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## Chairman's Letter

Our deepest thanks to Paul for his stewardship of the magazine over the last six years. It has been a pleasure. Paul has made little of the work involved and always shone through with good will and efficiency.

All the readers I meet comment on Ellesborough Magazine's worth for its news, as a first source on local businesses and societies and planning for key village events.

Without a new editor the magazine will cease.

We need someone to step forward and take it on, there is a strong committee to support the role.

Once again I'd like to thank Paul - and hand on to a new editor for the future.

Richard Jennings Chairman, Ellesborough Magazine Committee

## MAGAZINE EDITOR Help make a difference

Ellesborough Magazine is looking for a new editor as the excellent Paul Couling is stepping back after six years. We are continually looking to improve the publication, we want it to appeal to as wide a readership in the parish as possible. If you think you can help, we are very happy to host a guest editorship to try it out, no pre-conditions. There is an enthusiastic committee to support the role.

It's a great way to get involved in the community, and be part of creating a much valued community asset.

Front Cover: The Spirit of the Diamond Jubilee: Photograph provided by Peter Carter

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### Ellesborough 200 Club

#### <u>May 2022</u>

7	David White	£100
83	Richard Jennings	£50
142	Janet Pearce	£35
17	Clare Stroud	£25
<u>June 2022</u>		
57	Antony & Jane Robins	£50
30	Ellesborough Silver Band	£35
81	Catriona Nicholson	£25
<u>July 2022</u>		
77	Liz Norris	£50
107	Duncan Heyes	£35
12	Sophie white	£25

## Ellesborough Coffee Mornings

Come and see our lovely, newly refurbished meeting rooms at Ellesborough Parish hall, and join us for coffee, cake and a warm welcome on the third Friday of every month.

Fridays -

16th September,

21st October,

18th November,

6th December - when there is always mulled wine or sherry to enjoy with our Christmas cake and mince pies to start the festive season.

It's free of charge.

E.H

## Macmillan Coffee Morning 2022

I shall once again be hosting a Coffee Morning to raise funds for Macmillan, on Friday 30th September 2022.

Please save the date and I look forward to welcoming you to Bonnybrook

for a fun morning's fundraising - between 10.30 and 12.30

Thank you, Julie

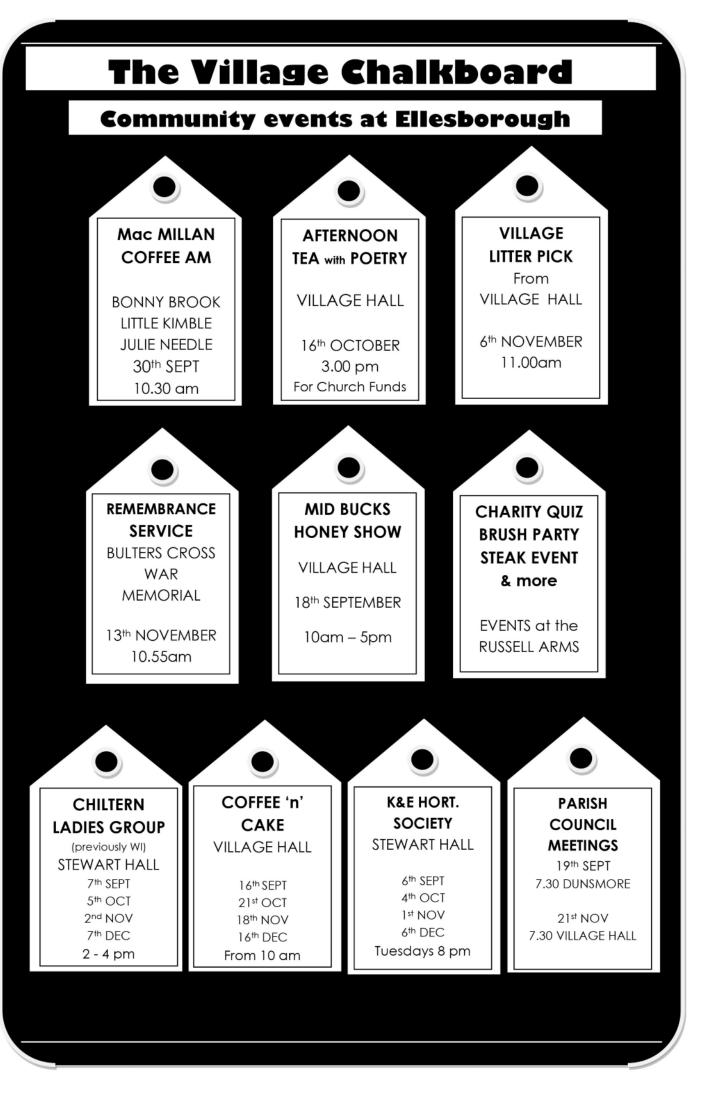
## Ellesborough Parish Updates

Each week/fortnight a Parish update is emailed out to currently over 180 parishioners giving details of local events, news, HS2, and traffic updates on planned roadworks etc.

If any parishioners wish to join the mailing list, please in the first instance email the new Parish clerk Mr John McKeown on <u>clerk@ellesborough-pc.org.uk</u> requesting membership and you will be added to the current mailing list.

Why miss out on local news - join us!

John McKeown



## Wendover Choral Society

## Calling All Singers.... Wendover Choral Society needs YOU!

Wendover Choral Society looks forward to welcoming new singers. The choir is enthusiastic and offers a warm welcome to new members. Covid restrictions have not dimmed the passion of Wendover Choral Society singers who have met and performed since autumn, 2021, in near-normal circumstances. It has been a great joy for everyone to be able to sing to a live audience once more. This December they will be performing Handel's Messiah.

What makes every concert so special are the performances of young Royal Academy of Music soloists who are all up-and-coming opera singers. Over the years, audiences have been blown away by many amazing voices. As a result, this modest mixed-ability choir is lifted out of the ordinary and the atmosphere is transformed. Recent singers include Camilla Harris, who performed last Christmas and is now singing in Così Fan Tutte at Garsington. Also, internationally acclaimed Nika Goric and Pumeza Matshikiza, a Decca soloist, described as 'one of today's most exciting new operatic voices', sang here, as did Christina Gansch, in 2014. A winner of the prestigious Kathleen Ferrier Competition, she now sings with San Francisco Opera. The choir is proud of its role in supporting such talented musicians.

The Messiah, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, will also feature a professional Baroque ensemble from the Royal Academy. It promises to be an exciting evening. If you would like to be part of this, please come along to St Mary's Church on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm and try us out. Rehearsals begin with a warm-up at 7.45pm and last two hours, with an all-important break midway for refreshments and chat. No audition is required, although some musical knowledge is definitely very helpful.

Enquiries to wendoverchoralsociety@gmail.com

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## **ELLESBOROUGH CHURCH**

is holding a fund raising

## AFTERNOON TEA WITH POETRY

## IN ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL ON SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 3pm

Entrance £10.

Please let Deborah Hulett know if you wish to attend

db.hlt03@gmail.com

All are welcome to recite a piece of poetry. It can be a favourite or one you have written, perhaps with an autumn/ harvest theme. All ages welcome.

Gifts for the raffle table would be most welcome.



## PLEASE COME AND HELP CLEAN UP OUR VILLAGE! DATE: SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TIME: 11:00 LOCATION: ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL

Take pride in your community and come along to help with our bi-annual litter pick. We are looking for around 40 residents to spare a few hours. Please ensure you wear suitable clothes and footwear and bring gloves. You may like to wear a hi viz jacket/vest if you have one. Litter pickers and bags will be provided. For any further information, please contact Judith Harper on 01296 622033 or Janette West on 01296 696688.

This event is supported by Ellesborough Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council.



## Marsh Lane Developments

#### This is an extract of Kimble Parish Council meeting with Buckinghamshire Council and HS2 representatives early 2022, with relevance to Ellesborough Parish.

### KIMBLE PARISH REPORT - MARSH LANE B4009 A4010 DEVELOPMENTS

#### - EXTRACT MARCH 2022

Marsh Lane. The impact of the closure of Marsh Lane on North Lee Lane, has seen traffic increase by over 60%. It would seem there is now a proposal to re-open Marsh Lane and provide it with a junction with the Stoke Mandeville relief road, although it is too early to see whether this will be part of the final plans.

The A4010 is to become one of two designated routes for traffic, including heavy goods traffic, between the M40 and Aylesbury: the other is the A413. With the expansion of Princes Risborough the A4010 will no longer passing through the town but instead using a new by-pass, which will include upgrading the B4009 from the Longwick roundabout through Great Kimble and then under the railway bridge in Little Kimble to form part of the A4010. The Community Board traffic sub-group has produced a detailed strategy that includes improvements to the existing A4010 and an upgrade to the B4009 but the Council has made clear that its funds are limited and suggests central government may need to assist.

B4009. There will be some funds available from the developers of the Princes Risborough expansion and the much smaller developments in Kimble Parish but the latest plans see the upgrade of the B4009, and in particular improvements to the Little Kimble railway bridge, as the last stages of the Princes Risborough expansion and so unlikely to occur before 2038.

In short the traffic along the A4010 and the B4009 can only increase, with increasing likelihood of 'rat runs' developing throughout Kimble Parish as vehicles seek to avoid the inevitable traffic jams at Little Kimble railway bridge and the Terrick roundabout. There is also some evidence that Bishopstone and North Lee Lane may already be being used as an unofficial Aylesbury by-pass. The policy remains that HGVs should only enter Kimble Parish between the B4009 and Bishopstone to gain access but there is a risk that policing this will become increasingly more difficult.



Forthcoming Events





Food & Drink

Menus

As we step into autumn 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. You will find a range of delicious, new dishes to choose from. There are plenty of vegan and vegetarian options, as always, and for meat lovers, our popular Being Mindful Specials where we showcase locally sourced meats with great provenance.

Exciting news, we have a fantastic **Steak Event** happening on **30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October!** Our chef team will be offering a limited-edition, sensational menu featuring some exceptional steaks. This menu will be available alongside our regular menu so get your friends and family together and make sure to book in advance.

Our next **Brush Party** event takes places on **September 20th**. 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 https://brushparty.co.uk/events/summer-meadow-butlers-cross/

Have you seen our fantastic **Midweek Eat Out** themed menu? Available **Monday to Thursday**, in addition to our Restaurant and Daily Menus, it offers extra value for money with a Midweek Main and a drink\* for just £17.50 per person, plus a complimentary side dish on the house!

\*Choose either a pint of Fudgel, Becks or Aspall, a 125ml glass of house wine or a soft drink. We have some delicious options to select from, so get chatting to your friends and family and make a reservation.

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 quiet Tuesday night so, grab a team book your place.

Very best wishes from everyone at **The Russell Arms** 

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## Notices

## FREE BMERC COURSE - Make Your Wildlife Observations Count

At BMERC (Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre) we often receive enquiries about the wildlife people are seeing, how to improve their skills at its identification, and increasingly how they can make the information available publicly as a record of what they have seen. To help answer many of the more common questions we have created a two-part online course, open free to anyone who is interested. Comprising two x 1 hour sessions online, the course seeks to fill in some of the gaps and help share understanding of what we can record, and how.

The course is FREE and is now open to bookings

Bookings are now open, they are grouped into a 'collection' which can be located at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/make-your-wildlife-observations-count-webinars-971289</u>

Thursday Oct 20 How to Record

Saturday Oct 29 How not to Record

## An Appreciation from a Ukrainian Visitor

Deborah Hulett and I were on 'duty' selling tea and our home made cakes in church one sunny Sunday afternoon in August. A young lady came to the counter almost in tears. She spoke very little English. 'Thank you, thank you', she said several times, with praying hands, then pointing to the tower, 'The flag of my country, thank you, thank you.' She pointed to the blue and yellow ribbon flash I have been wearing since the start of the war in Ukraine. I told her, very simply, that I has sold £500 worth of ribbons and the money sent to charities working in Ukraine. Thank you, thank you, thank you, she cried.

Elizabeth Hine

## Ellesborough Trust

It would be surprising if you, or someone you know, is not facing the next twelve months with a level of financial concern, due primarily to the increase in cost of fuel which has been well publicised. However the Parish of Ellesborough is fortunate that our predecessors had the foresight to anticipate such situations when they set up the Ellesborough Trust.

The Trust has provided much appreciated financial support since it was set up in 1985, most recently assistance with fuel costs. The Trustees are acutely aware of the reservations that seeking such support may cause but can give complete reassurance of discretion. At the same time the Trustees are fulfilling their responsibility to provide support to members of the Parish.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the following Trustees if you find this information helpful.

Rob Nicholson (612658) Jackie Rysdale (615109) Debra Panikkar (612359) Judith Harper (622033) Peter Tilbury (623427) Len Newman. (613120

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## Councillor's Report

#### Dear Residents

Firstly can I thank all the people who volunteer their time to make our area a great place to live in.

I know many residents including myself are very disappointed that the HS2 road safety fund application was rejected, hopefully it will be looked at again in the future .

Many residents have been contacting me on the non-collection of waste bins in our area over the past months which I have been trying to sort out ,hopefully the service will improve for everyone in the future.

We live in a great area surrounded by wonderful countryside which we will strive to protect

Regards David

David Carroll Buckinghamshire Councillor www.lindengate.org.uk



### Lindengate Charity – Better Health & Wellbeing for All Through Nature

It's been an incredible year so far at Lindengate. Our 6 acre site has never looked more stunning, with new areas, including our Heritage Orchard, Forest Walk and Yurt & Gardens, attracting more wildlife & creating additional, biodiverse environments.

We continue to grow (excuse the pun!) our wildflower, plant & tree collections and a wide selection are available to purchase. In addition, our team of expert volunteers work tirelessly to craft hand made wooden items, including wildlife boxes, benches and planters, details of which can be found on our website.

Having recently been awarded the Green Flag Community Award for green spaces, along with our Queens Award for Voluntary Services and Gold Award for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR-A), we are incredibly proud of our team, community of volunteers & supporters, who have helped Lindengate become a multi award winning charity.

Our programmes have never been more needed by our community, with a variety of wellbeing programmes, which are all age, fully-integrated – including our open gardens, free for all, on Wednesdays 4.30 – 7.30pm & Saturdays 1.30 – 4.30pm, Green Volunteens, for 13-18 years, working with our team weekly in our Nature Reserve & Memory Pathways, for anyone living with dementia or memory loss and their carers.

If you're looking for that unique venue to hold your special event, whether a birthday afternoon tea, or a team meeting, our Yurt & Gardens are available for hire. Lindengate welcomes new volunteers so 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 6 acre Lindengate gardens, go to our website, where you'll find full details of volunteering, our programmes, items for sale & venue hire. www.lindengate.org.uk.







#### "A very special performance of Nativity! The Musical comes to Aylesbury

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is bringing a very special production of Nativity! The Musical to Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre on Sunday 30th October.

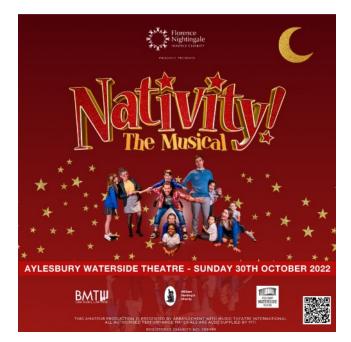
Produced in partnership with Bucks Music Trust, the project is bringing the local community together for a performance to raise vital funds for the charity. Starring over 100 local children will take to the stage for an evening that promises fun for the whole family, with a host of memorable sing-along hits including Sparkle and Shine, Nazareth, and She's the Brightest Star.

The feel-good production follows St Bernadette's School as they attempt to mount a musical version of the classic Nativity story. Join Mr Maddens, his teaching assistant the crazy Mr Poppy, hilarious children and a whole lot of sparkle and shine as they struggle to make everyone's Christmas wish come true.

The charity is expected this to be a sell-out night. Join them for a fantastic evening of fun, family entertainment and support your local hospice charity. For more information and to buy your tickets visit fnhospice.org.uk/nativity.

Nativity! The Musical is presented in partnership with Bucks Music Trust and supported by Madam Vanda Plastow and William Harding's Charity.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity commits to fund over £1,000,000 of hospice services each year, supporting local in-patient and at-home palliative care services across Buckinghamshire and its borders.





### Gardening in Ellesborough...Notes from an occasional diary

As I write this note in the middle of August, the garden is wilting under an unrelenting sun with temperatures having peaked at an incredible all record breaking 40c in July and, worst still, we are in the longest of droughts. Maybe ideal for lounging on a seaside beach but the harshest of times to be attempting to garden. Some short spells of rain are forecast, to do any lasting good, we need a lot of it. Failing which, the gloomiest of predictions are of water shortages and hose pipe banns in place through to autumn and even into next year.

The lawn was first to suffer and began to turn brown in July and is now a straw thatch above rock hard soil - the least of our concerns as it will recover eventually – maybe needing some reseeding in part. In the main pond evaporation first dried out the bog area and the Damera with its enormous umbrella-like leaves has collapsed and died back; progressively the water sinks relentlessly to the lowest we have ever known it – a sad mess of dead and dying marginal plants and finally water lilies and rushes. Even the compost bins are drying out and become inactive. Thirsty vegetables have largely been a write-off, some runner beans and courgettes, we have yet to lift main crop potatoes and hold no great hopes.

With so many shrubs and plants now showing signs of distress and closing down as for an early autumn with dead leaves falling, the extent of losses will not become apparent until spring of next year. Past experience is that some that look to be a lost cause do recover, in one very hard winter bay trees that looked to have been killed off, came back into leaf as late as May the following year.

We do fear for our oldest apple tree which must be every bit of eighty or so years and has even more dead wood to be taken out, yet like all other apples and pears has nevertheless produced a bumper crop and branches are laden with the weight, despite some thinning. After such a mild winter and spring all berries have done exceptionally well, though we have lost Victoria plums to an infestation of codling moth grubs. Fungal and other diseases attack weakened plant life. It seems inevitable that on our thinner soils there will be longer term damage as some shrubs and trees fail, particularly the latest plantings where root growth has not yet been able to fully establish. Never has thick and regular mulching been so valued.

The greatest problem for the Head Gardener (HG) has been getting the plants she has raised for late

summer and autumn interest into the borders and established. Before the water shortage became an issue, we manage to get some irrigation on the main borders but since then they have had to take their chance.

Some dahlias have been slow to put on growth and begin to flower but all are a good deal shorter than usual but nevertheless staked for support against wind gusts and (hopefully) heavy rain. Remarkably, given the lack of water, delphiniums cut back after early summer flowering are beginning to send up new flowering stems, she still has a number of plants still in pots for easier watering that will be planted just as soon as the ground is wet enough. Most roses however are surviving and seem to relish the heat and the sun and putting on a splendid second flush of flower.

We have used as little mains water as possible. Grey bath water was pumped out as an additional source -desperate measures! The focus has been keeping new and key plants alive. Late evening trekking around with watering cans has been near constant routine. Like many other older buildings in the parish, ours built in the early 1930s, a large underwater tank (sometimes called a Bucks well) was sunk to take surface rainwater accumulated over the previous year from the roofs, unlike many it was never filled in after mains water arrived in the village, though sadly, the deep arterial well was. Once essential as the only source of water for domestic use, we have made good use of it over the years. Every year enough is pumped up to refill the surface water butts and top up the ponds with rain water, always better than mains water. Even so it is never enough to fully replenish the loss in the large pond during a severe drought like the one we are now experiencing. Given the dire projections for our climate, what a loss that modern housing developments do not provide such conservation resources.

We have retired from opening the garden under the National Garden Scheme (NGS) for which the HG is greatly relieved, we frequently had visitors booked each August, this year she would have been in despair as any such visits would have been to the English equivalent of dessert! Instead, we were treated to a visit with the Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society to Camilla Shivarg's gorgeous garden. With a winding and still gently flowing stream, shading trees and exquisite planting it was a veritable oasis.

TY August 2022

## The Strong Man Stocks

The strong man stocks, designed and made by Judith and David Harper were put to good use during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at Ellesborough. In time honoured, old fashioned, good humour parishioners happily paid to throw wet sponges at Len Newman with proceeds going to two local charities; Chiltern Branch of Motor Neurone Disease and Lindengate.



These colourful stocks have now found a new home and been donated to our local primary school to aid their future fund raising events. Pictured from left to right – Rex Norris (Ellesborough's Parish Clerk, now retired), Len Newman (retired Councillor and all round good sport) and Lauren (Administrator at Great Kimble School C of E School).

Helen Holman

## Ellesborough Parish Church Services September to December 2022

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Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 a.m.	Songs of Praise
Sunday 11th September	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.45 a.m.	Harvest Songs of Praise
Sunday 9th October	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	10.15 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 a.m.	<b>No Service at Ellesborough</b> - Benefice BCP Communion at All Saints, Little Kimble at 9.00 a.m.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00 p.m.	Service of Personal Remembrance (All Souls) at All Saints, Little Kimble
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45 a.m.	Songs of Praise
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Service preceding service at Butlers Cross War Memorial at 10.55 a.m.
Sunday 20th November	10.45 a.m.	Sung Matins (BCP)
Sunday 27th November	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 4th December	10.45 a.m.	Village Christingle Service
Sunday 11th December	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 p.m.	Carol Service
Saturday 24th December	4.00 p.m.	Crib Service
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.45 a.m.	Christmas Family Communion

Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore: Harvest Festival Service **Sunday**, **16<sup>th</sup> October** at 6.00 p.m.

## Faith and Human Flourishing

The following is a precis of some thoughts expressed by the Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft in a blog called 'Faith and Human Flourishing'.

'Human flourishing is founded on the virtue of Love and Love has to be first received before it can be given to others. We find our human identity first and foremost by being loved by God and also by being loved by others. The kind of love he is talking about is a life-long steady commitment which provides the foundation for humans to flourish. We need to know this is the nature of God's love and also to provide that quality of love to others.

Flourishing is about living life to its full potential so that each can express their humanity fully and have sufficient resources to do so. People need to have enough to meet their needs but, if they have enough, also to develop an attitude of being content with enough. The knowledge of God's presence and love is important because part of being human is that we have a need to know and have a relationship with our Creator and that relationship will best be founded on gratitude and contentment. As we grow in Grace, bonds with others grow and deepen and we find we are able to make more space in our lives to listen to others and take an interest in how they wish to express themselves. The bishop points out that people are very complex they have 'rooms within rooms in their hearts'. We need, and leaders in particular

need, to exercise humility in listening to others. One of the problems of modern life styles is that we crowd out those rhythms of rest and recreation which enable us to create space to listen well to each other.

The bishop also laments that by turning their back on faith people are losing resources to enable them cope with the hardships of life. He stresses however that we will find help in living in community because it is in the wider community that we will find someone who has gone through some similar hardship and can help us get through our own hard times.

My own thought is how different this all seems from what is going on in so many areas of conflict in the world!

Let's work at helping ourselves and others to flourish in whatever we do individually and communally.

Revd. Janet Wales August 2022

## **Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society**



Our monthly meetings are held at Stewart Hall. Members will be notified in advance of any Covid precautions. If you are not a member but would be interested in coming to any meetings please contact Brian Butler (Chairman) at butler@care4free.net or call him on 01844 342220 before attending. Please see our website for any updates.

#### SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN SHOW at Stewart Hall: 2 00 - 4 30 pm Sunday 4 Come and see some beautiful displays including chrysanthemums, dahlias and vegetables and enjoy delicious home-made cakes.

A Year behind the Scenes at Waterperry Gardens Tuesday 6 Rob Jacobs, Horticultural Manager at Waterperry Gardens, will present a slide show and discuss what the staff do on a month-by-month basis starting with pruning and projects in January and finishing with Christmas wreaths in December.

#### **OCTOBER**

#### Successional Planting Over the Year

Tuesday 4 Chris Day of Buckingham Garden Centre will look at maximising the productivity of the vegetable plot or garden border. He will be discussing techniques to keep the colour and crops moving throughout the season, some of the plants which make this possible and some of the latest developments in the horticultural world.

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Plants for Shade**

Tuesday 1 Andrew Mikolajski, a horticultural consultant and writer, looks at the common dilemma about what to plant in a shady spot but believes that the possibilities are endless!

#### DECEMBER

#### Speaker To Be Confirmed

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/

Tuesday 6

## Dunsmore News - A Special Summer in Dunsmore

Post-pandemic socialising began to take shape in Dunsmore, despite a worry that summer might not come – and then another that the heat might not end! Like everyone else in the Parish, villagers are keeping an eye on the sky in the hope that we'll be blessed with some much-needed rain.

Our VC DAY II and Hog Roast took place on July 23rd. A dozen Covid isolators received 'take away' meals, while 88 residents, friends, and families enjoyed themselves on the Common. There were games to entertain the children (both young and old) while the freerange hog, supplied by Kings Farm Shop, was cooking. Kings also kindly donated all the equipment needed to do the roasting. Julian chef-for-a-day - very Hamer became successfully. And volunteers - particularly Vanessa Havard (Chief Carver and Server) and Alice and Chris Minchell (and Alice's dad) who manned the bar for the duration, did a splendid job.

The ale was supplied by the Chiltern Brewery and, as ever, was extremely popular. Special thanks to Lorraine and Alan Smith for donating all the lager for the event. A great deal of effort went into the day, but everyone felt it was worth it, and the Dunsmore Village Hall Association made £119. Well done, all!

The **DVHA Cream Tea** took place at the church on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. As always, village bakers supplied the lovely cakes and delicious scones for villagers, walkers, cyclists and visitors to enjoy. The nice weather, combined with gateaux galore, gave the DVHA treasury a much-needed boost. A used books table added to the coffers, too. Thanks to all the cooks and volunteers for making this a special ending to the Dunsmore Cream Teas Season.

Watch for information and signup details for an evening at **The Mill at Sonning**. The play being performed is 'Top Hat', and reviews have been excellent. Early birds will be glad they got in on this very special evening to be held later in the year. The next big social event is the **Quiz and Chips**, to be held in November. An extremely popular event, this is often over-subscribed, due to the limited space in the Hall. Watch for flyers and emails for further details. A new format is being used this year, so there's no need to enter as a team. Watch this space!

White Pond, in the heart of the village, has been under repair and renovation for some months. Ray Hague has applied two courses of microchalk and two of extremophile bacteria to try and jump-start the necessary aerobic decomposition. That has definitely helped, as there was a blush of green in the pond for the first time in years - until the pond dried up. Since then, Julian and Heidi Swift have been digging out rotting leaves and duck excrement -about three feet of sludge has been pulled up the sides -- in the hope that it might fix a leak caused years ago. Strong backs and well-muscled arms will be wonderful additions to the work crew. It's everyone's pond, so volunteer a bit of your time, please!

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Hall on Saturday, 8 October, so please attend and give the DVHA committee your support. Julian is at the end of his two-year term as Chair, so nominations are now open for that position. Fresh volunteers are needed for the committee and trustees, too. Get involved in your village, its activities, maintenance and fund-raising. It's no good criticising from the sidelines; put yourself up for a post and get busy! Contact <u>dvha.chairman@gmail.com</u>. Villages don't run themselves.

Our last event this year, as always, is the **Winter Warmer**. During the pandemic, these were not held, and last year many were wary of an event in the Hall. But this year, barring a muntjac pox outbreak, we'll be back to wish our friends and neighbours a wonderful holiday season. Look for more information via your emails, flyers, and the notice board and save the date : Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Dunsmore News (continued)



Dunsmore Cream Teas - 21st August 2022

Diamond Wedding Anniversary Congratulations! Our wonderful parents, Diane and Brian Barnes celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. What better way of celebrating 60 years of marriage than with a cup of tea and slice of cake in their garden plus a special card with a congratulatory message from Her Majesty the Queen!



Helen Holman

## HS2 Wendover Dean Viaduct - Design Update From HS2



Artist's impression - Wendover Dean Viaduct

The 450m viaduct was recently given approval by Buckinghamshire Council under Schedule 17 of the HS2 Act. Dark weathered steel beams will support the 450m Wendover Dean Viaduct echoing the colour of the surrounding countryside while an innovative 'double composite 'structure will halve the amount of embedded carbon in the structure.

As well as cutting the amount of concrete and steel – one of the major sources of CO2 – the slender design also reduces the silhouette of the structure viewed from across the valley. Nine evenly spaced piers will support the deck of the viaduct and will be placed to carefully reflect the near symmetry of the ground beneath.

When viewed from a distance, against the weathered steel, the pale concrete parapet will appear as a thin horizontal band hovering over the slender piers as it glides over the valley and make the whole structure look thinner. This effect will be further emphasised by the viaduct piers, which have been extended to almost connect with the parapet, helping to give the appearance of a light and narrow structure.



The historic field boundaries and hedgerows will be recreated after the viaduct is built to provide uninterrupted access for farmers and local residents. A mix of trees and shrubs commonly found across the Chiltern chalk hills will be used for new woodland planting around the viaduct, including Oak, Beech, Hazel and Wild Cherry.

**Richard Jennings** 

Artist's Impression - Masked View

## Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore

We finally returned to holding our usual three cream teas this summer and raised just over £800 towards church funds. We didn't have particularly good weather for the first two with rain and cold winds, this seems very hard to believe as I sit here in yet another heatwave with the grass yellow from the heat and lack of rain! We were delighted that our pre-Covid bakers all flocked back with their favourites cakes and were joined by cakes from some of the new villagers. An enormous thank you to all of them, a great many people comment on the very tempting array that we always have and some come from a considerable distance for this very reason. Also thanks to those who helped serve and tidy away afterwards. This was the first full year that Jacqui has

organized the event so congratulations and thanks to her, it is a big job.

Our Harvest Festival Service is on **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October** at 6.00pm in the church. We will be collecting dried and tinned goods to give to the Wendover food bank. As you are probably aware the food banks are having to supply an increasing number of individuals and families with emergency food at a time when the number of donations that are received has dropped. Even if you can't come to the service please consider donating some food for this very good cause, details of a drop off point will be on the village noticeboard nearer the time.

#### **General Data Protection Regulation**

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

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

Editor

## PUMPKIN MUFFINS with CINNAMON



Pumpkins will be in the shops this autumn so try these easy-to-bake cinnamon spiced muffins, which use pumpkin puree. Great for Halloween, Bonfire Night or as a mid-morning snack with coffee.



### Ingredients

- 225g plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp ground cinnamon (or 2 tsp pumpkin spice)
- 100g caster sugar
- 50g soft light brown sugar
- 200g pumpkin purée (homemade or a can)
- 2 large eggs
- 125g slightly salted butter, melted

### Method

- 1. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin cases.
- 2. Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and both sugars together in a large bowl. Break up any lumps of brown sugar by rubbing them between your fingers.
- 3. Whisk the purée and eggs together in a jug, then add to the dry ingredients with the melted butter. Whisk for 1-2 mins with an electric hand whisk until just combined.
- 4. Bake for 15 mins until golden and risen and a skewer inserted comes out clean.
- 5. Lift onto a wire rack to cool completely. Will keep for three days in an airtight container.

#### IF YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE SEASONAL RECIPE AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT THROUGH THE MAGAZINE: PLEASE CONTACT: Judith Harper - jd25.harper@gmail.com

## A Note from the Retiring Editor

As I stated in the previous edition, this will be the last edition for which I act as Editor.

I want to thank all contributors for the contributions that they have provided over the years, mostly on time, and our magazine committee members for the help and support that they have provided. I also want to thank our printer Mike Pease and his colleagues for their excellent service and for the sustained quality of the printed magazines.

I am sorry to be leaving this role but I feel that the time has come to pass on the challenge of producing our outstanding village magazine to someone younger with fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

The task is undoubtedly challenging and no one should take it on who is not prepared to devote one full week to the task of assembling the magazine once a quarter and being willing to maintain and respond to contributors on an ongoing basis.

The work could if necessary be split into two roles, one concerned with maintaining contact with our contributors and preparing material for publication, and the other undertaking the desk top publishing work required to compile the magazine ready for printing.

The latter aspect of the editor's job requires reasonably well developed computer skills and preferably some familiarity with desk top publishing software. Alternatively, word processing software could be used to prepare the magazine for printing but this does not generally offer the range and flexibility of processing capability offered by PagePlus or Publisher.

I conclude by sending my best wishes to all our readers and contributors.

Paul

## <u>The Ark/St. Mary's Church Rooms</u> 28 Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville HP22 5UT

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## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

Would you like to continue your box collections or support The Children's Society ?

I now have the contact for the Princes Risborough Box Coordinator who is very happy to include you to her box list and take in the collection boxes annually.

Zoe Hinton. Tel: 01844 761600

Collection point : Chapter House. St Mary's Church. Princes Risborough

Collection time: Approx. February 2023

If you had a box previously – please contact me. If new – please contact Zoe

Thank you, Judith Harper Tel: 01296 622033

## Notices



Local charity Community Impact Bucks is running its first Fundraising Festival (4th-13th October 2022) to help charities and community groups in Buckinghamshire to secure essential funding as traditional sources of income are hit by increasing pressure on local government finances and household incomes.

Consisting of four free interactive sessions led by professionals who are experts in their chosen fundraising area, the Fundraising Festival is free for anyone (paid or unpaid) who raises money for a not-for-profit organisation in the county.

Full details of the training webinars are available on the Community Impact Bucks website https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/2022/06/buckinghamshires-charities-to-get-help-in-securing-essential-funding-through-new-training/



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## The Chiltern Society

Chiltern Society volunteers are in for a busy autumn ensuring two of its most precious conservation sites - Whiteleaf Hill and the Brush Hill local nature reserves - are ready for the rigours of winter.

Caroline Bridgman, the Chiltern Society's co-ordinator for both sites, said: "We have an obligation to control the invasive plants we find on Brush Hill and Whiteleaf - such as hogweed, ragwort and golden rod - so we have spent many volunteer hours pulling, forking and cutting.

'We have had help from our volunteer group based at Wendover Woods. They have used scythes to tackle the hogweed at the top of Brush Hill, which has really taken hold.

"Recognising that ragwort, in particular, is a food plant for many species of insect, this work never gets rid of the plants completely, but helps to prevent them spreading in an uncontrolled way, enabling us to maintain floristic diversity."

She added: "We have a perennial problem of weeds growing on Whiteleaf Cross so regularly hoe the surface lightly to loosen them. We can only do this in dry weather as the steep chalk is very slippery underfoot when it's wet.

"We hope the Herdwick sheep will be returning to Brush Hill again this year. They graze the hill for us each autumn to help encourage the wild flowers which make a great display there every summer.

"This has meant another significant job for the volunteers, who are replacing a dozen fence posts to ensure the sheep can't make a bid for freedom. You will see the signs at the entrances to the hill when the sheep are there."

The Whiteleaf Hill Nature Reserve is a classic chalk grassland habitat which, together with the famous Whiteleaf Cross, has been managed by the Chiltern Society for several years. There are many theories about what the cross means or represents but in truth its origins are unknown.

The Herdwick sheep - famously saved from possible extinction in the Lake District by Beatrix Potter - are ideally suited to the Chiltern hilltop. A flock has been spending autumns grazing the area for some years now, largely fending for themselves and able to withstand the worst the weather can throw at them.

Brush Hill, adjacent to Whiteleaf, has an equally rich history, overlooking the prehistoric Icknield Way. Its semi-natural woodland and grassland support an important diversity of wildlife and habitats.

For those who want to help conserve this special landscape, right on your doorstep, why not join the Society's volunteers? You don't need any special skills, just plenty of enthusiasm. As an established volunteer organisation - there are over 500 volunteers working to keep the Chilterns countryside special - and everyone will be offered all the training, tools and equipment you will need.

You'll make new friends, meet like-minded people, and benefit from fresh air, gentle exercise and the worthwhile feeling that you're benefitting the community and the environment.

As development pressure spirals, nature disappears and the impacts of climate change affect us all, the Chiltern Society relies on the generosity of its members and dedication of its volunteers to ensure it can continue tackling these evolving challenges now - and for summers of the future.

Find out more online and on social media. chilternsociety.org.uk

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## Ellesborough from the Air



Photographs by Janette West

### **ON YER BIKE!**

A gentle cycle trip along the WW2 Normandy Beaches is both beautiful and emotionally moving. Quiet lanes, flat and so much history. Recommended.



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Day	Route & Places to stay	What to see
0	Portsmouth to Cherbourg ferry	
1	Cherbourg to Barfleur EV4 & D120 (35k)	Gorgeous Normandy lanes, along Du Val de Saire, to Barfleur via : Chateau Des Rovalot, Digosville, Hameau Valognes, Le Vast & Montfarville. An evening, by the harbour, dining on Moules-frites and Crepes !
2	Barfleur to Carenten EV4/D14 & D13 (55k)	Stop at the port of St Vaast-la Hougue for coffee & Quettehou for picnic lunch. Azeville German Gun Battery – first stop at the German Atlantic Wall. Onto Utah Beach, Musee du Debarquement & Roosevelt Café. Stop by Major Winters, Easy Company memorials & Angoville church hospital to Carentan.
3	Carentan to Vierville-sur-Mer D613/D113 & EV4 (45k)	Leave Carentan along canal and take small roads to Catz & Isigny-sur-Mer. La Cambe for Cimetiere allemande - German Cemetery. (Try Cider farm too!) Maisy Battery worth a visit on way to Grandcamp Maisy, world peace statue. Point du Hoc – amazing. Mulberry bridge section at Vierveille-sur-Mer too.
4	Vierville-sur-Mer to Arromanches-les-Bains (35)	A morning gazing to Omaha from the National guard monument and Sculpture "Les Braves." Visit Musee Memorial d'Omaha and follow coast to American Cemetery and Garden of the missing. Sobering and emotionally moving.
5	Arromanches-les-Bains to Courseulles-sur-Mer (via Bayeux) (55k)	Evidence of the spectacular Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches. The Arromanches Mulberry Harbour Musee is a "must" with talks and an exhibition. A worthwhile detour to the beautiful Bayeux (Tapestry) and then cycleways to the new British Normandy memorial in Ver sur Mer. Gold Beach.
6	Courseulles-sur-Mer to Ouistreham (35k)	Market day in Courseulles -sur-Mer. To Reviers and Ryes Canadian & British Cemetery. Lunch in Douvres la Delivrande to the British Cemetery, Hermande- sur-Mer and German Hillman Bunker at Colleville Montgomery. Juno & Sword Beach.
7	Ouistreham (15k)	Take the canal cycleway out of Ouistreham to Pegasus Bridge, museum and Cafe Gondree, which was the first hostelry to be liberated. On the east of the river is Ranville to see the British Cemetery airborne troops.
8	Ouistreham to Portsmouth ferry	

Judith Harper

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - Sunday 5th June











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## Farm Blog - Harvest 2022

We normally wouldn't be starting harvest until around the first or second week in August. However as early as July, we were already preparing the combine harvester and making the last-minute preparations for the harvest season. We knew it was going to be early, but we didn't realise just how early we would be starting. The first crop, the winter barley, came off on 13th July, which set the precedent for the rest of harvest. Whilst the yields were negatively affected by the lack of moisture, it was refreshing to have a clean weather spell, with great harvesting conditions. Just how dry it would become though, and how dangerous the job would get, was impossible to forecast. It would be remiss of me to write this piece without giving mention to the disaster that unfolded on Dropshort (known as the 100-acre field by many) on Monday 8th August. It was certainly an afternoon that won't ever be forgotten here. The charred remains of the stubble currently won't allow for it either. The incident unfolded mid-afternoon. The combine was emptying a tankful of barley into the trailer. A tractor was swapping from an empty trailer onto the full one to return it to the store. As the combine finished unloading, and moved off to carry on up the field, the smell of burning was noticed. The immediate focus was on tracing the source of the smell, and guickly a small patch of fire was found on the ground nearby. What unfolded following that discovery is now a series of ifs, buts and maybes. It became immediately evident that we were not going to be able to put the fire out without professional assistance. Neighbouring properties extended hosepipes to try and get water to the location, but it was futile. We desperately tried to keep the fire out of the standing crop as we knew if that were to happen it would become a disaster. Our efforts at doing that were fruitless. The fire brigade arrived promptly, but unfortunately it was just too late. Within minutes the fire was racing through the crop, towards the edges of the field, fanning out in all directions as was the ferocity of it. We very quickly realised then that the task was now about containing the fire within the field, and not allowing it to spread to the nearby woodland, or indeed nearby homes.

Thankfully, this was achieved, and we are able to look back and say no lives, buildings or machinery were lost. We had to complete an incident handover process with the fire brigade, part of which involved trying to establish a source of the fire. It was probably the machinery; however, this was not established categorically. At one point we used the combine to try and cut a fire break through the crop, however the pace at which the fire was developing turned this into an act of probable suicide and we had to withdraw from that plan, and there remained no fire damage on the combine. Sometimes layers of dust can build up, aet hot and turn to embers, but again we are vigilant against this, and have a mobile compressor with an airline attached to blow the combine down every day before harvest commences. The spark from 2 flints can be enough to start a fire in these conditions, and (as if we needed it) we were reminded of this just a few days afterwards with a large-scale field fire on the outskirts of Wendover. There remains a number of possibilities as to how ours could have started, however what we will take from it is some lessons on how we can react to the situation if it is ever presented before us again. I also can't fail to mention those members of the local and farming communities who have been so supportive, kind and helpful, both that afternoon and in the days since. There were a number of local residents who bravely stopped to help. Many others who turned up to assist too, but were startled and shocked at the scale of what was unfolding. We have had so many calls, messages and cards offering sympathy and commiserations. It really does make a difference, and we are so incredibly grateful for them during what has been a devastating time. In fact, one close friend summed it up in her message to us as a 'tragedy'. It certainly feels that way to us. DH

See page 41 for photographs

## The Dropshort Fire



Photograph provided by Daniel Hares

#### A Neighbour's View

The first we saw of it was a massive blanket of black swirling smoke, curling upwards into the sky. Below, was a line of orange flames advancing. 'Ellesborough Lodge is going to be burnt to death! The flames are heading straight for us!" Michael and I rushed down to the field. A huge length of Richard Hare's wheat-crop was being devoured. But a Fire Engine had arrived and had just managed to stop the flames from attacking the lovely modern house built within the field itself opposite us.

Michael saw that the flames were now getting dangerously near to the corner of the field, ready to spring off into the new plantation. He rushed over and told them to concentrate on the corner. "If it gets into the wood, which is tinder-dry, it could quickly make it towards Chequers!" They managed to control this area – but meanwhile the fire was in a strong line advancing relentlessly towards the short piece of Chequer's Wood that separated the field from our Lodge. We knew that this wood, too, was tinder-dry. At last another Fire Engine arrived, and eventually the wheat-field was brought under control ... all except for a final small pocket in the centre.

And, as in stories of similar events, suddenly, three sooty-looking rabbits streamed out of this last pocket of fire and ran headlong – one even over Michael's feet - into the wood behind us.

I went over to thank the fire-workers for their great effort. They looked very sun-burnt, and had all been given bottles of water to drink, but they appreciated the thanks.



Jane Waller



Photographs by Henry Connor

## **Chiltern Ladies Report**

<u>At the June meeting</u> Stewart Hall was beautifully decorated with festive bunting and flags and the tables were laid and decorated ready for the jubilee tea party. In the absence of the President, Annie Adams chaired the meeting.

Final details of the trip to Kew were announced and further details of our coach trip through the Cotswolds to Sudeley Castle in October were shared.

The London Group will be visiting the Sky Garden on top of the Walky Talky building in The City. Rail strike permitting! Our plan to 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' was confirmed.

There was another generous response to our 'Bring a Tin' idea, our donations for the Aylesbury food bank are increasing every month, thank you ladies.

There was a really good selection of baked good for sale on the produce table.

After a fun Royal Quiz, members, mostly wearing red, white and blue enjoyed an excellent cream tea organised and prepared by the committee with the help of our super scone makers, Anne Smith and Mary Redding. Hats were worn! There was a small charge for the tea which will go to our charity of the year, the South Central Ambulance Charity. Everyone enjoyed a really happy afternoon.

<u>At the July meeting</u> we heard about a letter of thanks from ROLDA [Romanian League in Defence of Animals] for a donation we had made to help them care for the injured, lost and abandoned animals in Ukraine.

Ruth Dennis gave a report on the lovely day we had enjoyed at Kew Gardens, on the hottest day of the year so far, but there were several benches in shady places to rest and enjoy an ice cream or cold drink. Ruth commented on the amount of weeds in the garden, which made us all feel better about our own gardens, she explained it was due to the lack of volunteers there were as a result of Covid.

We are looking forward to our next day-trip, to Sudeley Castle. Before then we will enjoy our Pimms and Picnic Party at Blundels Barn courtesy of Margaret and Paul Couling. Paul has suggested that as he would be the only gentleman there - we invite all the other husbands. This suggestion was well received.

The speaker was Annaliza Jones, who came to show us her really beautiful hand woven handbags made from the natural fibrous stems of Abaca and Buntal plants which grow in the Philippine islands. Abaca is a relative of the banana tree. We saw a film showing how the fibres were extracted from the stems of the plants, the waste used as organic fertiliser. It is labour intensive work using simple tools, the workers clearly not aware of health and safety. Abaca is the strongest natural fibre in the world and relatively cheap, rope made from it was used by the United States Navy until 1970 when it was discovered that the plant would grow very well in the hotter American States.

It is also used to make clothes and shoes, Annaliza told us that Imelda Marcos owned many pairs of the beautiful hand woven shoes. The handbags, in all sizes, shapes, and glorious colours were works of art, and she sold a great many of them to the Chiltern Ladies.

<u>The London Group</u> of The Chiltern Ladies enjoyed a really lovely day visiting the Sky Garden in The City, one of London's most historic and fascinating neighbourhoods. We travelled by train members joining the group at various stations.

The Sky Garden, in Fenchurch Street, is on the 35th and 36th floor of the building nicknamed the Walky Talky because of its unique shape. Inside the famous enlarged glass dome is a beautiful, tropical, green oasis, with observational decks giving a 360 degree view over London. Close up views of Norman Foster's Gherkin, The Shard, and looking minuscule by comparison and distance St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and several other bridges over old father Thames. Key places are marked on the window should you be in any doubt about the sights.

It was truly spectacular, and best of all - free of charge. We enjoyed an excellent, healthy, late lunch at the Natural Kitchen.



The Chiltern Ladies London Group in the Sky Garden.

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## Ellesborough Parish Council Notes - August 2022

As I write this sitting in temperatures of 30 degrees C, complaining how hot it is, we must take a moment to think about our community and the impact that this continuous heat has on us. This was brought home by the recent fires in the village wiping out acreage of crops and the fires in Wendover woods. It reminds me how precious our countryside is!

I would urge everyone to be vigilant when out walking in our countryside. Hopefully when you read this we may have had some much needed rain and experienced a temperature drop!

We had disappointing news last week when our application to the HS2 Road safety fund for traffic calming measures along North Lee Lane was rejected at the first stage. The reasons given were as follows;

The road safety benefit part of the assessment looks at recorded road traffic collisions resulting in injury. It considers how the position would be likely to improve following implementation of the proposed road safety measures. There have been no recorded injury collisions along North Lee Lane in the latest 5 years of data except for at the bend near the railway line with Marsh Lane, therefore the road safety benefit and long term legacy scores from implementing additional measures, were relatively low.

North Lee Lane is not on an HS2 construction route and therefore did not score as highly as some other proposed schemes, which are located directly on construction routes.

This increase of traffic and speeding is a direct result of the closure of Marsh lane, prior to the completion of the Stoke Mandeville relief road. We will be appealing this decision and are currently awaiting a response from Bucks Council.

As some of you might be aware we would like to look at forming a working party to look at the increased traffic and speeding in the village and to see what can be done for the long-term safety of our residents, drivers and walkers who come to the village. If you are interested in joining the group please get in touch with the Clerk, Councillor Withey or myself.

Mr Alan Cripps and the Speedwatch volunteer group are doing sterling work being out there on the kerb side collecting and submitting data of those who exceed the speed limit. But we would like to have more of a presence out there, so if you are able to give an hour of your time please get in touch with Mr Cripps or contact the Clerk of the council.

Councillor Withey will be applying for funding to enable us to purchase new VAS signs to go up in the village.

Well, what can I say about the Jubilee celebration that was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June??? It was a wonderful day! And we were thrilled that so many of you braved the weather to join in the festivities.

From the parade down Chalkshire Road with your decorated wheel barrows, you did not disappoint with your designs ranging from carriages to ships and more!

I would like to thank all those who helped and gave of your time to put up the marquees, bake cakes, help decorate the tents and have wet sponges thrown at them (you know who you are Mr Newman), to Buckmoorend Farm for supplying the BBQ, Chiltern Brewery, the dog agility, the singers and most importantly you for coming along and making it a wonderful day!

My list of thank you's goes on and on but we could not have done it without the wonderful Amanda Mcgrail who kept us all on track.. Thank You Amanda!

A total of  $\pounds$ 1,200 was raised on the day, which will be split equally between Chiltern branch on the Motor Neurone disease Association and the Lindengate Charity.

(There are lots of photos available on our Facebook page)

### Ellesborough Parish Council Notes - August 2022 (Continued)

This summer we said goodbye to Mr Rex Norris as Clerk to the Parish and we wish him and Liz well on his retirement! Rex gave over ten years as a Parish Councillor and Parish Clerk, always eager and ready to help those who needed support in the village. Do come and introduce yourself to Mr McKeown at the next Parish Meeting, which will be held in Dunsmore on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Debra Panikkar Chair Ellesborough Parish Council

www.clerk@ellesborough.org.uk

We all wish him well!

Mr John Mckeown took up the reins from Rex as Clerk to the Parish and I hope you will join me in welcoming him to his new role.

#### Planning Applications for Ellesborough Parish 14 May 2022 – 9 August 2022 For further information, contact Wycombe District Council 01494 461000 Website wycombe.gov.uk or the Parish Clerk, 07880732574, clerk@ellesborough-pc.gov.uk quoting the application number shown below.

Application No	Address	Brief Description of Application	Decision
22/06344/FUL	Woodberry,	Construction of one front facing dormer	Application
	Ellesborough Road	window and three to the rear	Permitted.
	Butlers Cross		
22/05669/CLP	Chequers Lea	Certificate of lawfulness for a single storey rear	Unknown
	Ellesborough Road	extension	
	Butlers Cross		
22/06482/FUL	Chequers Cottage	Application for a replacement shed.	Awaiting
	Fox Lane		Decision
	Dunsmore		
22/06425/FUL	Daffodil Cottage	Construction of a covered walkway and	Awaiting
	Fox Lane	reconfiguration of existing single-storey	Decision
	Dunsmore	extension	
22/06820/MINAMD	Muirton	Replacement of single storey flat roof with roof	Awaiting
	Dunsmore	terrace over and fenestrations	Decision.
	Wendover		
22/06283/FUL	Dunsmore old farm	Two storey extension following demolition of	Awaiting
	Hill farm lane	existing conservatory	Decision.
	Dunsmore		
22/05975/FUL	Old orchard	Change of use of garage to incorporate ground	Application
	Nash Lee Road	floor extension to provide a detached one	Permitted.
	Terrick	bedroom dwelling	
21/06184/FUL	Summerland	Application for approval of soft and hard	Application
	Risborough Road	standing Ref. No: 21/08027/ADRC	Permitted.
	Terrick		
22/05851/FUL	Sunny View	Installation of front boundary hedge and	Application
	Chalkshire Road	replacement to be removed within 6 months of	Permitted.
	Butlers Cross	June 2022	

Parish Council Website

The address of the Parish Council's Website has changed

It is now:

ellesborough-pc.gov.uk.

Home & Gardens



# Passing the brush

M. Simmonds Decorating Services is a well known and respected, local, family business with six employees. Run by founder Mick Simmonds, it has grown over the past 42 years, from a one man operation into a successful family firm, with Mick's brother Graham and son Matt now taking on more prominent roles...

has been at the helm of M. Simmonds Decorating Contractors for the past 42 years. He started young and with his wife Kay, built the business up from scratch. Michael recently celebrated his 60th birthday and has decided that it's time to step aside and allow his son Matthew, and brother Graham, to take over the reins and fulfil their own ambitions in running the Simmonds family business.

"Even before Matt was born," says Michael, "it was always my dream that one day my children would take over the family business. We have two children - Emily our firstborn, who wanted to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a hairdresser, and Matt, who was destined to be a painter and decorator and was even named Matthew Michael Simmonds, in the hope that the family business name would remain intact!

"Although I am not completely retiring, just yet, I am moving to the back office from May 2022, to take more of an advisory role. Graham and Matt are to continue their roles as business partners and will take full responsibility for the day-to-day activities and general running of the business.

"It's a plan that we've been working on for the past four years, to give Graham and Matt time to adjust and ensure there's a smooth transition period before myself and Kay fully retire. We will remain directors, but more 'silent directors' than our current hands-on role. We are starting the process of slowing down and taking a back seat, but plan to be around for a couple more years, so can help





and assist Graham and Matt in an advisory role, before taking full retirement in two years time.

"It's been 44 years since I left school and started my career as a painter and decorator. And I was barely 19 years old when I went self-employed, but I have never looked back. I remember leaving school in May 1978, on the Friday afternoon and starting work on the Monday morning. My first and only employed job was working for a local building and decorating firm, Jack Nelms in Haddenham, which I did for two years as a trainee painter and decorator. I remember it well - I was put straight 'on the brush' - my first job being to paint some old timbers with creosote, yuk! I got covered in the stuff and stunk of it for days after! It was an interesting job though, because most of the work we did was in old buildings in and around Haddenham. It's where I learnt about working with lime plaster and old witchert, a skill that has been with me ever since. I've been able to pass on these traditional skills over the years, and they have stood us in good stead, as we are still known locally for having the specialist skills, knowledge and capabilities to work on a vast variety of old properties, including churches and historic buildings.



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"I loved my first job and really enjoyed working for my old boss, who was very good to me and put a lot of faith and trust in me, even though I was only a teenager, but I always had greater ambitions. Even at the tender age of 16, it was my dream that one day I'd be the boss of my own business.

"A week before my 19th birthday, I had to tell my old boss that I was handing in my notice and going self-employed. To my surprise he said that he'd always had high hopes of me and that he knew I was destined for greater things. I worked my weeks-notice, picked up my final wage packet of £25 and left on good terms.

"I'd already secured a large contract to paint newly-fitted windows in hundreds of council houses and I was now my own boss, working long hours but earning good money and the 'M Simmonds Decorating' business was, I felt, firmly on the road to success.

"It feels very special now, to be able to pass the business on to my son Matt. I'm very proud of him and my brother Graham, throughout their employment they have been loyal and exemplary employees, both highly respected by work colleagues and customers alike and I know that they will do a fantastic job and take the family business forward with great success.

"Matt is now 27, and has worked for the company since he left Waddesdon School at 16. He completed his apprenticeship and for the past 11 years has grafted alongside the other lads gaining their respect. He has certainly proved himself - he's very popular with our customers, he's a vital part of the team and he's now ready to take a step up the ladder and work alongside his Uncle Graham,



running the family business.

"My younger brother Graham Simmonds has worked with me for more than 30 years. He learnt his trade working for a carpentry firm in Dinton when he first left school and is now a highly skilled and respected carpenter, a man who takes extreme pride in his work and a Mr Fix-It, capable of doing jobs that are beyond what most would tackle. Graham has always been popular with both customers and work colleagues and has all the experience and knowledge required to take the family business forward."

M Simmonds Decorating Contractors is a long established, well-known and highly respected, family business which has been trading throughout Aylesbury Vale for more than 42 years and is renowned for high quality workmanship and excellence in customer service, as evidenced by the many hundreds of 5 star and top rated 10/10 customer feedback reviews received along the way.

"Most of our work comes through recommendation,"says Mick. "We have many return customers and often now also work for second generations as well - the children of customers we have worked for over the last 40 years, who now have their own places!

"It's been an eventful journey for me, mostly good and successful, a few downs as you would expect in any business, but no matter what, even in the face of adversity, the business has always bounced back stronger and wiser. We've weathered three recessions and more recently covid, but we're still here and we're as busy, strong and successful as ever.

"We all get immense satisfaction from doing a job really well and I still get a buzz from the



Specialist skills are often required when decorating ancient churches



T've been working with Mick for well over 30 years now, it's going to an honour for me to take the family business forward with my nephew Matt. Matt and I will ensure that we continue to provide the same high standards of workmanship and service that our customers have come to expect from us' - Graham Simmonds

I'm proud to work for our family business. I joined at 16, as an apprentice and I'm now 27, a fully qualified, City & Guilds painter and decorator. From a young age, it's been my ambition to work for my dad and one day take over from him. The past 11 years have been great. I've learnt so much from my dad and Uncle Graham - I feel privileged to work with two of the best and most knowledgeable tradesmen in the business. After 11 years of watching and learning, I'm ready to step up with Graham, inject fresh, new ideas and build on past successes. I look forward to the challenges this new role will entail and to dealing with our customers and making sure every job is completed to the M Simminds exacting standards set by my dad' -Matthew Simmonds

excellent customer feedback that we regularly receive. I am proud of many things we have achieved over the years, but two stick out in my mind; being recognised and awarded, two years running (2015 & 2016) for 'Excellence in Customer Service' at the Buckinghamshire Business Awards; and for employing and guiding eight young apprentices to become qualified painters and decorators, three of whom, including my son Matt, still work for us now and are celebrating their 25th work anniversary!

"One of our catch phrases is: 'We love working for nice people' and it seems that fortunately, nice people like us working for them too. I am lucky and blessed to have met and worked with so many wonderful people from all walks of life, during my 42 years in business, and although I am looking forward to retirement, I will miss them all as well."

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10.00	Sunday Brunch Classic hits and chat

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#### Local Home Care Company Wins Recognition for Service Excellence

At a time when the care industry is under huge pressure, local company Ashridge Home Care, is recognised for its' efforts to maintain outstanding customer service despite on-going challenges. The Amersham based company received a silver award in the Service Excellence category at the SME MK and Buckinghamshire Business Awards 2022 ceremony (Small Medium sized Enterprises) held earlier this summer.

Local resident and the founder of Ashridge Home Care, Trudi Scrivener said: "This award is testament to everything we have done to value and look after our carers who in turn do everything they can to care for our customers. The social care sector is constantly changing and is under enormous pressure at the moment. So, it is reassuring to know that 98% of live-in care clients say the care and support they receive helps them have a better quality of life. This trust inspires us. We're dvnamic family-owned a diverse, business with over 100 care professionals united by one passionate purpose: to deliver the outstanding service that we would want for ourselves, should we ever need help in our own home. And to receive recognition like this award really helps motivate and inspire the team to continue its' hard work."

The Ashridge team go above and beyond to ensure their clients are well cared for and happy. Their caring goes beyond arranging appointments and support with personal washing and medication administration. The live-in and visiting carers are passionate about helping their families live life to the full. Just like in this story about Hani, a live-in carer to a couple in the area. Hani works with an elderly couple and knows they enjoy gardening and are active members of their local church community. During the spring she helped them arrange two gardening fundraisers for the local church. One small event took place in the client's garden so she could take part, which raised  $\pounds110$ . And then a larger gathering at the church, on a sunny Saturday with tea and coffee and plenty of cake.

Together the two events raised more than  $\pounds1000$ . All the plants had been grown in the client's garden which she helps the family tend to.

Ashridge Home Care carefully matches carers with clients so that they share mutual interests and are trained to support their daily needs. A live-in carer offers so much more than medical support and helping with personal care. They ensure clients live their best life in the home they love pursuing their interests. Home care gives you the reassurance that there is always someone there to help.

If you'd like to discuss your care requirements, call Ashridge Home Care and speak to a friendly Care Manager Tel 01494 917 344.



## Chiltern Brewery News

### News from the Brewhouse

A brewery without beer?!

Odd though it sounds for a brewery that has built its name on brewing the best English beers we possibly can for well over 40 years, our newest beer sells out faster than we can brew it. And it is a Lager!

Our Chiltern Lager is brewed for the English palate, one which marries the best of the biscuity, sweet malt characteristics of traditional lagers with the more hoppy nature of American craft lagers. Chiltern Lager is a refreshing, contemporary lager brewed with the craft beer drinker in mind.

Brewed with British grown malt and hops, it is available in cans and on draught for take away at our shop, as well as online.

We have more new beers up our sleeves for the coming months, so keep your eye on our Twitter (@ChilternBrewery), Instagram (@chilternbrewery) and Facebook for news!

Our new brewery build is going well and now sits well within the landscape and original barns.

We are delighted to have sourced all of the materials from the UK for the build and our new vessels going in are also being fabricated from British Steel in the UK.

Specialist doors have been installed and next on the schedule are the brewery-specific floor tiles, which should be laid before you read this. This will be followed by internal decorating and the last fix for the electricians.

At that point, the finish line really will be in sight with the new vessels set to arrive in time for the winter brewing schedule.

We will raise a glass to that!

Cheers!!



## Wendover Art Club Programme September to December 2022

#### All meetings are held at St Anne's Hall, Wendover Christian Centre, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG from 7:30-9:30 pm

Wendover Art Club meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month September to May. There is a charge of  $\pounds 10$  on demonstration evenings, and  $\pounds 2$  for creative evenings, for visitors who are non-members

#### September

8 <sup>th</sup>	AGM. Members chance to hear what the Committee have been up to and how the Club will be moving on into a hopefully more organised and covid free season. After the business there will be a chance to socialise and enjoy a catchup with fellow members Mark Fennell will be with us for a session on portraits in oils
October	
13 <sup>th</sup>	A Creative Evening on Portraits. Before we forget all the great information and tips from Mark Fennell we're going to have a chance with a live model to put them into practise. Although Mark worked in oils that doesn't mean that you have to, so bring along your own favourite medium
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Workshop with Jay Nolan Latchford in Watercolour. We had such fun with Jay's evening demonstration of her technique with inks and bleach, that we've asked her to do a whole day in watercolours for us. So be prepared for an interesting and exciting day. Booking forms will be sent to members in plenty of time so keep an eye on your emails and return them quickly to avoid missing out.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Alcock with costal scenes in oils. A new name for us but do look at his website and I think you'll agree that his colourful and lively approach will make this a great evening.
November	
10 <sup>th</sup>	A Creative Evening. We're going to have a go at coastal scenes. This can be from one of your own photos or you'll be able to choose from a selection that will be provided.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ian McManus - townscapes in Watercolour. Another new name for us with an interesting approach to this particular subject.
26th/27th	Christmas Exhibition. This will be in the Library Room in Wendover, open from 10.00 am till 4.30 pm each day. Whether you've entered paintings or not do come along and see the work that other members have submitted. At the same time you can pick up some really lovely cards to keep for when needed.
December	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Members Christmas Get Together. Our chance to relax and enjoy a few nibbles and a drink whilst indulging in some party game loosely associated with art.

## Discover Bucks Museum

#### What's on at Discover Bucks Museum

There's lots to look forward to in the coming Autumn months at Discover Bucks Museum. There's still time to see the rare Roman stone heads uncovered during HS2's archaeological excavation of St Mary's Church in Stoke Mandeville. Two of the heads are on display in our new Discover Bucks Galleries until the end of October 2022.

They were discovered in the final stages of investigations by archaeologists from L-P Archaeology, working for HS2's Enabling Works Contractor, Fusion JV, in October last year. Archaeologists were excavating a circular ditch around what is now thought to be the foundations of a Roman mausoleum when the three busts were revealed – one depicting a female adult, one a male adult and an additional head of a child. The two complete busts, the adult male and female, had been disfigured, with the heads removed from the torso before they were thrown into the ditch.

The remarkable discovery caused great excitement amongst the archaeologists on site. After removing the remains of the Norman church, which had been demolished in 1966, they were astounded to find evidence of earlier use, which they now believe to have been a Roman mausoleum. The site also appears to have been used during Anglo-Saxon times, suggested by the presence of a Saxon coin in the ditch.

Since being uncovered the Roman busts have undergone cleaning and initial conservation. HS2 Ltd is loaning two of the heads to the Discover Bucks Museum, which will be the first time the public and local community will have the opportunity to view the incredible rare artefacts.

Did you know Aylesbury had an automobile manufacturing industry? In the 1920s the Cubitt car was made in Aylesbury and as part of this year's Heritage Open Days we will be celebrating this car in our Astounding Aylesbury Automobile event on 17 September.

Also on 17 September a new art exhibition opens called *Beautiful Buckinghamshire* which features landscapes by artist Brian Bennett who celebrates his 95<sup>th</sup> year together with scenes from the museum's art collections. Brian Bennett has devoted much of his life to painting scenes in the Chilterns and his paintings capture his love of our local landscape. His work will be for sale and the exhibition runs until 5 November.



For more information please visit www.discoverbucksmuseum.org Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

## ANTIQUES AT ... WENDOVER

## Books of Deceit

Books of Deceit hold a secret, it can be in the text, in code in the text, in notations made in the margins, or hold things inside to keep the contents from the knowledge of others.

As long as there have been books they have been used to hide secrets of one kind or another – anything you can think of especially if it was forbidden. Love letters and gaming pieces, some were lockable and held small safes. 17thC decanters, liquor and glasses were used in America during the Prohibition (1920 – 1933). Flint lighters and matches from the early 20<sup>th</sup> C etc., etc.



One17<sup>th</sup> Century Poison Cabinet with parchment covers, has the pages 'block glued' and cut out. Inside the front cover a memento mori illustration depicts two skeletons above the Latin Bible quote 'Statutum est hominibus semel mori' – 'All men are destined to die once'. There are eight drawers around a central glass compartment holding a skull made from stag beetle bones. Opened from the back there are another seven drawers and two mirrored compartments. The book has two brass hasp locks. It is likely the poisons were locked away for safety and the book owned by a physician or apothecary as they used poisons in their medicines.

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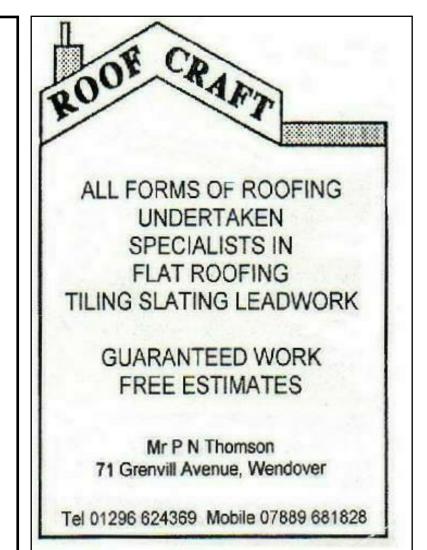
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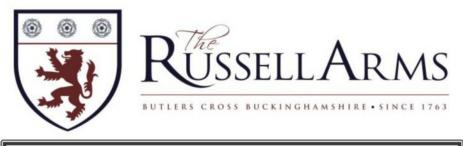
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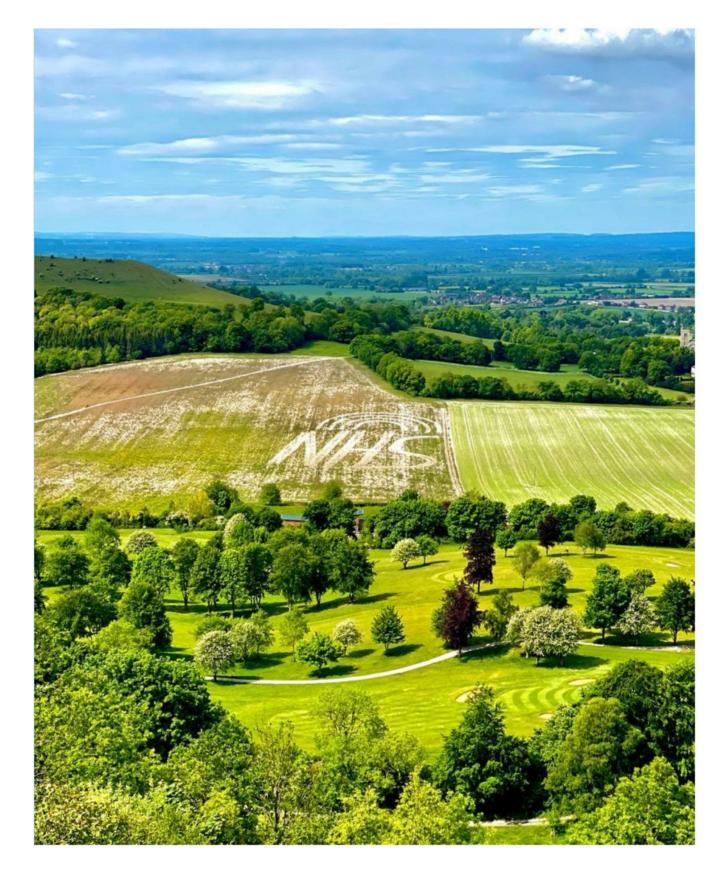
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	Airs House	Carpets & Flooring	sales@airshouse.co.uk 01844 342546	53
	Anthony's Servicing	Service & maintenance of boilers, fires, agas/rayburns	anthonys.service@gmail.com 01296 658419 07973 911674 www.anthonysservice.co.uk	49
	Brendan McFall	Painter & Decorator	brendanmcfall511@btinternet.com 07581 693653 01296 294175	53
	Clements Carpentry	Carpentry & Property Services	clementscarpentry@hotmail.co.uk 01296 625863 07584 201706	63
	Concierge Property Maintenance	Building Work, Carpentry and other Property Services	01494 702099 www.conciergepropertymaintenance. co.uk	56
APPLIANCE, REPAIR, GARDENING, HOUSE & CLEANING SERVICES	Extreme Clean	Cleaning Services Carpet, Flooring & Upholstery Cleaning & Treatments	jjjp@uwclub.net 01844 346379/344735 07866 376934 www.extremecleancouk.com	53
	Graham Blake	Soft Furnishings	grahamblake123@btconnect.com 01844 261769 07801 182400 www.grahamblake.com	56
	M Simmonds	Painter & Decorator	michael@msimmonds.co.uk 01296 655774 07850 499795 www.msimmonds.co.uk	64
	Martin Holman's Pest Control & Services	Domestic & Commercial Treatments/Prevention for rodents & insects	ratman01@talktalk.net 01296 622972 07510 290321 www.martinholmanpestcontrol.co.uk	43
	Roofcraft	Specialists in all forms of roofing	01296 624369 07889 681828	54
	Surab	Experts in Plumbing, New Boiler & Central Heating Systems	01844 274604 www.surab.co.uk	59
	The 50 plus Handyman	Property maintenance, repairs & installations	01525 570129 www.the50plus.co.uk	63
	Village Environmental Services	Family run domestic drain services with 24/7 callout service	01296 624221 (messages) 07850 635844	50

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	Chiltern Brewery	Brewery selling award winning ales & tastings	01296 613647 www.chilternbrewery.co.uk	2
	The Russell Arms	A real village pub and restaurant	hello@therussellarms.co.uk 01296 624411 www.therussellarms.co.uk	55
CARE & HEALTH SERVICES	Ashridge Home Care	Care company providing around the clock care in your own home	info@ashridgehomecare.co.uk 01494 917344 www.ashridgehomecare.co.uk	57
FUNERAL SERVICES	Bradley & Jones	Funeral Directors	www.bradleyandjones.co.uk 01296 622975	58
RETAIL	Antiques at Wendover	A datelined antiques centre	01296 625335 www.antiquesatwendover.co.uk	64
ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES	KDA Accountants	Bookkeeping and Accounting, Payroll and VAT Services	info@kdaaccountants.co.uk 01844 867357 07956 513529	51
	Numbers Limited	Accountancy, Tax and Bookkeeping Services	info@numbers-ltd.co.uk 01296 620220 www.numbers-ltd.co.uk	56
COMPUTER AND INTERNET SERVICES	Wendover Computers	Computer Equpment Supply, Repair and Upgrading	pete@wendover-computers.co.uk 0800 3118385 07881 555482 www.wendover-computers.co.uk	63
TRAVEL SERVICES	Travel Impressions	Independent Travel Agent	enquiries@ travelimpressions.co.uk 01442 890265 www.travelimpressions.co.uk	55

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Ellesborough Parish Council	Chairman, Debra Panikkar	07748 630102		
	Parish Clerk, Mr John McKeown	07880 732574		
	Windward, North Lee Lane, Terrick HP22 5YB			
	Parish Council Update	contact Clerk		
Buckinghamshire Council	Councillor Clive Harriss	07768 876568		
- Ridgeway East Ward	Councillor Steve Broadbent	07471 144181		
	Councillor David Carroll	see website		
Member of Parliament	Greg Smith MP	0207 2194287		
	greg	.smith.mp@parliament.uk		
Ellesborough Parish Hall	Bookings Secretary, Mrs Elizabeth Hine	e 625912 or		
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		nzzienine@taiktaik.het		
Kimble Stewart Hall	Bookings Secretary, Amanda Robinson	07527 595813		
Dunsmore Village Hall Association	dunsmorehallbookings@gmail.com.			
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Ellesborough Magazine on line	ellesborough-pc.gov.uk			
Ellesborough Silver Band	For contact details see website http://www.ellesboroughsilverband.co.	uk/		
Great Kimble Church Of England First School	Headteacher	01844 346189		
Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society	Membership Secretary, Charlie Taylor	07710 504300		
Chiltern Ladies Group	President, Mrs Elizabeth Hine	lizziehine@talktalk.net		
Brownie Guides	Girlguiding Buckinghamshire	girlguidingbucks.org.uk		
The Scout Association, Buckinghamshire	Enquiries, County Office	631016		
Ellesborough Church	Church Warden, Mr Tony Young	622306		
	Treasurer, Paul Couling	07903 162378		
	Tower Captain, Mr Les Floyd	01844 345575		
Dunsmore Church	Secretary To The Trustees			
	- Jacqui Lipton-Rose	07795 143430		
Kimble Free Church		612748		
Ellesborough Trust	Chairman, Mr Rob Nicholson	612658		
	Secretary, Mrs Tracey Davison	07847 969944		
The Children's Society Box Coordinator	Zoe Hinton	01844 761600		
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