of these outgoings during the lockdown, but not to allocate any further sums from our fundraising income towards Project 20 (our toilet, servery and west door project), which now looks likely to be transformed into Project 2021.

We hope that churches will be allowed to reopen soon, and we can gradually resume our normal range of activities.

Paul Couling  
Treasurer

## The United Benefice of Ellesborough, The Kimbles & Stoke Mandeville

### ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:



The Ark. 28 Risborough Road. Stoke Mandeville. Tel: 01296 615886  
Open : Thursdays 10am – 12 noon  
Email: [ark.office@wendoveremail.co.uk](mailto:ark.office@wendoveremail.co.uk)  
Interim Priest in charge: Revd. Janet Wales. Tel: 01296 612936

**THE ARK IS  
CURRENTLY CLOSED  
- all activities at the  
Ark have been  
cancelled until  
further notice**

### THE ARK:



The Ark is a pleasant, comfortable and well equipped venue for our church ministries and meetings, including several caring agencies within our community. For a small fee The Ark may be booked for private functions when not otherwise in use.

### PASTORAL CARE:



It is the aim and privilege of the Pastoral Team to visit sick, bereaved, lonely or house bound members of our community. We are also happy to assist with the transport for those in need of it. Please get in touch if you know of anyone who would value a visit or the support of the team, as it may be the only way we get to hear of their needs. If you have an hour or two to spare each month and feel you could help with this important pastoral work, we would be glad to have you on the team. Contact: Revd. Janet Wales(01296 612936) For transport: Julia Northway (01844 342112)

### MUSTARD SEEDS/SUNDAY SCHOOL:



A Sunday School for 5-11yr. olds on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month from 10.30am to 12noon, held at Butlers Cross Village Hall. Children learn about God through Bible stories, craft activities, games, drama and quiet time. For Details contact: Liz Bonner (01296 748093)

### THE ARK YOUTH GROUP:



The Youth Group meets at 7pm at The Ark on alternate Fridays.  
For details contact: Liz Bonner (01296 748093)

### THE COFFEE STOP:



The Coffee Stop is open at The Ark every Thursday from 10am – 12 noon.  
Enjoy coffee, cake and company for £1.50

### PARENTS & TODDLERS:



The Parents & Toddlers Group is held at The Ark every Monday 10-11.30am during term time only.

For more info and dates please contact The Ark (01296 615886) or [ark.office@wendoveremail.co.uk](mailto:ark.office@wendoveremail.co.uk)

# Ellesborough Parish Council Notes - May 2020

As I write this, I do think about everyone within the Parish and hope that you are all well and in good spirits and hope that you are able to enjoy more time outside with the government easing some restrictions. However I would like to think that we remain sensible and adhere to the guidelines regarding social distancing, travelling and gatherings!

We have still carried on with Parish Business, online and where individuals have had to be met with strict social distancing, I have limited updates to feed back on.

## HS2

We are no further forward and have emailed Buckinghamshire Council for any clarity on the works to be carried out at Nash Lee Rd.

## Affordable Housing

Hastoe are progressing with the scheme and had managed to hold a meeting with the Planning Department prior to the lockdown, I would like to think that in the coming weeks as restrictions are changing we might be able to hold a consultation (but would have to adhere to guidelines at that time).

## Playground and Allotments

I am pleased to say that Playdale should be installing the new play tractor next week at the playground, that will be an exciting addition for the younger children to play on when we reopen our playground, we will of course follow the guidance when to open from Buckinghamshire Council.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Graham who has persevered with the two Community allotments and has his team of helpers who have prepared the ground and sown the seeds, thank you for your hard work. And thank you to ERIN for donating some monies to purchase netting for the allotments.

## VE Day

Sadly we were not able to celebrate VE day as we had planned but I'm glad to say that we were not deterred! Around the village, bunting,

music and a glass or two were spotted where parishioners came out to the roadside to celebrate and raise a glass in honour.

I hope those who have been able to walk up to the village hall have seen and sat on the Remembrance bench!

## Dog Fouling

It has been noticed that since the lockdown has been in place with more out walking their dogs, that there has been an increase in owners not clearing up after their dogs, we have increased numbers of dog waste bins in the village... please use them!

## Village Volunteer Group

I would like to say a huge thank you to Amanda and Matthew McGrail for all the work put into organizing the volunteers, it has been a lifesaver to those who have had to call for help! Thank You!

And secondly a Thank You to all who volunteer, thank you for your time and commitment that you have made to the group.

## Buckmorend farm Shop and Chiltern Brewery.

A big thank you to Steph and Dan for providing a delivery service to all those who are isolating! And to the staff at the Brewery for their delivery service.

Lastly Thank You to all who keep an eye on their neighbours and provide support quietly in the background.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, restrictions permitting.

Debra Panikkar  
Chair

**Planning Applications for Ellesborough Parish 16 February 2020 – 18 May 2020**

**For further information, contact Wycombe District Council 01494 461000 Website [wycombe.gov.uk](http://wycombe.gov.uk) or the Parish Clerk, 01296 615821, [clerk@ellesborough.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ellesborough.org.uk) quoting the application number shown below.**

Application No	Address	Brief Description of Application	Decision
20/05351/PNP3R	Barn at land adjacent Hunters Leaze, Nash Lee Road, Terrick.	Prior Notification (Part 3, Class R) change of use of barn from Agricultural to flexible commercial use.	Details Required to be Submitted.
19/08083/VCDN	Marlswood, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Variation of condition 1 (time limit) attached to PP 19/06691/FUL (Siting of caravan on land for temporary period (retrospective) to allow caravan to remain on site until the development is completed.	Application Permitted.
20/05644/FUL	Marlswood, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Retention of temporary site office, store, and utility outbuilding, decking with balustrade and gates and associated fencing.	Application Permitted.
19/08063/FUL	Lyndon, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for the construction of single storey rear extension and internal alterations.	Application Permitted.
19/07900/VCDN	Unit 1, 4 & 5, Grove Farm, Risborough Road, Terrick.	Variation of condition 1 (plan) attached to PP 16/06832/FUL. Change of use of buildings from agricultural use to classes B1, B2 & B8; ancillary to main farm business (retrospective) to allow for commercial business use.	Application Withdrawn.
20/05239/CONSA	Brockwell Farm, Missenden Road, Butlers Cross.	Consultation under the Electricity Act 1989 – Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales).	No Objection.
20/05080/LBC	1 Church Hill Cottages, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Listed Building Application to remove and block existing back door and create new back entrance adjacent.	Application Permitted.
20/05455/CLE	Yard to the front of 86 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.	Certificate of Lawfulness for use of Buildings 1 & 3 for B1(c) for light industrial purposes and Buildings 4 & 5 for Agricultural purposes.	Awaiting Decision.
20/05340/FUL	Chequers Lea, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for demolition of existing infill and construction of single storey rear infill extension and replacement of a flat roof with a pitched roof over existing entrance hallway.	Application Refused.
20/05597/FUL	Forge Meadow, Nash Lee Road, Terrick.	Application for construction of single storey extension and alterations to existing fenestrations (alternative to 19/07746/FUL).	Application Refused.
20/06114/FUL	Forge Meadow, Nash Lee Road, Terrick.	Application for construction of single storey extension and alterations to existing fenestrations (alternative to 19/07746/FUL).	Awaiting Decision
20/05776/FUL	1 Aspley Cottages, North Lee Lane, Terrick	Application for construction of two storey side extension and front porch, patio and gravel drive	Awaiting Decision.
20/5715/FUL	Chalkshire Barn, 51A Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross	Application for construction of outdoor swimming pool and buried plant room, retaining wall and raised ground.	Awaiting Decision.

# Jenny Harding's Diaries

Jenny, who lives in Terrick has travelled extensively and on each of her journeys she has written a detailed diary. Jenny will be very happy to send copies of her diaries to anyone who is interested and would like some new reading material at this time. Jenny explains her interests and philosophy below, and includes a list of her adventures, and the diaries available.

Jenny can be contacted by email at: [a\\_bright\\_spark@yahoo.com](mailto:a_bright_spark@yahoo.com)

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I've always had a sense of adventure but unable to exploit it until more recently. My now husband and I met 18 years ago, moving to Terrick in early 2010, marrying in the Parish Church in 2013. My lifetime 80-100 hour working week had always dominated, until this point, through necessity. My husband was urging me to work less 'you've worked hard all your life and it's about time you had some fun'. In addition to running my business as an Educational Consultant for the UK and UAE post-compulsory sector, in addition I had been achieving 7 degrees, 38 additional qualifications and was currently studying for a doctorate in education. Any relaxation time was been spent gardening and with family and friends.

Like many, I'd always had a thirst for travel and when I had the occasional opportunity to become involved in my son's shark research overseas I was overwhelmed with the experience and privilege. As he achieved his first degree, Master's and subsequently doctorate, I followed (and continue to do so) the impact of his research on shark and coral reef conservation with pride. Unlike my son, my daughter follows a more 'normal' path in life.

It wasn't until 2015 that life took an unusual turn. Being a workaholic was all I knew, a survival technique. Any spare hour could mean meeting work demands which gave me a sense of purpose, excitement and achievement. My husband also shares the

need to be stretched and challenged. Away on business, as had been my routine, I fell over fracturing every limb and multiple bones. Something had to change. Determined not to be held back, I slimmed down my business, focusing more on the educational writing of books and interactive e-learning materials, freeing up time to follow my husband's recommendations: 'why not devote time to work with endangered species (our legacy) and travel at the same time?' I'm more than keen to push myself out of my comfort zone now I can experience life at any level; my husband does not share the same desire!

Friends surprised me when urging me to reinstate my diary writing which I'd shared years before with my children. Now as I travelled I met like-minded people with whom I also travel on occasions (depending on the boundaries of their comfort zones) and others who also wanted to read about my experiences. Otherwise I travel alone, excited about what lies ahead and anticipating future luxury when my husband can take annual leave: we very much enjoy cruising together.

So that brings us to the influx of volunteering and adventure. Anything to get up close and personal, do what little I can and put two fingers up to ageing and broken bones (of which there have been a few more)!

**Jenny Harding**

# Jenny Harding's Diaries (continued)

## Jenny's most recent dairies:

### Volunteering

- Belize: working with endangered, indigenous rescued species including jaguar, ocelot, puma, margay, crocodile, boa constrictor, coati, toucan, harpy eagle and other raptors, pelican, howler and spider monkey, life in a rainforest tree house
- Gulf of Honduras: marine conservation, lobster and reef surveys, lion fish culling
- Madagascar: lemur surveys, forest and amphibian studies. Life without sanitation or running water but with parasites and enormous spiders, the risks brought by community work
- Malawi: elephant research and hippo surveys, life in the bush, studies of elephant dung, close encounters
- Zululand: tracking of critical endangered species including painted wolves, cheetah, rhino. Reintroduction of lion, cheetah and wild dogs. Elephant monitoring surveys.
- Philippines: marine conservation, soft and hard coral surveys, benthic studies, fish population surveys, homestead living, the challenges working with the fishing villagers
- Kruger: leopard tracking, wildlife movement and behaviour studies, bush conservation and surveys, life on a farmstead
- Transylvania: working with rescued wild bears suffering from cruelty, mostly end of life care
- Mauritius: marine conservation, coral replanting, reef and fish population surveys

### Adventures

- Alaska: hiking and camping 1,200 miles of mountains, glaciers, forests and wildlife
- Canadian Rockies: hiking and camping from Calgary to Vancouver
- Trans-Siberian railway: Beijing to Moscow in primitive conditions, trekking in Mongolia, life in a ger, Lake Baikal
- DPRK: the little known, mysterious and extraordinary North Korea. Reminiscent of 'Stepford Wives!'
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- Svalbard: polar bear seeking expedition and swimming in the Arctic!
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# Jenny Harding's Diaries (continued)

## An extract from Jenny's Transylvanian Diary

Friday 13 March 2020

Hoping the date is not an omen, Hazel (one of my many travel buddies after meeting in Uganda in 2017) and I head off for our next adventure. This time another wildlife volunteering, of which I've undertaken numerous. Many might think we're mad to be travelling to Romania, or anywhere, when Coronavirus is spreading like wildfire across the globe. We'd been closely watching the Foreign and Commonwealth guidance right up to boarding our plane. Reports suggested that Romania has very few known cases and that travelling there was not currently an issue. It was go, or cancel and lose all our money as the outbreak was still being reported as minimal. Time will tell. Steve (hubby) and my trip to Vegas combined with a long awaited cruise around the Alaskan glaciers had just been cancelled by the cruise line. It may be my last trip for a while.

We'll arrive in Bucharest mid-afternoon to a reported 22 Celsius! The charity we're working for will send a representative to greet us and transport us to the medieval town of Braşov, where we will stay in a small apartment for the next two weeks, allegedly. This project involves working with rescued bears, mostly end of life care. These bears have led horrendous lives until being rescued. Many are likely to have been captive in circuses, exploited and ill-treated as street performers, sent to other countries for parading and performing to curious, ignorant tourists willing to part with their cash, whilst some are kept in houses as so-called pets. One we understand was actually shot in the head and blinded just to stop it from escaping captivity. It is going to be tough.

Our induction takes place tomorrow and as the weekends are free time, hurrah, we have a trip organised by the charity to take us to Dracula's Castle. We'll be based in Transylvania in the mountains, possibly shrouded in snow. With the spread of Coronavirus forcing tourist areas and other public places to close, I'm expecting it to be shut to public tours. But at least we hope to view from outside. Monday we'll be collected from the flat and taken to the sanctuary. Our tasks will involve preparing food for the bears and maybe preparing enrichment activities, observing behaviour and possibly showing around visitors. Much as I did when working in Belize a few years ago. There's likely to be a cultural, moral and ethical struggle between the work we're doing and

attitudes of locals. Many of them are considered poor or have little in the way of possessions, with 500,000 seeking a better life here in the UK. Some may resent the funds and attention being allocated to the well-being of bears when they have their own day to day struggle simply existing.

Our BA flight was smooth and extremely quick. Taking off 25 minutes late yet striving 25 minutes early off a projected 3 hour 20 minute journey. Immigration was very quick, no declaration forms to complete as we had been warned by the FCO, threatening a fine of up to 4,000€ if you're found to have Coronovavirus symptoms.

Our bags came through straight away, no customs and our driver was waiting in a fairly empty arrivals area. We are whisked to our clean, comfy car for a journey of potentially 3-4 hours to Braşov, which also only took just over 2! Must be inflation J. The journey took us through very flat, ploughed landscapes after leaving the low-lying built-up capital, Bucharest, home to some 1.8 million citizens of the 19 or so million population, a declining number over recent years.

We headed towards the mountains in the distance, some snow-capped. It's a staggering 23 degrees Celsius, clear blue skies and no wind. Signs of spring from the willows and flowering trees were emerging, aconites draping the hillsides. The houses went from shacks to wooden chalets, alpine-like, still mostly made from wood. Balconies overlooking the streams below, some houses built up the hillside, their wooden stilts fit to give way any minute. The colours of the buildings are mainly taupe and grey, looking sinister but blending amongst the trees, bare and mysterious. We drive through a very pretty town showing evidence of being a ski resort. The hotels and hostels ready to welcome guests for the end of the ski season which has been more deplete of snow than is usual. Visitors are lacking in numbers, possibly scared away or prevented from travel due to the outbreak of this worrying, emerging pandemic. Buildings are interspersed by beautiful Orthodox churches, their golden minarets shining in the sunshine.

Please email Jenny to obtain a copy of the full 8 page illustrated diary.

## Wendover Art Club

Wendover Art Club, hopefully, will have 2 demonstrations in September and October at their usual venue of the Library Room at 7:30pm with a fee of £5 for non-members

Wednesday 23rd September Mitzie Green Flowers in mixed media

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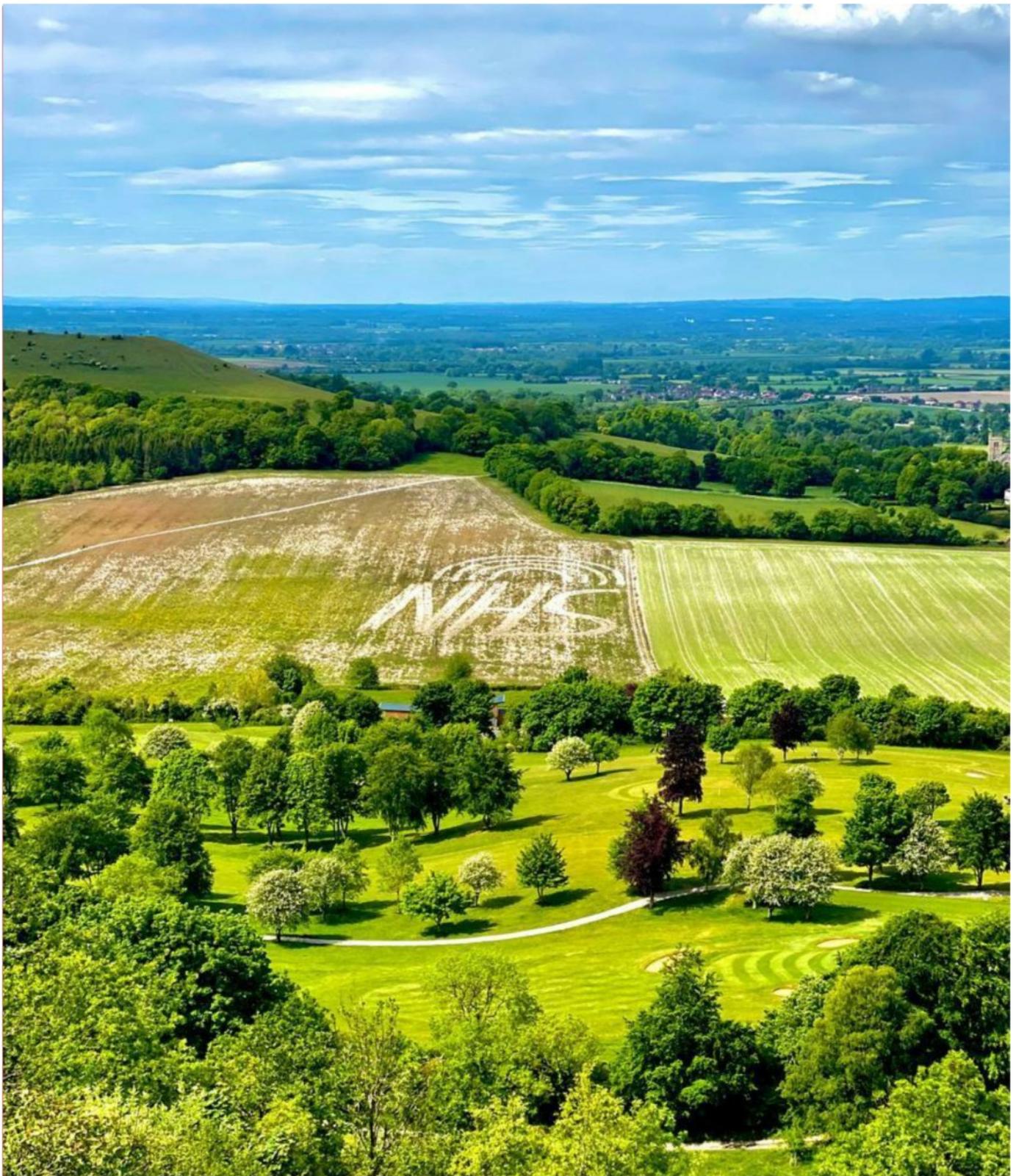
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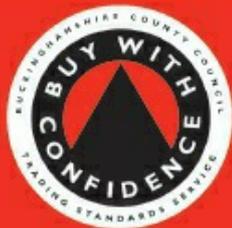


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