

Ellesborough Magazine

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A Note from the Editor

This edition of the magazine includes details of events and activities that for the first time in two years will be held face to face rather than mainly through Zoom and similar internet based systems. Although many of us are still being cautious in the extent of our contacts and taking the precautions that we consider appropriate to ourselves, most local organisations are now planning to 'get back to normal' in terms of arrangements for meetings and events.

Details of most of the events that are scheduled to take place in the next three months are highlighted on the Chalkboard, which is included early on in the magazine on page 5.

As usual the magazine includes a variety of articles on a range of topics. One of the most interesting is Daniel Hares' piece on the true cost of misinformation. This highlights the damage that can be done by unbalanced reporting by media organisations.

On a calmer and less contentious subject we have at last managed to capture some of the memories of Sybil Goodson of life in Butlers Cross extending back over 90 plus years.

We also have an interesting article on the archaeological investigations that have been carried out along the route of HS2, particularly in Stoke Mandeville.

As always we would be delighted to receive articles for publication on matters relating to the parish - past, present and future. We try to include a variety of topics in each edition, and if a topic is in anyway contentious we endeavour to ensure that a balance of views is presented.

I wish all readers a happy, healthy and peaceful Spring.

Paul Couling
Editor

Front Cover: Pear Blossom - photo provided by the Editor

Congratulations to Steph & Daniel Hares on the safe arrival of their son Oliver

Ellesborough Magazine - Help Needed

If you are interested in helping to keep the magazine going and have some expertise in the relevant areas are you willing to join our small enthusiastic team team of volunteers?

The areas in which we particularly need help are:

- Editing the magazine - the Editor would appreciate help in assembling and preparing articles and notices for publication
- Photography - Janette West our distribution manager is a keen photographer, but we would like to hear from anyone who could occasionally take photographs of village events - for example the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact the Editor (edellesboroughmgz@gmail .com) or any committee member.

Notices

Ellesborough 200 Club

November 2021

56 Mr D Tilbury	£100
115 Linda Finch	£50
100 Mrs Frankel	£35
132 Brian Barnes	£25

December 2021

51 Fiona Tchen	£50
49 Mr & Mrs Jennings	£35
130 Martin Holman	£25

January 2022

125 Henry Tuppen	£50
80 Jude Howie	£35
117 Mr Lund	£25

Ellesborough Coffee Mornings

Join us for coffee'n'cake at
Ellesborough Parish Hall on the 3rd
Friday of every month

Dates for the next few months are:

18th March

15th April

20th May

17th June

15th July

Between 10am and 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome - and it's free!

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The Village Chalkboard

Community events at Ellesborough

K&EHS
STEWART HALL
MEETINGS 8pm
1st MARCH
5th APRIL
3rd MAY
SPRING SHOW
3rd APRIL 2-4 pm

K&EHS
PLANT SALE
BUTLERS CROSS
VILLAGE HALL

14th MAY
10 am

K&E WOMENS
INSTITUTE
STEWART HALL

2nd MARCH
6th APRIL
4th MAY
2pm

COFFEE &
CAKE
VILLAGE HALL

18th MARCH
15th APRIL
20th MAY
10 – 12noon

MOTHERING
SUNDAY
27th MAR. 10.45

EASTER DAY
COMMUNION
17th APRIL. 10.45
Ellesborough
Church

CHILDREN'S
SERVICE
ST NICHOLAS
CHURCH

22nd MAY
9.30 am

CHURCH TEAS
SUNDAYS:
ELLESBOROUGH
start 17th APRIL
2–5 pm

DUNSMORE
15th MAY

PARISH
COUNCIL
MEETINGS

21st MARCH
16th MAY
7.30pm
Annual Meeting:
26th MAY 8pm

THE PLATINUM
JUBILEE
CELEBRATION
5th JUNE

A fun filled day
organised by the
Parish Council.

ELLESBOROUGH
BALL @
VILLAGE HALL &
MARQUEE

30th APRIL 2022

ART EXHIBITION
MS CENTRE

5th MARCH
10 - 5
6th MARCH
10.30 - 4

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Forthcoming
Events



Food & Drink
Menus



As we step into spring and look forward to all the new things the season will bring, it's the perfect time for us to refresh our menu at The Russell Arms. From the end of February, you'll find a range of delicious, new dishes to choose from, for example, our new sizzling fajitas, a comforting cottage pie and a tasty Cajun jambalaya! There are plenty of vegan and vegetarian options, as always, and for meat lovers, our popular **Mindful Grill** where we showcase locally sourced meats with great provenance.

Bringing people together & supporting the local community is a key part of our **Moogies Being Mindful** commitment. Never has this been more relevant than after the experience we've all been through over the past couple of years!

Our **new 'Supper Club'** aims to encourage local residents to get together regularly as friends as well as providing an opportunity to meet more of the local community. All whilst enjoying a delicious meal and relaxing in a cosy, informal atmosphere.

Supper Club is open to everyone and will take place on the last Monday of every month. There will be a special dish exclusively available that evening with a set price. Details of this dish will be advertised in the pub and on our social media pages a couple of weeks in advance and our regular restaurant menu will also be available. Simply book a table between 7:30pm and 8:30pm on the last Monday of the month and enjoy being part of our new Supper Club!

We have been thrilled by the support for our **monthly charity pub quiz** in aid of local charity **PACE**. Held on the first Tuesday of every month, it's a great way to liven up a dreary Tuesday night so, grab a team and make sure to book well in advance!

Our next **Brush Party** event takes place on March 29th. A great opportunity to try something sociable, informal, local and creative! It's run by Brush Party who bring all the materials required with an instructor to talk you through creating your very own canvas masterpiece. Pre-booking is required so, if you would like to come, please book via www.brushparty.co.uk.

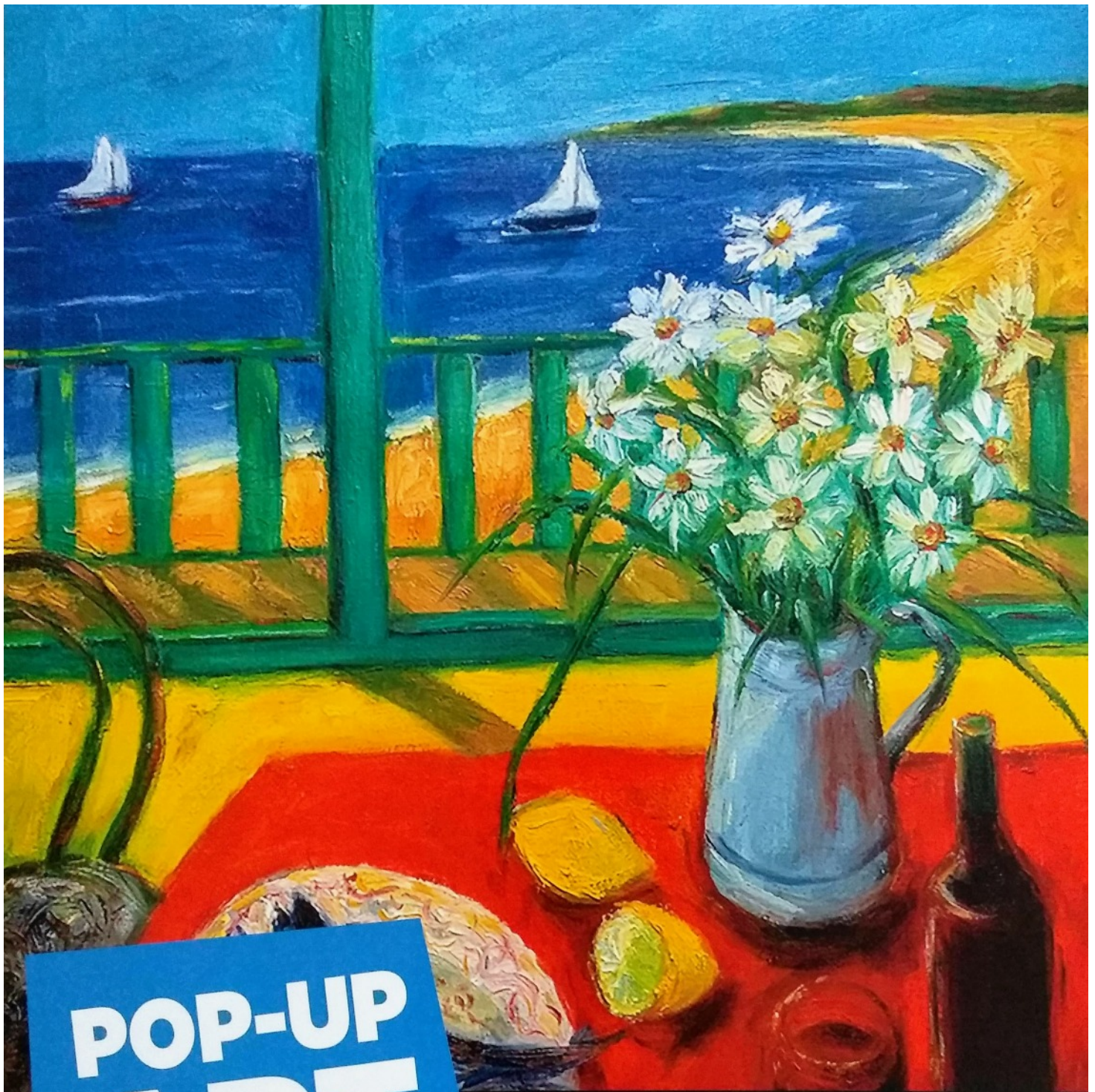
Lastly, don't forget to treat your mum this **Mother's Day, March 27th**. A family meal out together is always a hit! We'd suggest booking early to guarantee your table.

Very best wishes from everyone at
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**POP-UP
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Saturday 5 March 10am - 5pm

Sunday 6 March 10.30am - 4pm

at the Chilterns MS Centre, Wendover HP22 5LX

www.popupartweekend.org.uk

Green Green Grass of Ellesborough Playing Fields



We are extremely grateful to the North West Chiltern Community Board (NWCCB budget is devolved from Buckinghamshire Council's budget) for their financial support in funding the grass reinforcement mesh for the playing fields. We would also like to sincerely thank Steve Webb for his project management, product knowledge and hands on experience in laying the matting with his hard working team on 7.1.22.



The mild weather we have been experiencing is already helping the grass to grow and interlock between the plastic mesh and the grass to provide a stable surface area for vehicles to drive over and park on in the near future. Three additional rolls are going to be installed (funded by Risborough Rangers) to make a neat finish to the far end and assist in the parking arrangements, to be agreed with R.R. before use.

The matting will also be used for other events and with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations nationwide now underway it is

planned to hold Ellesborough's Big Jubilee Lunch here on Sunday 5th June. There will be a need for vehicles to come and go with marquees, toilets etc and let's hope for good weather but the reinforced surface will help with traction and prevent rutting.

Helen Holman
Ellesborough Parish Council

Ellesborough Magazine Annual Appeal for Funds

The Ellesborough Magazine aims to be self financing, we have some advertising income and a donation from the parish council, but we require additional funding from our readers to cover our printing costs (about £2 per copy).

We would greatly appreciate a small donation to keep the magazine viable. Suggested £12 per household per year.

Annual Standing Order: HSBC bank sort code: 40-08-41 account number 61151614.

Cheques payable to: Ellesborough Magazine, c/o Tony Young, Homelands, Springs Lane, Ellesborough, HP17 0XD

Many thanks for your support
The Ellesborough Magazine Committee

Transport Needs in Ellesborough: A Survey

The Ellesborough Trust is conducting a survey in order to assess possible transport requirements for parishioners. The limitations of the current public transport system are well known and at present we believe that some people may be restricted in their ability to shop or to attend medical and other appointments.

Your response to this survey will provide us with valuable information when we review possible ways of supplementing the existing services, should that need be required.

Rob Nicholson

Please complete the survey form enclosed with this magazine

Yoga at the Parish Hall

A new class started at Ellesborough Parish Hall, Butlers Cross on February 3rd.
Radiant-Body-Yoga. Tuesday mornings 9am - 10am £10.

This is a beginners level class and therefore suitable for everyone. A guide through foundational yoga movements which activate vital energy and increases flexibility in the body, and will include a focus on restorative breathing and relaxing the mind.

Please bring a yoga mat and you may like to bring a small pillow and blanket.

To register and join - <https://www.valeriapiccioli.com/#yoga>

Ellesborough Church Advance News

We are anticipating the refurbishment of the kitchen and installation of a toilet to be completed by Easter.

Therefore, the serving of tea and cakes will re-commence on Easter Sunday and continue throughout the summer.

Unfortunately, the tower will no longer be open to visitors except by prior arrangement.

We would welcome anyone else who could volunteer to join our team. Please contact Liz Norris if you are interested.

elizabeth.norris1@btinternet.com 01296 615821

We look forward to welcoming you back.



ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL

With the improvements to the village hall, have you considered?.....

A large family party or gathering (secure playground for children opposite)

A new music, exercise or art group

A work hub if you are fed up of working from home – maybe a group of you could have a change of scenery

Playgroups

Table top sales

Charity events

Please make any enquiries to Elizabeth Hine on 01296 625912 or lizziehine@talktalk.net Rates are £15 for the first hour then £12 for every subsequent hour for weekly bookings or £15 per hour for one off events



Remember a loved one this spring with a Forever Snowdrop

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with Waddesdon Manor to launch a very special event to remember loved ones and raise funds for local hospice care this Spring.

In March a stunning temporary display of 500 bespoke 3-headed metal snowdrops will be installed at the Aviary Gardens at Waddesdon Manor. Each Forever Snowdrop will represent the life of a loved one and has been uniquely designed and hand crafted by British Ironworks.

The Charity are offering you the opportunity to be a part of this event by purchasing one of these limited Forever Snowdrops, which also includes an invitation to a private viewing of the display on Monday 21st March whilst the grounds are closed to the public. The Forever Snowdrop installation will then remain on display to the general public for two weeks. And once the installation is removed,

you will be able to take the flower home to display as a Forever Snowdrop keepsake.

The money raised from the display will help to raise vital funds for hospice care, ensuring that the Florence Nightingale Hospice team are there to support patients and their families through the toughest times.

Dedicate your Forever Snowdrop at <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers> or call 01296 429975 for more information.



Councillor's Report

Dear Residents

It's been a very hard and challenging time for us all but hopefully life will start to get back to some sort of normality.

So many people and community groups have supported and helped each other through this testing time.

I have been contacted by many residents about highway issues around North Lee Lane which I have been concerned about for some time.

We have recently had a meeting with the Bucks Council and HS2 officials to listen to local residents views which I think is important to take local knowledge on board.

I will continue to push for some action in the future and they have given a commitment to keep the Parish Council and residents up dated on the situation.

Please contact me on any issues in our area.

Regards David

David Carroll
Buckinghamshire Councillor

Gardening in Ellesborough...

Notes from an occasional diary



Late winter into early spring is a treacherous time in the garden. Is winter really giving way? We certainly look forward to every dry spell especially with warming sunshine. It is tempting to do too much too soon but also there is an urge to get on and start work. After inactivity this is the time of year for sprained muscles especially after a leisurely winter break.

Yet, so far, this winter has been mild with scarcely any frosts and low rain fall. There have been cold spells of course and high winds. All this mildness can so easily change, time still for some, battering winds, snow and subzero temperatures. Another reason for not rushing on and removing natural protection too soon.

The main priority is cutting back all the dead perennial plant material that was left standing for winter interest and for birds to forage on. Already the hedges have been cut back, traditionally before 14 February, St Valentine's Day, as the bird nesting season gets under way. Next will be pruning roses.

Uncontrolled ivy is a menace and it grows vigorously on our light, chalky soil; we first noticed how effective it can be, trimmed as an effective year-round ever green hedge, at Chenies Manor many years ago. With a mix of colour varieties, we now have it clothing a courtyard wall by the garage and decking trellis down the pergola with a mix of colour.

The berries are a source of winter feed for birds and insects and the dense foliage is a haven for nests. Pruning is best done in spring so the annual dilemma is leaving the cut as late as possible to provide berries for as long as possible but not too late to prevent birds from nesting. Apparently, a wall clothed with ivy is an additional layer of insulation, though we have never risked the potential for roots getting into and damaging brickwork. Very popular though in Victorian times.

We have cut right back some dense overgrown honeysuckle shrubs and are part way through late flowering clematis. Much of the heaviest material is stacked to rot down. All the lighter material was added to the mounds accumulated in the autumn and earlier in the winter, far too much to shred or take in car loads to the tip; with a light wind in the right direction across the fields all was rapidly disposed of with great satisfaction in the annual bonfire.

There has been colour and scent throughout the bleakest months: from winter flowering Lonicera and Sarococca shrubs, swathes of snowdrops, various early bulbs winter jasmines, aconites soon followed by daffodils and Daphne.

Now is the time for looking forward in anticipation of spring and of the glories of summer. The Head Gardener (HG) has been busy in the greenhouse (quite cosy in there when just a little sunshine) caring for her cuttings and all that is to be planted out progressively over the next few weeks. Getting out in the garden, if only for brief periods, is a perfect antidote to the gloomiest of weather and shaking off the tyranny of Covid restrictions and whatever else is going on in the world!

TY February 2022

Ellesborough Litter Picks - February 2022

A blustery day was in store for us for our litter pick this month. Fortunately, it didn't deter 30 residents who volunteered their time to help out—thank you to all who participated. It was a great community event, with special thanks to the Chair of EPC Debra Pannikar for providing welcoming mulled wine. Warm mince pies, tea and coffee from Judith also went down a treat. The amount of litter picked amounted to around 40 bags, along with tyres, road signs and hub caps!

It was a great opportunity for residents to meet up for this productive event, with a warm welcome to the new residents of the

parish. Special mention should go to one of our new residents, Steve, who came along to help out on his birthday!

Thank you also for the volunteers who helped to pick up all the rubbish along North Lee Lane on the following Sunday. The amount of bags filled equalled that of the village litter pick the previous week.

Judith Harper

Janette West





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Ellesborough Parish Church Services

March 2022 to May 2022

Services at All Saints, Little Kimble and St. Nicholas, Great Kimble shown in Bold

Sunday 6 th March	10.45 a.m.	Songs of Praise
Sunday 13 th March	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 20 th March	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 27 th March	10.45 a.m.	Mothering Sunday - Non-Communion Service
Sunday 3 rd April	10.45 a.m.	Songs of Praise
Sunday 10 th April	10.45 a.m.	Palm Sunday Parish Communion
Thursday 14 th April	8.00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion at St. Nicholas, Great Kimble
Friday 15 th April	10.00 a.m.	All Age Prayer Stations, followed by Procession to All Saints, Little Kimble
Friday 15 th April	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at All Saints, Little Kimble
Sunday 17 th April	10.45 a.m.	Easter Day Parish Communion
Sunday 24 th April	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 1 st May	10.45 a.m.	Songs of Praise
Sunday 8 th May	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 15 th May	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 22 nd May	9.30 a.m.	Children's Service for children of Kimble and Ellesborough at St. Nicholas, Great Kimble
Sunday 22 nd May	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 29 th May	9.00 a.m.	BCP Communion at All Saints, Little Kimble

Dunsmore Church: Easter Day Holy Communion 17th April at 9.00 a.m.



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Miss J Moore

School News - February 2022

What a lovely start to the new school it has been. I have had a lovely warm welcome to the Great Kimble Community. Mrs Lodge welcomed her first daughter to her family in January and is currently enjoying her time at home. Mrs Turney joined the teaching team in January as the full-time Water Class teacher.

Visits to Smokey Row have restarted after the Christmas break, this opportunity is such a special time for the children and is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn outside the classroom.

February saw all the children return to Church for the first time this year and the collective worship was such a special moment for the whole school. We are looking forward to welcoming parents back to these regular visits soon.

The children have been keen to share with you what they have been enjoying during their time at school:

Earth Class

Olivia said, 'I liked finding out where the lost toys had gone because the Police rang Mrs Hunt in the morning and we had to find them outside.'

Poppy said. 'I loved playing outside with all our new toys. I made a seesaw!'

Air Class

Ayla said, 'I have enjoyed my English because it lets you practise your handwriting.'

Evie said, 'I like maths because I like to make high numbers.'

Bertie said, 'I have enjoyed our maths lessons as we have been learning about money and we have been doing 1 more and 1 less than. In science we have been learning about what food is healthy and what is not.'

Water Class

Eri said, 'I liked the book How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth and we made posters about it. I really enjoyed our maths when we measured how many metres the MUGA was. We were finding the perimeter.'

Harrison said, 'I liked creating Stonehenge Collages with chalk and black paper. In science we are learning about rocks and I find it really interesting to learn how many different types of rocks there are.'

Fire Class

Owen said, 'We have learned about the Shang Dynasty. We found out about dragons and tried drawing them. We made terracotta statues like the ones found in the Terracotta Army.'

Scarlett said, 'We have created dances like those from the Shang Dynasty. We have painted bamboo and tried to write our names in Mandarin. We are writing fact files about Chinese New Year which is really interesting.'

We have so much to look forward to this year and are eager to share this with you soon.

Miss Moore, Interim Headteacher



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200 Club Membership Appeal

During this last couple of years, we have made significant improvements to the village hall for you all to enjoy when the occasion arises. One of the significant changes has been to install radiant heaters so that there is a much more comfortable ambient temperature.

Unfortunately, this has coincided with a big increase in electricity costs as we are all well aware of. For this reason, and to continue with our refurbishment schedule, we feel that a £2 rise in the 200 club membership fee to £20 will make a big difference to our limited funds. We do hope that you still feel able to help out with this active and important hub central to village life and hope that you are one of the winners of two £100 prizes (May and November) and twelve prizes of £50, £35 and £25 each month.

Other improvements are wi-fi; the re-sanding of the main hall so it is much brighter and new stage curtains (to be installed shortly).

We really do appreciate your support and hope you agree that this annual appeal is a significant one and that you are able to help out and keep the historic and landmark village hall vibrant.

Please enrol me to the 200 Club

• I enclose payment of £20 for 12 monthly draws APRIL 2022– MARCH 2023 (CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO **ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL COMMITTEE**)

• or I have paid £20 by BACS to Santander Account 78526700 09-01-55 (If you pay by standing order please amend from £18 to £20) **Please use reference '200 [your name]' THIS IS ESSENTIAL**

Name and address:

Email:

By providing your email address we can let you know if you have won, send you reminders and also let you know of any future events organised by the Management Committee.

Please send this form, with cheque or cash if applicable, Sally Withey, The Nook, 101 Chalkshire Road, Ellesborough, HP17 0TJ. Telephone 07810 878674 or email ellesboroughparishhall@gmail.com to confirm your BACS payment.

**Thank you - Sally Withey on behalf
Of The Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee**

Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society



We are pleased to confirm that we are planning to hold our meetings at Stewart Hall. Members will be notified in advance of any Covid precautions. If you are not a member but would be interested in attending any meetings please contact Brian Butler (Chairman) at butler@care4free.net or call him on 01844 342220 at least a week before the meeting. Please see our website for any updates.

MARCH

7 15 pm *AGM* Tuesday 1
8 00 pm *Plants, Borders and Gardens*

Timothy Walker, lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, Oxford, is always a very informative and entertaining speaker. His look at modern English gardens starts by looking at a variety of plants from all over the world that deserve to be more widely grown in our gardens, followed by a look at some ways of putting plants together to create borders and finishes with a consideration of what makes plants & borders into a garden.

APRIL

SPRING SHOW at Stewart Hall: 2 00 – 4 30 pm Sunday 3

Bugs and Beasties Tuesday 5
Paul Patton, a horticultural consultant, writer and broadcaster will talk about managing garden pests, diseases and weeds including cultural, biological and chemical methods.

MAY

A Potager's Garden Tuesday 3
This talk looks at incorporating attractive edible plants into the ornamental garden, including using containers. We welcome back Brian Fisher, a popular local horticultural lecturer.

PLANT SALE at Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross: 10 00 am Saturday 14
This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early - everything will be sold by about 11 am on past form.

Meetings are held at 8.00 pm every 1st Tuesday of the month (except January and August) at Stewart Hall, Little Kimble. Although we pride ourselves on our expert speakers, all talks are very informal and are followed by refreshments and a raffle.

Visitors are always welcome. If you decide you would like to join please make yourself known to any Committee member or contact Charlie Taylor, Membership Secretary, at kehs.bucks@outlook.com. Please see our website for more information.

www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/

News & Reports - Kimble & Ellesborough W.I.

At the **December** meeting, the President, Elizabeth Hine, welcomed 36 members and 5 visitors. Chairs were set one meter apart and hand sanitising was recommended and freely available. Some member wore masks.

There was a most excellent Bring and Buy stall with lots of homemade produce and Christmas gifts for sale, and an excellent raffle. We heard further details of our Spring visit to Coventry Cathedral in March. We are waiting to hear if the Cathedral Refectory will be open for lunch on that day.

Members brought in the items they had made at the November Craft Workshop, to 'Show and Tell.' We had all enjoyed the afternoon thanks our tutor, Bev Russell, who also provided tea and cakes.

Our Charity of the Year was announced. We will be supporting The Ambulance Staff Charity. 17 members from across the South Central Ambulance Service are climbing Mount Kilimanjaro next year to raise money for the charity, and the climbers will include the daughter of one of our members. We will also continue to support the Women's Refuge.

Our speaker, or rather singer, was James McCafferty, who entertained us playing several different instruments, and singing some traditional folk songs which most of us remembered from our school days and were able to join in. We learnt a Latin chorus - and sang Good King Wenceslas in two part harmony.

A most enjoyable afternoon - during which Santa came and distributed gifts to all members and visitors alike. Home-made mince pies and Christmas cake was served with our tea. It was a delightful and happy start to the Festive Season.

Sadly, the **January** meeting was cancelled. Due to the rising numbers of those experiencing the Omicron variant of Covid, the Stuart Hall committee introduced stringent regulations for our safety, including a limit on the number of members who could attend. As we were intending to have a debate on whether or not we would stay within the WI, or leave and form an independent ladies association, our committee felt that every member should have the opportunity to speak, for or against the resolution if they wished, and be able to vote, and decide the eventual outcome. The debate will now take place in March.

The **February** meeting was most enjoyable. The President welcomed everyone including 5 visitors, and a new member. Final arrangements are in place for our visit to Coventry. We will leave Stewart Hall at 10am for the 90 minute journey, giving us time for lunch before our guided tour of the Cathedral at 2 pm.

We are looking forward to seeing the longest herbaceous boarder in the world, at Kew Gardens in the Spring.

Norma Cole gave a short report on our Christmas river cruise, and 'WI husband' Paul Couling gave a slide show of some of the photographs he had taken of members enjoying a wonderful Christmas dinner and the visit from Santa Claus. It reminded us of a lovely fun, happy day.

The Speaker was Jeremy Holmes, who gave a fascinating talk about Earnest Shackleton, the Anglo-Irish Antarctic explorer, and showed us copies of original photographs of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Their aim - to cross the Antarctic from sea to sea, some 2.900kms. Shackleton, set sail for Antarctica in his ship Endurance in 1914. However, en route the ship was trapped in ice in the Weddell sea. After 8 months adrift in an ice-floe, Endurance was crushed by the pressure of the ice, finally sinking. The crew managed to salvage 3 lifeboats from the ship, and as the ice began to crack up they took to the boats for the dangerous journey to the uninhabited and inhospitable Elephant Island. The island was far from shipping lanes, and so the only hope of survival was for a team to try to reach the whaling stations of South Georgia, a 1,500km journey, in perilous seas.

Six men set sail, through the notorious Drake Passage enduring gales and 50 foot waves in a leaky boat, finally landing in King Haakan Bay, on the wrong side of the island to the whaling stations. Three of the men, crossed the island on foot, and saw the first humans for 18 months - who ran at the sight of them! Shackleton returned to Haaken Bay, and to Elephant Island to rescue those crew members left behind. All of Shackleton's men lived to tell the tale of the greatest feat of survival in history. The men were out of touch with their families for 2 years.

Deborah Hulett, who herself has been to the Antarctic gave the vote of thanks.

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Lindengate – Better Health & Wellbeing for All, Through Nature

We are recruiting Volunteers!

Would you like to get involved with one of the flagship charities in Bucks.

Lindengate urgently needs volunteers across all areas. If you would like to join a warm and friendly community, meet new friends, working together to support the wellbeing of people and the environment and help us maintain the beautiful Lindengate Gardens, please get in touch.

Programme Support Volunteers:

Rest & Reflect Volunteers – Wednesdays evenings / Saturday afternoons

Welcoming the general public visiting our free drop-in sessions, assisting with our garden shop, working in the gardens, serving cream teas & answering any general questions.

Peer Support Volunteers – weekly 3 hour sessions

Work as a “buddy” to an apprentice volunteer, to guide them through their journey to become an independent volunteer.

Memory Pathways Volunteers– 3 Fridays each month, 3 hour sessions

Working alongside our team to support people with mild to moderate dementia or memory loss and their carers, to make friends, whilst having a relaxing & stimulating time.

Green Volunteers – Saturday mornings

Supporting our under 18's working together in our Nature Reserve. All activities are nature based, focussing on conservation, bushcrafts & heritage skills.

Short Programmes Volunteer – once a week for six weeks per programme, or one off half days

Join our team to support people's wellbeing, enabling them to connect with the healing power of the natural environment through nature based activities.

Other Key Volunteer Roles:

Woodwork Volunteers – supporting our woodwork team to create crafts to sell & raise much needed funds

Events Volunteers – working with our team to plan, promote & attend events

Photographs by Janette West



A Winter's Morning view from Coombe Hill



A Redwing visiting Butlers Cross

Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore

The Carol Service in the middle of December was well attended and all the children who came enjoyed bringing up the crib figures and partaking in the Chocolatey Nativity story (as did the adults!). We were unable to hold a Carol Service in 2020 so it was very pleasing to see the next generation of Dunsmore children taking part.

By Christmas Day the Covid figures in the area were very high and we had been studying the data and government pronouncements closely in the preceding week. We decided to continue with the communion service taken by Sally Moring the vicar of Wendover and were very pleased that there was such a good congregation. The service, which had already been shortened, was pruned a bit more but we were relieved that our first communion since Christmas Day 2019 was able to take place.

We will be holding an Easter Day Holy Communion on 17th April at 9am, this will be

led by Nadine Rose the Associate Priest at St Mary's Wendover. We offer a warm welcome to all villagers and the wider community.

After two years in which we have only been able to hold one cream tea we are delighted to announce that this year we will return to our usual practise of holding three a year. These will all be on a Sunday from 2.30pm to 5.00pm with the first on the 15th May and the others on the 19th June and the 10th July. You will find delicious homemade cakes and scones and free re-fills of your tea and coffee. We would like to thank all those who come and support us and all those who provide the cakes and help on the day. We look forward to seeing both our 'regulars' and new faces this year. The teas will be a very welcome boost to our finances which have been badly impacted by the restrictions of the last two years with very limited donations and continuing outgoings for insurance, rent and repairs.

Cream Teas at Dunsmore Church



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

2.30—5.00pm

Sunday, 15th May 2022

Sunday, 19th June 2022

Sunday, 10th July 2022

Proceeds go to the maintenance of our lovely village church

Dunsmore News - Ready for Spring

After a rather desultory winter, Dunsmore residents are noting the changes and willing Spring to jump into action. The snowdrops and crocuses are popping up, and it won't be long until we see those cheery daffodils nodding about. So bring on that warmer weather!

The COVID situation has taken its toll on our social lives. Winter Warmer, our annual pre-Christmas event in the Village Hall, was cancelled, as many of us decided to hang onto our negative status in anticipation of reconnecting with family over the holidays. Burns Night was cancelled as well, as villagers still seemed wary of too much interaction with others or perhaps had had enough socialising for the time being. In any event, we're ready to move on into Spring, with more events scheduled and cream teas lined up at the church.

Arrivals and Departures

A very warm welcome to the Alexe family now residing at Woodpecker Cottage. Adriana and Cristian have joined the Dunsmore community with their three boys, Samuel, Gabriel, and Rafael (aged 8, 7, and 5). We know everyone will give them a warm welcome, and we look forward to seeing them at local events and activities.

On February 11, Sandra and Chris Lacey left Woodside after more than 20 years in the village. We wish them a very happy tenure in their new home in Whitchurch – not so far away that they can't visit from time to time! Thanks so much for all your efforts in making village life what it is today.

The Ford family packed their belongings and headed for Miami, Florida, on February 21st. Greg, Ellie, Rose and Iris will be missed. Their participation in Dunsmore events has been notable in their (so far) short tenure at Old Forge Cottage. We wish them well and will be delighted to have them back in residence when their time in warmer climes has ended. Bon Voyage, Fords.

A very belated welcome to Sotiria's and Colville's newest addition: daughter Kaia,

born 27 September. We hope she will enjoy life at The Pippins as much as her older brothers do.

Michael O'Toole



For two and a half decades, Mike and Tina O'Toole lived in Daffodil Cottage. Both active in our community, they were integral cogs in the Dunsmore community. Sadly, Mike died suddenly on February 5th, aged 82. Our deepest condolences go to Tina and the rest of the O'Toole family for their very tragic loss. Mike was The Mayor of Dunsmore, greeting newcomers, bidding farewell to those departing, and participating in every possible social event in the village. His smiling face and regular presence at White Pond is already sorely missed. Former policeman and cabbie, Mike knew how to make – and keep – friends, and our thoughts are with Tina. A memorial service to celebrate Mike's life is in the planning stages.

Upcoming Events

Watch your email inbox and the noticeboard for news of Dunsmore Village Hall Association events planned in the coming months. Pub Night with Quiz, Bluebell Walk, Village Cleanup and Jubilee celebrations were being discussed as the magazine went to press. It's time to get our social train back on track!



RECIPES FOR EASTER

NO BAKE VANILLA & EASTER EGG CHEESECAKE



A great recipe to make with the children as it uses small easter eggs, is simple to create and will feed up to 10 family and friends over Easter.

Best chilled overnight so can be prepared in advance too.

Ingredients

- vegetable oil, for the tin
- 200g digestive biscuits
- 80g unsalted butter, melted
- 250g chocolate mini eggs or leftover Easter eggs
- 400g full-fat soft cheese
- 150g icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste
- 400g double cream

Method

1. Oil a 20cm deep springform cake tin and line with baking parchment.
2. Tip the digestive biscuits into a food bag or the bowl of a food processor and crush or blitz to a fine crumb.
3. Mix with the melted butter, then press into the base of the prepared cake tin and chill for 30 mins.
4. Roughly chop half the chocolate mini eggs.
5. Beat the soft cheese with the icing sugar and vanilla until just combined using an electric whisk.
6. Clean and dry the beaters, then beat the double cream to stiff peaks in a separate bowl.
7. Gently fold the whipped cream into the soft cheese mixture along with the chopped chocolate mini eggs.
8. Spoon the cheesecake mixture over the biscuit base, then smooth the surface with a palette knife or spatula.
9. Chill overnight.
10. The next day, carefully release the cheesecake from the tin (you may need to run a cutlery knife around the edge to loosen it) and top with the remaining whole chocolate mini eggs to decorate.



THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY IN ELLESBOROUGH

CAN YOU HELP?

WHAT TO DO TO BE INVOLVED OR SUPPORT?



Thank you to everyone who has supported The Children's Society over the last year. Whether you have been a box holder, donated or attended Christingle or my Open House – you will have contributed to this worthwhile charity for young people.

As a small community we have made an amazing contribution of over £3,000 in 2021 and over the past 26 years, we have raised over £30,000.

Fundraising figures for 2021

Boxes	Open House Event	Christingle	Just Giving	Xmas Cards Sold	TOTAL =
£844.68	£1399.45	£187.66	£305.00	£343.00	£3064.79

CAN ANYONE HELP?

From “here on in” – I may continue to hold my annual event – but have decided to limit my voluntary contribution to The Children's Society by stepping down as the Local Box Coordinator for Ellesborough.

Therefore, the Society is looking for a new volunteer to take on this Role.

Please get in touch with me or The Children's Society, if interested

Judith Harper - judith.c.harper@gmail.com

TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

You can support The Children's Society by:

- *Coming along to Christingle (December)*
- *Attending fundraising events*
- *Direct Debit or online donation*
- *Just Giving Donation:*

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/judith-harper21

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The Children's Society – Timeline



The Children's Society have dedicated 140 years to protecting the hopes of children threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect. From humble beginnings they have stayed true to their mission and helped transform the lives of young people across the country.



1881 How it began: Edward Rudolf, a Sunday school teacher and civil servant in South London saw the effect of poverty on children and decided to do something about it. This was the beginning of the Church of England Children's Society.

1881 Founding a Movement: Edward Rudolf wanted to make sure that all children, living in poverty, had a loving and secure environment instead of the Workhouses. He set up Children Homes, each for 10 children from 5 – 14yr olds

1920 Residential Nurseries: 34 permanent residential nurseries were set up as there was an increasing number of children in need of care around the war years.

1939 War Effort: The society housed Jewish children, from Germany and Czechoslovakia, seeking Nazi persecution.

1969 Day Care Centres: Offering support for single parent families affected by illness, stress and severe poverty.

1970 Changing Social Attitudes: As attitudes changed on abortion and lone parenting was viewed differently – fewer children were entering homes or adoption as social services increased activity in these areas. The society closed homes, adoption and fostering, changing aim to help young people solve some of their own problems.

1981 Centenary Celebrations: Opened 12 new family centres, toy libraries, soft play areas and set up information services for welfare rights.

1986 Getting Local: Community and Diocesan development teams aims to help people identify local problems and find solutions.

1989 Big Screen: TV adverts to promote the work of the Children's Society.

1992 Working for Social Justice: Campaigning with government to change laws in health care, housing, social security, educations, social work, child prostitution and to ensure young people had a "voice."

2000 Making a Difference: Campaigning commitment continues. From safe refuges for runaways, to free school meals and discount on fuel costs for children living in poverty.

2020 Today: The Children's Society continues to provide a safety net for disadvantaged youngsters and operate a variety of projects which address a range of serious issues that face young people, within the UK, today.

They protect vulnerable children who are facing challenges from sexual exploitation, drug and alcohol problems (their own or parent's), mental health issues, running away from home, leaving care or being a carer for someone else. Trained project workers work directly with children, providing essential drop-in services, guidance, advice and counselling.

Through many projects, The Children's Society works with:

- **Young Runaways** who become homeless – Drop-in centres meet each child's needs, whether they want accommodation or to get in touch with their family and get them off the streets.
- **Young Offenders** – The Society works with young offenders to promote justice and provide more effective solutions to youth crime than prison. Such as arranging for young offenders to meet their victims so that they can see the impact of their crime, making them less likely to re-offend.
- **Deprived or Isolated Communities** –to provide the children who live there with a better environment in which to grow up and helping young people access education. This includes work with young refugees, campaigning against discrimination and allowing youngsters to contribute to the improvement and regeneration of their area.
- **Schools** –the Society's work in schools helps children to deal with difficult situations. By finding the root causes of disruptive behaviour, children can be helped to overcome their problems, whilst teachers and parents can be supported in finding alternatives to exclusion. The Society offers family and children's centres and mentoring and befriending schemes.
- **Children & Young People in the Public Care System** – to ensure that their rights are promoted, and voices heard so that they have a say in their own futures.
- **Young carers** – where young people are caring for someone else and need support by getting in touch with their peers and enjoy a break from daily duties.
- **Young people facing mental health issues, sexual exploitation or addiction** – can receive help, advice, guidance and counselling from trained project workers.
- **County Lines & Criminal exploitation** – children as young as six are being forced to carry and sell drugs far away from their home. Made to skip school, sleep in dens, keep secrets from loved ones, treated as criminals and trapped in a hopeless situation. The Society works hard to end this type of abuse and give those who have been exploited a chance for a better future.
- **Government** – in campaigning to change policies and laws to make life better for young

2030 Goal: is to overturn the damaging decline in children's well being and to set a pathway for long lasting growth. Hopefully, we can all be part of this.

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

Ellesborough Church - New Facilities

The long-planned project to bring the facilities in our parish church up to 21st century standards, are due to be completed early in March. At the time this edition of the village magazine goes to print, the final stages will be well advanced in time for resumption of the popular Sunday afternoon teas throughout the summer months, starting after Easter.

At the west end of the building a new w.c., fully accessible for disabled users, and a new much improved servery has been installed. The threshold through the west door has been lowered to allow level access. A second stage in the project to re-lay the path from south gate to the west door will be complete as soon as final fund raising is assured. This will allow greater use and much easier access through the west door.

All wood work is finished in oak to a high standard. We are sure that these changes to the ancient building which, apart from major repairs, are the first since the Victorian restoration in the 1870's will greatly enhance both the use that can be made of the building and the visual appearance of the west end. Plans for an event to mark final completion and to give an opportunity for our many

generous donors to see the results will be publicised once the project is complete and the builders have removed their equipment and skips from the carpark.

Apart from its prime purpose as a focus of Christian worship, weddings, funerals etc. available to all in the parish, the improvements will also enable greater use for community events.

Moonrakers Concert

We are delighted to welcome back the Moonrakers, an Oxford-based group of four talented musicians to a concert in Ellesborough Church on Saturday 25th June at 7.30. They pride themselves on bringing an evening packed programme of traditional and contemporary folk music. Be sure of thoroughly enjoyable evening. Further details to follow. Make a note of the date.

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General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect on 25th 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

Sybil Goodson – life in Butlers Cross from 1926 - and before:



*Sybil celebrating her 90th
Birthday*

Surely, I am proud that I was born in Butlers Cross, almost a century ago (1926) and here to tell the tale. How times change and what a story I must tell!!

Mother, Minnie Long, born 1894, was only 7 years old when her parents and 5 siblings arrived in Butlers Cross from Gloucestershire. Her father, my grandfather, had become gamekeeper at Chequers.

Chequers was then in private ownership having recently passed through marriage from the Russell's to the Astley family, who then let the house and estate to the Clutterbuck family. Unfortunately, grandfather would sometimes go on a "bender" and drink too much and, although mother would care for him (and keep his gun safe!), the Clutterbucks dismissed him. Grandfather and his family ended up living in Hampden and started work at Halton Camp, which, at that time, was a tented camp.

My mother often told me of the occasion, in 1912, when the last Astley owner of Chequers died. She described it as the "best burial," as the body arrived at Kimble station and taken, on a bier-truck, to Ellesborough Church. He was the last Astley laid to rest in the family vault in the churchyard behind the church. My mother saw into the vault before it was closed for ever.

Mother courted a few young men, who were stationed at Halton Camp, but met Charles Goodson when he visited his sister working at Terrick House, as the children's nursery nurse, where Mother was a parlour maid. Minnie Long married Charles Goodson in 1921. The Goodson family lived in Weston Turville, but mother and father rented 6 Smiths Row, Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.

It had always been thought that father would be unable to "father" children as he had been kicked by a horse in the First World War and mother didn't particularly want children anyway.

So, when Trevor was born in 1922, father claimed, "it can't be mine!" Miracles happen – Edward followed, I was born in 1926 and Brian arrived in 1932.

Unfortunately, Edward had spina bifida. The village nurse attended all births and sent for the Doctor, who described this little blond baby as being "Born an angel." Edward was taken from my mother into another bedroom where he lived for 4 days. Mother laid in bed for 10 days and I will never know what effect this had on her as she must have listened to her new-born baby boy crying before he slipped away.

We rented 6 Smiths Row until after the Second World War when father raised sufficient pennies by working on the renovation of London after the bomb damage. He travelled by coach from Worlds End to London daily. When our cottage came "on the market" in the early 1950s, father was in for the bidding. There were 3 of the cottages up for auction but Mr Clark, who lived at Home Close Farm, seemed to find some fun in "running up" my father.

At a bidding of £320 for the 3 cottages, my father had reached his limit but Lesley Goodson, his daughter in law (my brother Trevor's now wife) encouraged him to make one more bid – and he purchased the 3 cottages. Trevor and Lesley lived in the end one and father made the other 2 into one cottage. I lived there with my parents until 1986, although father died of angina in 1979. These are now 11-14 Chalkshire Cottages, up from Honeyfield which was then the Congregational Chapel.

I enjoyed a special childhood and feel that I have had some of the best years. My two brothers and I went to Ellesborough Village school (now the guide hut). If you passed the 11 plus you went to Grammar school, the 13 plus granted entry to Technical School in High Wycombe or you stayed at the village school until 14 years old.

Life in Butlers Cross was less sophisticated and centred more locally, than today. We would walk to school in all weather, yet the seasons seemed to be more defined. In summer mother would often meet us after school, with a picnic to enjoy in the field opposite. I also recall a film company coming to the school and we had to be filmed doing exercises in white tops and blue knickers. I was never quite sure how mother bought the garments for us!

The village had its own PO; a beer house called to the Rose and Crown, on the Ellesborough Road, where we could buy loose vinegar in our own bottles; the Coopers's shop opposite the Village Hall (Lyndon) where we could buy sweets and radio batteries, and a Bakery at the Bake House. Many other goods were delivered so we didn't need to go shopping - meat from Smiths butchers in Wendover; Groceries from

“Home and Colonial” or “Maypole”; a fishmonger came fortnightly and the “Tuesday man” came on a bike with a tray of haberdashery items. Even my father’s work boots were delivered by Wainwrights! Occasionally, we would take the bus to Aylesbury to have our hair done or to buy needed shoes or clothes, as we did not have a car. In fact, cars were extremely rare, with no speed limit. I was even knocked down by one, when running across the road to a friend pushing her doll’s pram. It was the village postman, on his rounds, who picked me up and took me home!

We entertained ourselves but the congregational chapel did have film slide nights, whilst Terrick House and Ellesborough Manor held fetes and we were allowed to play tennis on their courts. My mother had also worked at Terrick House, which was considered as a “working education” because one was exposed to some of the finer things in life! As a result, Mother always used serviettes and a tablecloth where many other households would use newspaper. I was 5 years old when Diphtheria spread in the village which was traced back to the newspaper being used on the table at the Cooper’s, who had the village shop.

I began my working life, at the start of the war, in the chained library in Aylesbury Market Square. Mother then spotted an advert for a shop assistant at JP Lucas Furniture, I was interviewed by Mr Lucas and worked there from 15 to 18 years old.

At 18, I did not want to be “called up” in the war effort, so I volunteered into the WAAF (now WRAF) so that I could choose where I would be stationed. I trained at Wilmslow, near Manchester, and although I wanted to do nursing, I did teleprinting and completed my training at Cranwell. Teleprinting, probably the start of what we know as emailing today, was a method of communication and I was involved in sending messages to the RAF stations. We were paid and worked shifts, usually underground. Our accommodation varied from Nissan huts to large private houses, but always sharing long dormitories or rooms. When we had time off, we’d sleep, go for walks and take a coach to local dances. I do remember my first Gin and Tonic; then going outside into the cold air and sinking slowly to the ground!

My first posting was RAF Lyneham and I remember setting off, on my own, on a cold December day, by train to Devises. (I always seemed to be posted on my own, instead of with a couple of other girls!) I was quite the “lost little WAAF girl” but followed everyone onto a bus and I don’t think RAF Lyneham were expecting me either! On my first day at camp, everyone in the room turned and looked when I announced “ACW Goodson reporting for duty!” (ACW – being Air Craftswomen Women and LACW – Leading Air Craftswomen Women)

My second posting was to RAF Kingston on Thames, which was occupied by the Americans and was being taken back from them. There was not much to do there! I do remember a civilian ‘taking a fancy’ to me. I didn’t like him, and he was much older so the other girls would call, “Look out Syb – here he comes!” My third posting was to Harrow, we were stationed at the Kodak site, working in rooms underground. On leave, my mother decided that I was rather “yellow” and in need of fresh air. This was the result of working under sun ray lamps as we had no daylight!

My final post of the war was at RAF Bushy. I had thought that I may “signup” after the war but the “type of girl” coming into the services were different in many ways to me, so I took the decision to be “demobbed.”

After the war, I thought that I would return to work with JP Lucas but as I had volunteered into the forces, instead of being “called up”, he was not obliged to employ me. With my teleprinting experience, I wrote to various places for work, including the PO, BBC, Police force and Heathrow, which was being built at the time. I have to say that I was shocked at the “going rate” for civilian work at £3 to £10 week and I didn’t want to be in uniform again!

Eventually, I found a job as a Grocer’s Cashier in Wendover at the shop which is now No.2. I was not there long, before Mr Lucas wrote to me and asked me to return to work at JP Lucas furniture and that is where I stayed for 40 years. Originally, Lucas was where the library is in Aylesbury Market place, then in Friars Square.

I retired at 60, in April 1986, which happened to be 2 months before my mother died. She was 92. I stayed at the cottage in Butlers Cross for two more years, selling it in 1988 as it had a large garden and required lots of updating. I’ve been in Aylesbury ever since but will always consider myself an Ellesborough girl.

Told by Sybil Goodson and written for her by Judith Harper



Sybil age 19

Farm Blog - The True Cost of Misinformation

Farmland covers nearly 70% of the UK land area, with just over 200, 000 farm holdings, employing about half a million people. Of these, around 12,000 farms are active dairies, producing almost 15 billion litres of milk each year, with dairy products worth a staggering £9.2bn at wholesale level. It was saddening then, that the BBC chose to highlight the malpractice of one particular dairy farm, and use it as a representation of dairy farming in the UK. Nearly all farmers were equally appalled by some of the footage aired, partly because it was horrendous to watch, but also because farming is going through a major industry transition that is encouraging even higher levels of animal welfare (when we already have some of the highest standards in the world), and increased scrutiny over inputs that we have come to rely upon.



The dairy industry has almost become a victim of its own success. Over the last 25 years producer numbers have dropped by two-thirds, the GB dairy herd fell to around 1.9 million cows, and yet milk production has risen from 12 billion to 12.5 billion litres. Surely those increased levels of efficiency should be applauded, however the processors have seen it as an opportunity to squeeze the margins of farmers tighter and tighter. I'm not for one second suggesting that this should be an excuse for lack of investment into animal welfare, and I for one think the dairy farm shown on Panorama, and the workers involved should be prosecuted if crimes are found to have been committed.

Unfortunately all industries have their bad apples, but it seems that all too often in farming, and even in the wider industry of food production, the whole barrel is suggested to be rotten when that is simply not the case.

In our shop we stock Laceys milk. Ed and Will are the 7th generation to farm over in Lane End, and

we choose to sell their produce for a variety of reasons.



They are local - they're a mere 10 miles away, which is as local as we could get! They produce, package, and deliver from the family farm, meaning that 10 miles is the only food miles that comes with their milk.

It's a great product - we never tire of the most frequent comment along the lines of 'that's proper milk, like it used to taste'. Laceys are a traditional family farm, with a traditional herd of pedigree Guernsey cows, whose milk contains several unique properties including the content of three times as much Omega 3 as other milks.

Award Winning - Their whole milk and double cream were given gold stars in the national great taste awards. They are the only dairy in the UK to win these awards.

Trust - We trust them implicitly. We trust them to strive for the highest standards of animal welfare. We trust them to deliver their product in quality condition. We trust their production methods.

Whatever your thoughts on livestock farming, there is no doubt that the UK is suited to growing little else but grass. It's why we are major exporters of wheat and barley. However some regions aren't well suited to growing cereals, and in these areas it seems obvious to convert that grass into a protein that we can digest, such as meat or dairy. Even the NHS suggests, as part of balanced diet, that foods should be consumed from the five major food groups, which includes meat and dairy. So please don't think all dairy is bad.

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HS2 - Archaeology - Stoke Mandeville

The big white tent outside Stoke Mandeville has now gone and its contents have made the national headlines.



Under the derelict St Mary's Church founded in 1080 the foundations of an earlier Saxon chapel were excavated.

The site was open to visitors in the Summer 2021, and at the time of our visit the archaeologists were getting excited. They were struck by the church's unusual outlying location from the village, and signs of large ancillary barn buildings in an otherwise unoccupied location. Why here?



A Saxon church tower

There is no written evidence of the early church and who owned the land - but it was high status - the medieval out buildings indicate manorial control of the local agriculture and commerce.

As the HS2 works outside were progressing the pressure was on to record and remove all the 3000 bodies buried in the grounds.

As in a good drama, the climax of finding any earlier origins could only come in the last days of excavation when the church foundations were reached, revealing the remains of a Saxon chapel tower. The earlier stone building would of dominated the scene of the near low lying fields and wooden dwellings.

During the Anglo Saxon era Aylesbury Vale was part of the Kingdom of Mercia, early converts to Christianity. These lands formed part of the diocese of Dorchester-On-Thames (late 9th C), but very little is recorded of Mercia and its conversion to Christianity.

It was in the final hours of excavation in the Saxon ditch that larger than life Roman sculptures were discovered. The figurines were very impressive and with them some key artefacts.

Can the Stoke Mandeville roman finds shed light on the manner of transition to a new religion - reverently or destructively?

HS2 has given archaeologists the opportunity to take a slice through the English Landscape from London to Wigan sampling the entire landscape - Stoke Mandeville is one of many surprise out-turns.

To hear from the real experts Bucks HS2 Archaeology is hosting an on-line half day conference Saturday 26th February on the the discoveries including:

- Stoke Mandeville Old Church, 2,000 yearsthe Romans and beyond.
- Grim's Ditch in Buckinghamshire

HS2 - Archaeology - Stoke Mandeville(continued)

- Our pre-historic landscape and how the Romans inadvertently preserved it.

Unfortunately the advertisement timing for this event did not fit well with our magazine publication dates. Best keep in touch with all future events via the Buckinghamshire Archaeology Society email news stream at bas1.org.uk.

Richard Jennings



Dr Rachel Wood with roman statue



Fleet Marston - Roman Skeleton

Aylesbury Worst Place to Live?

A recent poll awarded Aylesbury the worst place to live in England 2022, voted for by its own residents. www.ilivehere.co.uk. While tongue in cheek in its rigour our local town took a pasting.



The Market Square - "before the improvements"

Richard Jennings



SPRING PUZZLE PAGE



SPRING Word Search

Search for the twelve Spring themed words below.



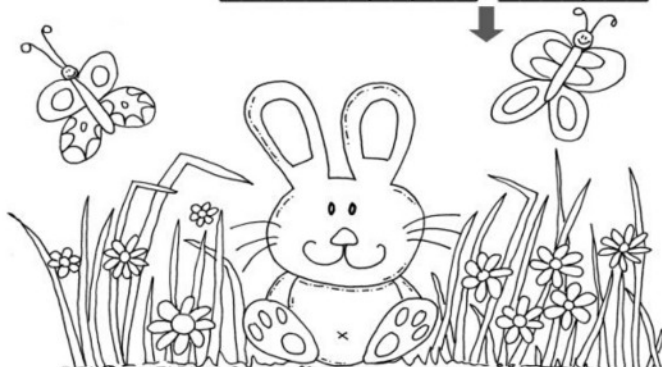
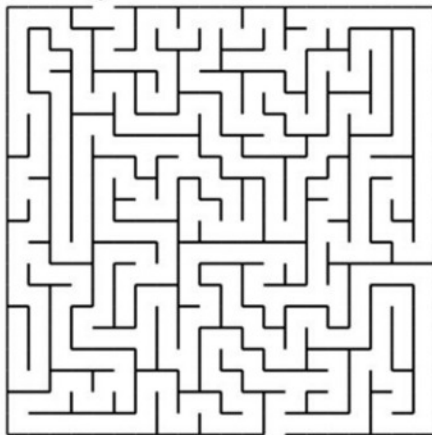
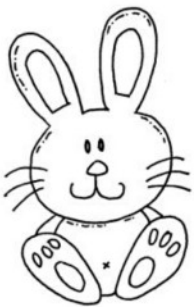
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| APRIL | BUTTERFLY | RAINBOW |
| BIRDS | FLOWERS | SPRING |
| BLOOM | GARDEN | SUNSHINE |
| BUNNY | MAY | WARM |

SPRING Word Scramble

Unscramble the Spring themed words below.

- UARBMEEL _____
- UESFBTRTEIL _____
- RLSOFWE _____
- UNSYN _____
- IPLSTU _____
- EISNSNUH _____
- OLOSSBM _____
- FOLRWSE _____
- CICNIP _____
- NGEARD _____

Help guide the bunny through the rabbit warren to find his friend playing in the grass.



Spring Cryptogram

R I N R N N N N

B Q S A J L I P B B Q S X J L P J D B X J J T

 E E N

D P T B I P Y N O N L X J

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

 N A J S

Decode the message by finding each cipher with the letter or symbol.



For Answers see page 36

Thresholds and 'Crossing Places'

It has been such a pleasure these last ten days to see the first Spring bulbs appear and to anticipate more as the earth transitions into Spring. There are other transitions we are experiencing as we enter the period of relaxed Covid restrictions with the mixture of pros and cons that entails. There is also the threshold we do not want to cross - the prospect of war in the Ukraine.

I am thinking about how we keep alive a sense of hope and how we can still find God and sacred things as we negotiate this period of change and uncertainty. From time to time, I dip into a book written by Margaret Silf called 'Sacred Spaces'. She explores how Celtic Christians managed to find God, sacred meaning and hope in all aspects of life particularly in thresholds and crossing places or at boundary edges and times of uncertainty. She asks a lot of questions to indicate where we might find thresholds where God might be experienced in our lives.

She asks: Have you been for a walk at dawn or at dusk recently? Have you stopped to speak to someone on the margins of society recently? Have you visited someone or befriended anyone who appears to fallen over

the edge of what we might call respectability? Have you known moments in a relationship when boundaries between yourself and someone else seem to dissolve? Have you written a poem, sung a song, drawn a picture, joined in a dance, skied down a mountain slope? Have you looked up at the night sky and thought about the origins of the universe or looked down a microscope to see a universe revealed in a single cell? She has lots of other ideas about where you might find the 'glory of God' in ordinary life. A last question, if answered in the affirmative, would alter international relations. Have you ever been part of a conversation when different people suddenly become aware of a whole new way of looking at a problem when they stepped over the boundaries of their usual thinking patterns?

I am finding I have to work at life at the moment to keep positive but the little things work-like looking at the sunrise and sunset, appreciating the flowers, enjoying the people I meet...let's not give up hope ...God is still to be found.

Revd. Janet Wales 1 Feb 2022

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- a fully equipped kitchen
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New Trees in Butlers Cross

To commemorate my 70th birthday last year, I decided to plant some new trees on our land to the east of Chalkshire Road.

Due to covid, this was postponed until this year.



The hope is that these will grow into mature trees to give habitats to the many different species which rely on them and also to give shelter to the animals grazing beneath them. We planted the trees in 6 small groups around the 2 fields and hope to plant more in the autumn.

Those of you who regularly walk the footpath from Chalkshire Road towards the brewery will have probably already noticed them.



On 11th, 12th and 13th February, my family and some friends got together and planted 75 native tree saplings in the 2 smaller fields. This consisted of Oak, Hornbeam, Alder, Goat Willow and Wild Cherry.

Liz Norris

SPRING PUZZLE PAGE - ANSWERS

Wordscramble Answers

1. Umbrella
2. Butterflies
3. Flowers
4. Sunny
5. Tulips
6. Sunshine
7. Blossom
8. Rainbow
9. Picnic
10. Garden



Ellesborough Parish Council Notes - February 2022

I'm so glad that the evenings are beginning to get slightly lighter, with spring approaching quickly as we can get to see our friends and neighbours outside more often.

Parish Business continues and we have seen some positive results from some of our projects.

As you may have seen in an earlier article from Councillor Helen Holman that the funding was agreed by the Community Board for the matting on the recreational field. Steve Webb and his team were quick in responding to our request to have the matting laid. Risborough Rangers have agreed to fund an additional three rolls of matting to extend the area slightly. We now wait for the grass to grow through the matting to enable cars to park on the field during the winter months, as well as the spring/summer, alleviating the parking problems that many of us have witnessed along Chalkshire Road.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Dunsmore who have been working together to look after the pond to create a better habitat for wildlife.

We are also aware that the Boundary Commission are carrying out a review and this may be an opportunity to gain the views of the Parishioners in Dunsmore as to whether we look to keep the boundary line running through the village. At present Dunsmore is bisected by our parish and Wendover Parish.

Luton Rising is the new trade name of London Luton Airport. Does a change in name disguise what is going to happen in the future in the skies above us? You can find out more about the scheme by visiting the virtual consultation room at www.lutonrising.org.uk. There are also a number of Community events in the surrounding areas between now and the end of March. I hope to attend the event in Victoria Hall in Tring on the 16th March between 14.00 -19.00 and will feedback.

At our last Parish meeting we looked at whether we could reduce our Precept for the coming year. The Precept is the parish's share of the council tax allowing us to maintain the Parish, the Clerk's salary and projects that we have. However this year we have seen an increase in outgoings, we have agreed to keep the precept at the same level as last year, so unfortunately we will not see a reduction in our council tax.

As lots of you are aware the early works of HS2 are really having an impact in the surrounding areas. The Clerk and I regularly meet with Jon Deas of EKFB, who continues to update us on road/footpath closures within the Parish and our neighbouring parishes.

Recently we attended a meeting with Bucks Council, Bucks Community Board, Steve Broadbent, Clive Harris, David Carroll and Parishioners from North Lee Lane to try and address the issues created by the increase in numbers of cars, lorries and out of service buses who use the lane. The recent traffic survey highlighted the risks to pedestrians and drivers alike with the increased level of traffic by 245% in peak hours, and 88% of vehicles travelling above 30mph.

Suggestions were made re traffic calming, making North Lee Lane a residents access only, however these are only suggestions at this stage! We are aware that there is a proposed junction on the new Stoke Mandeville bypass that could be utilised, however Bucks Council has not confirmed this. As soon as we have something concrete to report back, we will.

We Are pleased to report that every week we have at least 1 Speedwatch session along Chalkshire Rd, manned by volunteers and the data recorded on the camera is sent to the police by Alan Cripps. Each session is only an hour and we would like to hear from anyone else who would like to volunteer, particularly if you would like to do a session on the Ellesborough Road. The Speedwatch operator sends us the summarised data and you may

Ellesborough Parish Council Notes (cont'd)

be interested to know that in January alone 139 vehicles were reported travelling over the speed limit (which is 30)! In the year to date 857 vehicles were reported. Thank you to Mr Cripps and the volunteers who are out roadside in all weather!

Some of you might have seen that Mr Rex Norris, the Clerk to the Parish Council will be retiring in April and we looking for a new clerk to join the Council.

I would like to thank Rex for all the hard work and knowledge that he has provided over the many years in his position as a Parish Councillor and the last 10 years as Parish Clerk. I know we will miss his wisdom, counsel and guidance.

I would like to thank Mrs Judith Harper and Mrs Janette West who organised the village litter pick on the 6th February, and on 13th February Anne Bonham who continued the tidy up along North Lee Lane and five volunteers on the 14th. A sterling job done by all! It great to see some of our new parishioners come along to help! (I'm slightly puzzled by whoever lost a car wheel though!) -

Also a huge thank you to Mr Len Newman and Mr Rex Norris who have been around the Parish cleaning our road signs.
A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL!

We have seen how effective "Fix My Street" can be, as recently the potholes along Chalkshire Road and the footpath to the

church were reported and now both have been repaired!

However non-urgent damages do appear to be on the back burner!

Some of the keen walkers in the village might have noticed a number of saplings that have been planted at the back of the land behind number 86 Chalkshire Road, an undisclosed number to celebrate the birthday of Mrs Elizabeth Norris! Its great to see new trees being planted!

Lastly, if any of you are keen to join Councillor Glover and his sub committee in arranging the village festivities for the Queen's Jubilee, please don't hesitate to get in touch! Save the date for a fun filled day on the 5th June.

Due to the availability of rooms at the village hall, we have voted to change the day that we meet to a Monday, so please note that our next meeting will be 21st March 2022 at 7.30pm. We welcome you all to join us at the beginning of our meeting for open forum.

If you have any urgent needs please contact the Parish Clerk

www.clerk@ellesborough.org.uk

Debra Panikkar
Chair
Ellesborough Parish Council

Parish Council Website

The address of the Parish Council's Website has changed

It is now:

ellesborough-pc.gov.uk.

Planning Applications for Ellesborough Parish 11 November 2021 – 15 February 2022
Further information, may be found on Buckinghamshire Council website buckinghamshire.gov.uk or
Ellesborough Parish Council website ellesborough-pc.gov.uk.

Application No	Address	Brief Description of Application	Decision
20/07979/FUL	Forge Meadow, Nash Lee Road, Terrick.	Change of use of land from residential to a mixed use of residential (Class C3) and dog care facility (Sui Gerneis) (Retrospective).	Application Permitted.
21/06805/FUL	Molloway House, Dunsmore.	Application for removal of existing ancillary buildings, storage tanks and compost bins and construction of single storey office and gym outbuilding, gardeners' storage barn, greenhouse to rear, single storey pool house outbuilding, single storey side extension to existing garage for use as plant room and an outdoor pool.	Application Permitted.
21/07215/FUL	Midwinter House, Nash Lee Road, Terrick.	Application for construction of proposed detached carport/store.	Application Refused.
21/07077/FUL	St Peters Cottage, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for internal damp remediation and single storey rear extension.	Application Permitted.
21/07078/LBC	St Peters Cottage, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Listed Building Application for internal damp remediation and single storey rear extension.	Application Permitted.
21/07722/FUL	The Old Bakehouse, 20 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for construction of single storey rear extension to form laundry/utility room.	Application Permitted.
21/07702/CLP	The Old Bakehouse, 20 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed demolition of existing garage and replacement garage with office/gym with 2 x side rooflights and shed.	Grant Certificate of Lawfulness.
21/08102/FUL	Coombe Lodge, Wendover Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for removal of existing outbuilding to side and erection of single storey replacement outbuilding.	Awaiting Decision.
21/08078/ADRC	Land at Meadowbrook Farm, Risborough Road, Little Kimble.	Application for approval of details subject to Conditions 9 (CTMP) and 12 (Landscaping) of Planning Ref 18/08092/FUL.	Permit- detail Reserved by Condition.
21/08027/ADRC	Summerland, Risborough Road, Terrick.	Application of approval of details subject to Condition 4 (Soft and Hard Surfacing) of Planning Ref 2106184/FUL	Awaiting Decision.
21/07990/VCDN	Land at Meadowbrook Farm, Risborough Road, Little Kimble.	Application for variation of Conditions 10 (SUDS) and 12 (Landscaping) attached to pp 18/08092/FUL to allow for flexibility in respect of implementation.	Application Permitted.
21/07865/FUL	Coombe Lodge, Wendover Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for construction of single story side/rear extension, garage conversion and fenestration alterations including insertion of front and side bay window.	Application Refused.

21/08276/ADRC	Land at Meadowbrook Farm, Risborough Road, Little Kimble.	Application for approval of details subject to Condition 10 (SUDS) of Planning Ref 18/08092/FUL.	Awaiting Decision.
21/08211/FUL	Meadow Brook Farm, Risborough Road, Little Kimble.	Erection of Stable Building with yard area and parking.	Application Permitted.
21/08503/FUL	75 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for loft conversion to habitable space with enlarged front dormer and construction of two storey rear extension and fenestration and material alterations.	Application Permitted.
21/08333/FUL	Woodberry, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for construction of replacement front porch, single storey rear extension and installation of 1 x rear dormer, 2 x rooflights to front in connection with loft conversion.	Application Permitted.
21/07068/FUL	Sunny View, 94 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for construction of replacement front boundary fence, sliding gate and concrete pier (retrospective).	Application Refused.
21/08571/FUL	Old Home Farm House, Chequers, Butlers Cross.	Application for insertion of two front dormers and one rear dormer in connection with loft conversion.	Awaiting Decision.
22/05117/FUL	Farthings, 25 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for construction of single storey rear infill extension and driveway alterations.	Awaiting Decision.
22/05105/FUL	Coombe Lodge, Wendover Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation and fenestration alterations.	Awaiting Decision.
22/05099/FUL	Muirton, Dunsmore, Wendover.	Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed for erection of porch.	Awaiting Decision.
22/05109/FUL	Apple Trees, Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross.	Application for construction of single storey side extension.	Awaiting Decision.

Ellesborough Parish Council Meeting Schedule 2022

18 January, 7.30pm Ellesborough Parish Hall

21 March, 7.30pm Ellesborough Parish Hall

16 May, 7.30pm PC AGM, Ellesborough Parish Hall

26 May, 8.00pm Annual Parish Meeting Ellesborough Parish Hall

18 July, 7.30pm Ellesborough Parish Hall

19 September, 7.30pm Dunsmore Village Hall

21 November, 7.30pm Ellesborough Parish Hall

The United Benefice of Ellesborough, The Kimbles & Stoke Mandeville

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE:



St. Mary's Church Rooms/The Ark: 28 Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville HP225UT. Tel 01296 615886 and leave a message.
email. ark.office@wendoveremail.co.uk

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PASTORAL CARE:



If you or someone you know would like a visit or a friendly chat, or home communion please contact Revd. Janet Wales (01296 612936) or Julia Northway (01844 342112).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP



All-Age services will be held at both St. Peter & St. Paul at 10:45 on Mothering Sunday 27 March. There will be an All-Age act of Worship with Prayer Stations at 10.a.m.at St. Peter and St Paul on Good Friday. Children are welcome at all Easter Day services. On 22 May the 4th Sunday children's service will now take place at St. Nicholas Great Kimble at 9:30.
Mustard Seeds has been discontinued.

THE COFFEE STOP:



This has returned to the Ark Stoke Mandeville for the Winter every Thursday 10:30 to 12. Please do drop in and join us. Visitors from The Kimbles and Ellesborough will be more than welcome.
Enjoy coffee, cake and company for £1.50

PARENTS & TODDLERS:



Every Monday during term time 10 to 11:30. Please book through thearktoddlergroup@gmail.com

THE YOUTH GROUP:



This has not yet restarted.

For more information and dates please contact The Ark (01296 615886) or ark.office@wendoveremail.co.uk



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- 7.00 am Red Kite Breakfast** Alan Taberer or Peter Dawes get your day off to the perfect start
- 10.00 Howard Bond** Classic hits, recent releases plus plenty of local information
- 2.00 pm The Afternoon Show** Fine music plus features and chat with Sheila K or Heather Jan Brunt
- 4.00 Drivetime** Music and comprehensive local travel news with Peter Dawes
- 6.00 The Gold Kite** Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s
- 7.00 Monday** **The Seventies Rewind** with Howard Bond
- Tuesday** **The Funk, Soul & Dance Show**
Smooth, cool sounds
- Wednesday** **The Eighties Rewind** with Andrew Duthie
- Thursday** **The Sixties Rewind** with Cherry Waller
- Friday** **The Nineties Rewind** with Karl Braisher
- 9.00 Monday** **The Musicals Hour** with James Kershaw
- Tuesday, Thursday** **Motown Magic** Classic Tamla Motown hits
- Wednesday** **Red Kite Country** Country hits old and new
- 10.00 Nice and Easy** Relax and unwind at the end of the day with Sally Poulson
- 11.00 Through the Night** Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s

Saturday

- 7.00 am Saturday Breakfast** Your weekend starts here! With Andrew Duthie
- 10.00 The Noughties 'Til Now Show** 20-plus years of hits with Hannah Austin
- 12.00 pm The Gold Kite** Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s
- 1.00 Saturday Sport** Music plus local and national sports news with Peter Dawes
- 5.00 The Funk, Soul & Dance Show** Two hours of smooth, cool sounds
- 7.00 Red Kite Party Night** Four hours of classic party hits, with Daryl Ridgley
- 11.00 Through the Night** Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s

Sunday

- 7.00 am Sunday Breakfast** with James Kershaw
- 10.00 Sunday Brunch** Classic hits and chat with John Reid-Hansen, including the **Wychert Vale Church Service** at 12.00
- 1.00 pm The Sunday Afternoon Session** with Andy Mitchell, including **The Acoustic Hour** at 3.00
- 4.00 Musicals Hour** with James Kershaw
- 5.00 The Noughties 'Til Now Show** 20-plus years of hits with Hannah Austin
- 7.00 Sunday Rocks!** Three whole hours of classic rock tracks
- 10.00 The Breakaway Blues Show** with Graham Andrews
- 11.00 Through the Night** Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s

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DO YOU HAVE A FEW SPARE HOURS AND A CARING PERSONALITY – THEN ASHRIDGE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Thirty four year old Ali's experienced some life changing events during the last year. She left her successful job managing a local shop and post office and became a Mum for the first time all in the space of less than a year. And then her career

took off in a totally new direction when she came across Ashridge Home Care just as her daughter turned a year old and Ali was considering her work options. A career in care hadn't ever crossed her mind but during her interview with the award winning home care company she quickly realised how transferable her retail skills were for the care industry. Customer care, excellent service levels and the ability to think on your feet are all highly desirable in a carer and Ali now works part time as a PA carer to an elderly lady locally. Her role as a PA carer suits her busy lifestyle managing a young family perfectly.

Amersham based, Ashridge Home Care, is currently recruiting part time visiting carers as well as full time live-in carers and offers above average salary and training opportunities. Are you a multi tasking Mum whose kids are off at University, or a talented career person who is taking a step back and looking to give something to your local community. Or maybe your job sector was hit hard during the pandemic and you are looking for a new career to pursue. Home care has really come to the fore and caring as a profession is being recognised for its true worth. Ashridge has seen a huge surge in new enquiries for home care and is looking to recruit talented, caring individuals into a variety of roles.

Ashridge Home Care matches live-in and visiting carers with people across the South East of England that require support enabling them to stay at home. It can be running errands and being a PA carer like Ali to 24 hour live-in care for a person living with the onset of dementia. No experience is required, all training will be provided and experienced support is always available on

the phone. Ashridge will match you to a person in need locally that suits your personality and skill set.

Founder of Ashridge Trudi Scrivener is passionate about recruiting the right people into the care industry. She says: *"Being a carer at Ashridge Home Care opens up a new door to a special career. We truly value our dedicated team of carers and we recognise that it takes exceptional people to do such a demanding yet rewarding job."* She continues: *"There are so many advantages to home care jobs. Not only do you get to care for some lovely people but we pay an attractive salary and it is extremely flexible to slot into your existing routine."*

Ali commented: *"I've been self employed for so long so I thought it might be difficult to be employed but with care work you have best of both worlds. I'm still able to manage my own time, work the hours that suit me and manage my own relationship with my client whilst knowing I have the full support of the amazing team at Ashridge behind me for those times I'm unsure of something or need a little extra help. At the shop I used to spend time talking to my regular elderly clients and naturally helped them if for example they were having difficulties with their mobile phone. I enjoyed chatting with them about the news and sport and I like the little things that make the big difference to people. I am enjoying this in my PA Carer role as well. I help my lady organise her diary, make appointments for her and ensure she takes her medication. I see her regularly on certain days of the week for a few hours each visit when my daughter is in nursery, it works really well for everyone. My lady still has her own independence, in her own home in the safe knowledge that I can help her with maintain the house and ensure her bills are paid on time."*

Ashridge Home Care has been voted Best Employer in the Pride of Bucks award and has several other award accolades to its name.

If you have a few hours to spare during the week and are considering care work please contact Ashridge Home Care for a friendly chat. 01494 917344 or send an email to recruitment@ashridgehomecare.co.uk.

Chiltern Brewery News

The start of this year, gives us a unique opportunity to look back as well as forward. Last year was our busiest year to date and we would like to take the opportunity to thank all our neighbours and parishioners for your encouragement and support in the shop! Knowing that we have the village willing us on is tremendous reassurance and means a lot to us.

It was also a busy year for awards and we were bowled over when bottled Beechwood Bitter won the Gold Medal in the Best Bitters category in SIBA's regional competition (The Society of Independent Brewers). Our region stretches across 9 counties, from the Thames in south Bucks, to the Peak District National Park in Derbyshire! Within the categories, Best Bitters is the most hotly contested.



Beechwood Bitter is the second beer we ever brewed, in 1982. It is also the most popular beer we brew in draft. As part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations, we bottled it for the first time in 2021, so it is a wonderful accolade to round last year off with! We corralled the brewing team for a snap, to record the moment, with the award-winning beer to hand! (L-R: Ben Collard, Ali Savin, Dave McGovern & Darren Macdonnell).

Whilst Beechwood might be familiar to many, Darren could be a new face to some. Darren joined our brewery team late last year, as our drayman and we are delighted to welcome Darren to our team!

One of his first deliveries was to The Russell Arms, all of a mile up the road. Working with Maria, Paul and the team at The Russell is great fun and we are delighted to brew Fudgel exclusively for Maria and Paul's pubs. We'd like to take this opportunity thank them publicly for their support and we're looking forward to working with them this year too.



One of the last new brews of 2021 was our Oatmeal Stout in a can. Part of our Small Batch Brew range, it is only the second beer we have canned and we have been delighted with the response and comments. No doubt it will be joined by more in the coming months.

Looking ahead, we have a busy year planned already, with the first phase to replace some of our brewery buildings looking as though it will go ahead in Spring.

We also have plans for new beers, including of course, a special for the Queen's Jubilee in June! Keep your eyes open for it in our shop and online...!

Many thanks again from us all,

Local Charity Thanks Their Volunteers

Volunteers are key to Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, in helping the Charity raise funds through their network of shops and at their events, as well as supporting the work of the Hospice as Hospice Volunteers, Volunteer Drivers and Bereavement Support Listeners.

Vicky Harman, Volunteer Engagement Manager at the Charity says, "All our volunteers make an impact, and we are very grateful to them for their role in our recovery from Covid in reopening the shops, supporting events and opening up the services at the Hospice."

Volunteering offers an opportunity to gain new skills, meet new people, experience something different, as well as giving back to your local community. It can also help you develop your career by gaining valuable experience, build confidence and resilience and connect with other people.

Graham volunteers as a Hospice Driver, bringing patients to and from appointments at the Hospice, "Once you start volunteering, you are hooked. It's an absolute pleasure to volunteer and the people are all fantastic. I would highly recommend anyone thinking of volunteering to just do it and talk to other volunteers to find out how rewarding it is."

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, please visit the Charity's website at: fnhospice.org.uk/volunteer or email volunteering@fnhospice.org.uk.

Further information:

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity needs to raise over £1,000,000 a year to provide specialist palliative care services which are accessible and free of charge to those with a life-limiting illness and their families in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and parts of Oxfordshire.

Florence Nightingale Hospice provides a range of palliative and end-of-life care services to people in Buckinghamshire and parts of Oxfordshire with life-limiting illnesses such as chronic lung conditions, cancer and neurological conditions. It has an In-Patient Unit with twelve beds in the Hospice, and it supports patients in the home through the FNH@Home and Community Nursing Teams. In addition, the Day Hospice offers physical, therapeutic and emotional support to people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, but who are able to live independently at home. The Hospice also runs the Lymphoedema Clinic and cares for and supports families and friends of patients, through the Bereavement Support Team and Florrie's Children's Team.

Volunteers provide essential support to the work of Florence Nightingale Hospice in many ways. Volunteers support patients and families directly in the Hospice; give time and help in Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Shops or help to organise and staff fundraising events for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. They also provide administrative support in the Charity's Head Office, or in the Hospice itself.

For more information about the Charity, visit www.fnhospice.org.uk

Discover Bucks Museum



We are delighted to announce that 'Picasso and Masters of Print' is coming to Aylesbury. This major exhibition, opening on 2 April and running until 2 July 2022, offers a unique opportunity to view some of the most important prints by one of the greatest artists of the 20th century. The seven prints by Picasso on loan from The Higgins Bedford span seven decades of his career and spectacularly showcase the varied printmaking techniques that he mastered.

Picasso's works will be accompanied by a wider exhibition of major artists' original prints drawn from the Cecil Higgins Collection. Five centuries of printmaking will be on show, ranging from masterpieces by key figures in the history of European printmaking, such as Dürer and Rembrandt, through to 20th century icons such as Matisse and Warhol, and including contemporary artists such as Paula Rego and David Hockney.

To accompany the exhibition this year's Muir Trust Artist in Residence is printmaker Claire Willberg who will take up her residency at the museum from 8 April for 6 weeks. Come and meet Claire on her open studio days and learn about her printmaking techniques.

Visit our website to find out more about our exhibitions and events and to catch up on the progress of our exciting new Discover Bucks galleries.

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Wendover Art Club Programme

March 2022 to May 2022

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Wendover Art Club meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month September to May. There is a charge of £10 on demonstration evenings for visitors who are non-members but this is deductible from a subscription of £15 until September if they decide to join us. A full year's subscription is £30

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- 10th Graham Lester will be demonstrating paper sculpting - definitely not one to miss.
- 24th Mark Fennell will be back with oil portraiture

April

- 14th An evening with David Smith, the Paralympic Boccia Player. David will give us a talk about the game and a demonstration
- 28th A new demonstrator for us using mixed acrylics and oils – Rosso Emerald Crimson

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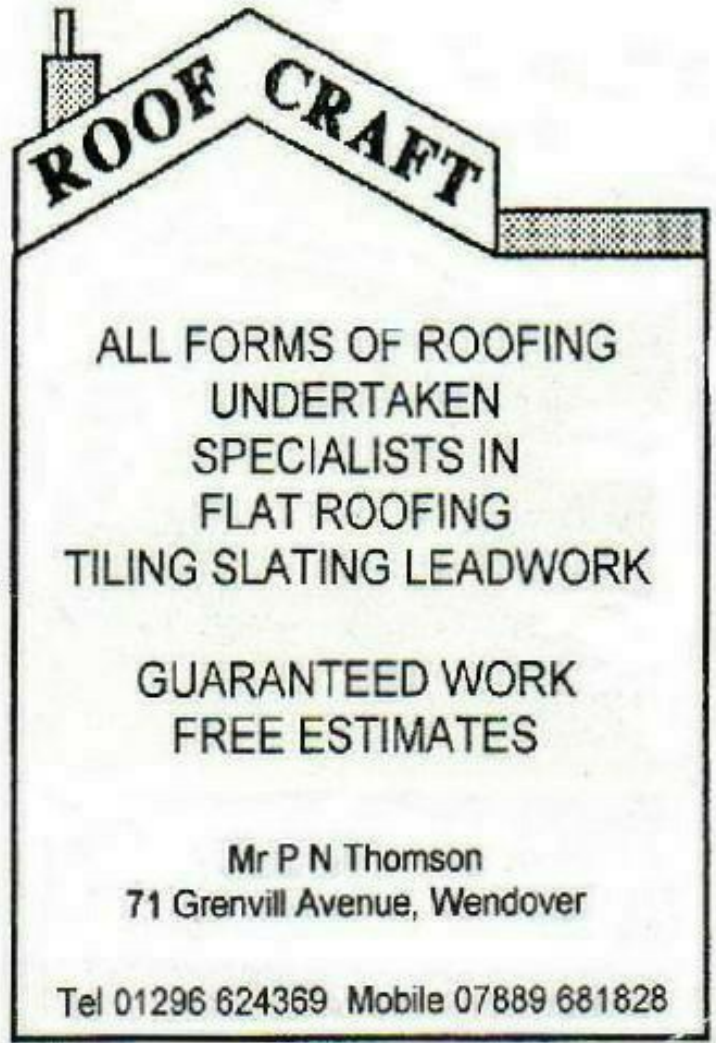
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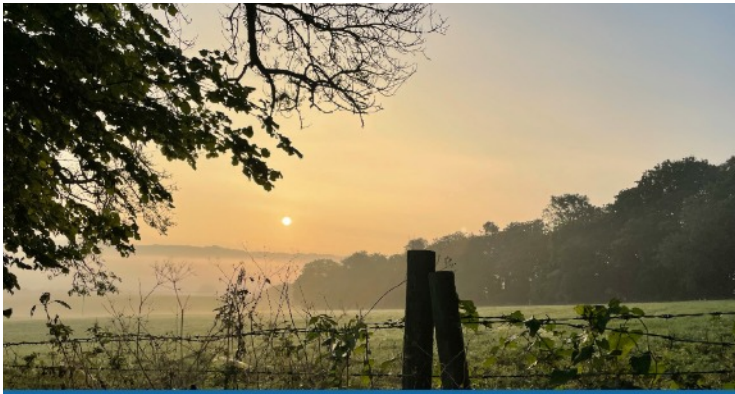
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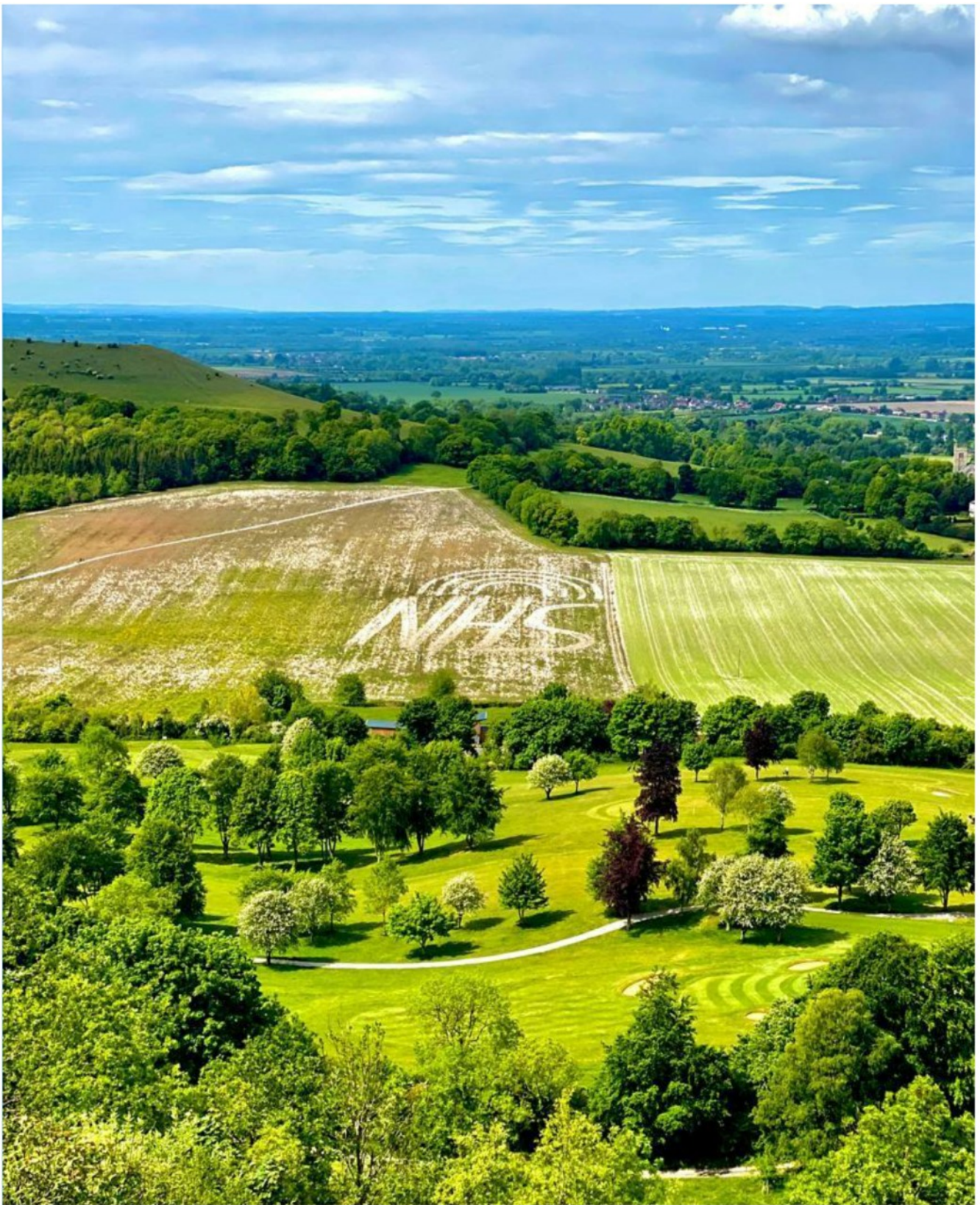


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