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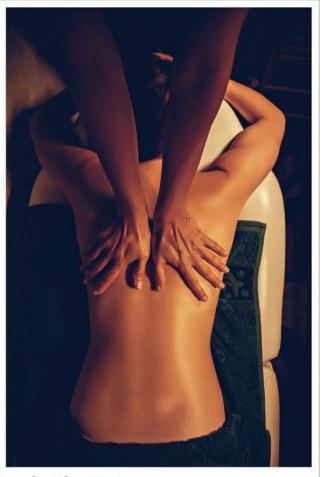
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The sun is shining, the clocks are going forward, the countryside is turning green, the grass has been mowed and the daffodils are blooming, it must be SPRING! I love Spring and of course, there is so much to look forward to!

Due to personal events and sadness, the last three months have been stressful here at "Gazette World Headquarters". My thanks to Jonathan, Harriet, the Gazette team and all the contributors for their help, support and kindness, I have struggled to produce the Gazettes during this time and I apologise for errors and omissions which have occurred. Thank you to Michael at Turville Printers for allowing me some extra time to get this copy to him.

The Wheel, as they have so often done, are leading the way by organising the first of our Summer village events, a "VE Day 80 Years on Celebration" to be held on 5 May on the Crick. Moving on to June, Classics on the Crick and a completely revamped NAPFEST are back! More details of these events on page 8 and 9 and as always, we will update the information in the May and June Gazettes. We have a Summer full of fun to look forward to, all of which involve a lot of hard work to arrange and deserve our support!

We are known as a nation of dog lovers and as many of you know, we love our little Pedro. As I have often done, I put my hand up, Pedro is not well trained, he works on the "little, pretty theory", I am not proud about this but neither am I deluded that my dog "wouldn't…" So, Pedro is most definitely kept well under control when he goes out

and our garden is well fenced, the gates are bolted and he is kept safe. This is the time of year when there are often upsetting reports regarding out of control dogs attacking livestock. These attacks have caused so much distress to farmers and to dog owners. Please keep your dogs under control, do not let them run free near livestock, check that your garden is escape proof and no gates can be opened when the dog is in the garden.

Last month I did say that it is time for me to retire and that the Gazette does need a new editor. I have occupied this chair for nearly eleven years, it is a job I have loved doing but as somebody once said, I have created a monster job. We now have Harriet who will edit the articles and Jonathan who organises the photography. We do need somebody to send out for and collect the contributions, somebody to look after the advertising and somebody to coordinate the team and layout the Gazette. Moving forward it has to be a team effort. If you can help in one or more of these areas I should love to hear from you!

My thanks to all our contributors and I look forward to receiving all your news for the May edition on or before 15 April please.

Have a lovely Easter!

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VE Day 80yrs Celebrations on The Crick 5th May 12 -4pm

Paint our villages Red, White, and Blue. Let's step back in time and celebrate together.

- ❖ No Entrance Fee
- ❖ 1940's Fancy Dress
- ❖ Helter-Skelter
- Street Style Tables
- * BYO Picnics (to share)
- * BYO Alcohol / Soft Drinks
- ❖ Some Nibbles / Snacks Available
- ❖ Small Cash Only Bar

Get your bunting up around our fabulous streets.

Bake Cakes!

Bring your homemade cakes for all to share. (NO NUTS please)

- 1940's Music and Sing Along
- May Pole Dancing
- Mini Peddle Planes
- Traditional Family Games
- Bingo

Go-Kart Challenge!

Build a traditional 1940's Go-Kart

The event will be on the Crick or in the Village Hall (Weather Dependant)

VE Day 80 Years on Celebration

Decorate our Villages Red, White, and Blue

Naphill and Walters Ash Village Hall will be celebrating 80 years of Victory in Europe. We are holding a Street Party on The Crick on Monday 5th May 12pm – 4pm. There is no charge for this event, and we will be going back in time to 1945! Come dressed for the era and bring your own food, drinks, and laughter to share with all.

We have organised a Helter-Skelter to be on The Crick, with lots of other traditional games like Hop Scotch, Tin-Can-Alley, May Pole Dancing etc. You can also challenge yourself and make a traditional Go-Kart to bring along too. For the adults – take part in some Bingo and there will be some 1940s music to sing along to. We are also asking people to get baking (as they used to) and bring cakes and nibbles for all.

We are planning to run a small, limited bar and some snacks that can be purchased on the day (cash only). If our amazing British weather chooses not to play, we will be using the great facilities in The Village Hall, so all is not lost.

We are hoping for a few extra surprises on the day! Come and enjoy.

Claire Christian



Great Village Events Planned for Summer 2025 Book the Dates!

NAPFEST Early Bird Ticket News

The NAPFEST committee has been busy finishing off the new website and launching the ticket sales. The tickets are available at www.napfest.co.uk where an early bird promotion is currently running so don't miss out. We've had an amazing response to this year's event with over 30 stalls booked and over 15 sponsors helping support our community event. There are still a number of stall spaces and sponsorship opportunities available and donations for the raffle prizes would be welcomed and appreciated.

Tickets are available at www.napfest.co.uk. If you want to get involved, send an email to napfest.co.uk@gmail.com

Classics on the Crick Sunday 8th of June 2025 10am - 4pm



Entries are now open for all types of Classic cars, bikes, commercials and scooters.

Go to www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk for an entry form.

We accept all classic car and commercials up to 2005, plus bikes of all ages. However we will accept more modern vehicles if they are particularly rare or interesting. See our website for entry critera.

We have kept the entry fee the same as last year and this includes access to the show for driver and passenger.

As usual all profits from the show go straight to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out during the day. This can be for a few hours or the whole day. All volunteers receive free Classics on the Crick merchandise, plus snacks and drinks.

No experience is required, so why not spend an enjoyable day with some interesting old cars and bikes whilst helping to raise money for an essential charity.

Visit our website, www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk to register your interest.

We hope to see you in June,

The Classics on the Crick Team



Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Trustee Committee

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Chairman's Report

There were 13 trustees at the committee meeting of the village hall on 3rd March.

- Claire Christan attended the meeting to update the committee about the plans for VE Day on Monday 5th May. The event will be held on the Crick, or in the hall in the event of wet weather. A helter-skelter was booked and the mini planes will be there. The theme is 'go back in time' and it is hoped that those attending will dress up in 40's style. There will be period music and traditional games. Flags and bunting will decorate the village hall and crick and hopefully the theme will continue throughout the village.
- We have signed for Gigabyte to supply a fibreoptic internet connection at the village hall and it is hoped that this will give a better wi-fi connection throughout the hall. It was decided that there will no longer be a land line in the hall.
- The hot water boiler wall plug has been replaced and the cooker was checked and found to have a faulty switch, which was replaced. The treasurer noted that the new heating system was making a good saving on gas in comparison to the previous system.

- The preparations for Napfest are well underway. The
 website is up and running and tickets for the evening
 events are on sale. It will be a three day event over the
 weekend of the 13 to 15 June. Many entertainments
 have been booked, including bands, Go-Karts,
 traditional children's games and a dog show.
- This year the Fireworks will be held on the 8th November.

The village hall committee still has a vacancy for a secretary. If you have some spare time and are interested in being part of the village please email me at chairman@ naphillvillagehall.org.uk. Hughenden Parish council also has vacancies for councillors.

The AGM of the village hall will be held on April 7th at 8pm. Anyone who lives in the village is welcome to attend.

Clive Lawrence.

Village Hall Chairman

Shear Madness

Is it just me, or are you all fed up with this weather? Let's hope that we don't have "April showers". I'd like nice warm dry long days to enjoy our beautiful surroundings. We are very lucky to live in such a lovely place with lots to do locally. I'm glad as many of you are that Napfest is back this year after having a year off. I love it when our villages pull together. I'm always proud to be part of this community.

Easter this month which means we will be closed that weekend as usual. I'm actually

going on my "daughter-in-law-to-be's" Hen do. The wedding is getting ever closer and still no "frock" for me yet!

Have a lovely Easter and hopefully some good weather. Stay safe.

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Love as always

Mandyx







As winter fades and spring begins, I've been busy with a range of events across Westminster and Mid Buckinghamshire. It's been a privilege to meet many constituents and raise your concerns in the House of Commons.

A key focus of mine across the constituency has been tackling the threat of large-scale solar developments on productive farmland. While the transition to cleaner energy is important, it should not come at the cost of local businesses, food security, or the beautiful Buckinghamshire countryside we value so highly.

As Shadow Business Minister, I've been working closely with small businesses to understand the challenges they face, from rising costs to excessive regulations imposed by this reckless Labour Government. I know how vital local businesses are to our community, and I'm committed to supporting them through these difficult times.

I'm also deeply concerned about the future of our pubs, which are under serious threat from multiple pressures - including the Employment Rights Bill, employers' National Insurance rises, and business rates hikes. This could leave landlords with little choice but to raise prices or shut their doors. Pubs are at the heart of our villages, including here in Naphill, and I will continue to fight for their protection.

Engaging with you directly remains a priority. One of my monthly surgeries so far this year was in Halton, and I'm currently planning more of my "Pint of View" pub surgeries to give residents the chance to discuss local and national issues in a relaxed setting.

I also stood alongside farmers at the most recent rally in Whitehall, reinforcing the need to safeguard food security and opposing tax policies that could harm family-run farms in our area. Farmers in and around Naphill are essential to both our local economy and food supply, and I will continue to stand up for them.

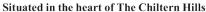
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With best wishes,

Greg Smith

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The Wheel News

Well, that got everyone's hopes up! The weekend we had in early March with the sun out and temperatures up was amazing, we even had to rush around and organise getting the grass cut, swings put back up, and the outside cutlery and condiments ready. It was great to see so many people were out enjoying the garden and the much-needed sunshine.

We have been busy with the Six Nations Rugby, the winning results from the sweepstake will be in the next edition. Pie Week was a massive success, I was rather bored of pies by the end of it, but we did sell a huge amount. I will update you all on everything that's happened during March/April in the next edition (May).

The focus here has been on organising two great upcoming events.

Firstly - VE Day 80 years.

I have had the pleasure of working with the Village Hall and some of my fabulous locals/staff to organise the event being held on The Crick on Monday 5th May. It is a day for the villages and is in a street party theme (a separate article will be in the gazette for more details).

The Wheel will now be opening from 3pm to 8pm on Monday 5th and we will NOT be doing food.

Secondly - RonFest 30th August

We have been contacting marguee companies, bands, beers suppliers, charities and so much more as we get sorted for the annual event celebrating the life of Ron Williams (it's a good excuse for a drink). Our charity this year is Dementia UK as we feel it effects so many people. Dementia UK is a charity that focuses on dementia nursing and support which includes those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

June is looking to be a busy month with Classics on The Crick (8th June), then NapFest (13th and 14th of June) and then Father's Day (15th June). So, a busy few months for the village.

*Just a quick note regarding the above NapFest dates, we will be CLOSED to the public from 6pm on Friday 13th June, due to a private function.

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Claire and Mark and Team Wheel

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Bradenham Parish Council

The Parish Council has expressed concerns about empty National Trust properties in the village, fearing a loss of community. MP Greg Smith has written to the Housing Minister and brought the problem up in the Commons. He has also arranged a meeting with the parish council, Buckinghamshire Councillor Shade Adoh, and National Trust Trustee Simon Kearey. Simon Kearey will make enquiries about the National Trust plans, the financial situation and a timeline for bringing the Bradenham properties up to scratch.

The RAF representative was asked to encourage staff to use the cycle path instead of the road to prevent traffic hold-ups.

Siding out was completed on New Road to widen the pavement, performed by the new grass cutting contractor.

A litter pick in Bradenham is scheduled for Saturday, 29th March.

Councillor Paul Wooster was appointed to the village fete committee, but the request for a donation towards Morris Dancing was refused.

The Council decided against holding a VE Day 80th anniversary celebration due to its proximity to the village fete.

Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday, 1st May. Interested individuals can contact a councillor, or the clerk. More information can be found at www.buckinghamshire. gov.uk and searching for parish council elections.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 12th May, encompassing the annual parish meeting and the annual parish council meeting.

Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council www.e-voice.org.uk/bradenham-parish-council

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Community Board North West Chilterns

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We were extremely grateful to everyone for their help in funding these replacements, which enabled all 10 to be reinstated on to the 999 register.

Naphill has benefitted from this with the defibrillator cabinet located by the entrance to Naphill Village Hall, Main Road being replaced.

Our thanks go to everyone concerned in making this happen and again to the North West Chilterns Commuity Board and the local councillors who supported this work.

Mark Tubb

Chairman

RCDG

Photo: Difibrillator currently on the village hall wall to left of door facing on to the Crick





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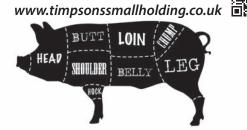
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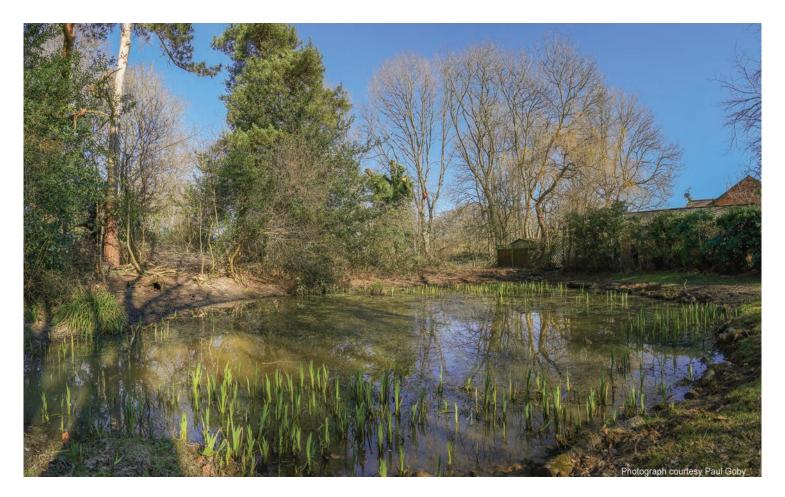
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Friends of Naphill Common

Although just outside the boundary of the Common, Vincent's Meadow and Pond (also known as Pickup's Pond) have been receiving attention from the Chiltern Rangers and volunteers, both local and from further afield. The work is at the behest of the Parish Council as part of their management plan for the several open spaces that they own within the parish. There were two days of works in February, with a further day planned for April.

The Rangers have installed a range of bird and bat boxes (an owl box is visible on the far side of the pond), and cut and raked grassland to improve the habitat for butterflies and wildflowers. The pond has had non-native invasive species removed, and about one third of the water area that had become overly vegetated cleared. They have further arranged for grazing on the meadow, which will make a great difference over the coming months and years, encouraging fungi including the "devil's fingers" that usually appear around Hallowe'en. Some will remember sheep being grazed here in the past.

Common

Although the weather has turned chilly again, we've had a week of temperatures in the teens (Celsius), heralding the return of the first migrant warblers from their winter in Africa. I've seen (and heard – they are very loud, tuneful singers) blackcaps, and also chiffchaffs – a bird that, like the cuckoo and hoopoe, helpfully calls its own name.

Once the water temperature in the ponds rises above 10°C the amphibians return and the breeding season begins, particularly noticeable with frogs 'singing'. There's already plenty of spawn in many of the ponds, so we've stopped our maintenance work and won't recommence until they leave again in late autumn.

Walks

Our monthly walks – a shorter walk (about an hour) led by Chris Miller at 10:30am on the first Wednesday of each month; and a longer walk (roughly 2 hours) led by Ron Collins at 9:25am on the third Monday – continue to be popular.

FoNC Working Parties

If you wish to join in with either of our weekly working parties, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our website (where our walking and other activities are also listed), has all the contact details:

http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/activities.html

Because both working parties are dependent on the weather, it's always best to check with the organisers before setting off: Tuesdays – Peter Davis (HW 569303); Thursdays – Ron Collins (HW 562240).

Chris Miller

Chairman





The Tale of Oxo the Dog

When we moved to Naphill just over 50 years ago we had a very friendly neighbour with a very friendly Jack Russell terrier called OXO. He was allowed out all day long, so he went from house to house being thoroughly spoiled wherever he went. He would turn over onto his back to have his tummy rubbed, which he enjoyed immensely. Locally he was known as "rent-a-dog". His owners' house was behind our house down a long drive. Whenever he heard that I was around he would scoot up the long drive then into our garden to play.

I said "scoot" because he had only three working legs. Some time before we arrived he had been injured and his rear offside leg was pretty useless, so he galloped along with his rear offside leg seemingly tied to his nearside rear leg. His disability did not seem to worry him at all. He was a pretty little dog with a most agreeable temperament. I feel sure that if there were a class at Cruft's Dog Show for three-legged Jack Russell terriers he would win first prize. Just think of it. People from far and wide would visit Naphill to catch a glimpse of a Cruft's winner. He could have puppies which could be sold off for a fortune. The mind boggles.

Now to the gardening bit and my favourite subject of manure. I have touched upon this topic in an earlier article but I thought readers would be interested in the unexpurgated edition, the "Full Monty" if you like. On arrival in Naphill I took the tenancy of an allotment which had not been worked for at least 10 years. It was mainly covered with couch grass with a very large area of brambles at the far end. So I set about digging-in the couch grass deeply to destroy it (which did work). Of course, OXO came to the allotments with me, running along happily behind my full-size builder's wheelbarrow. Whenever I found a stone I hurled it into the patch of brambles, to be sorted later (I used the stones to fill in potholes at the end of Forge Road). Off OXO would gallop to retrieve each stone then proudly place the stone at my feet to be thrown again. That was his favourite game and it posed quite a challenge for him to find the correct stone. Occasionally he would cheat and bring another stone and I would tell him off for cheating and he would then look crestfallen (he understood English).

I manured the allotment with pig manure from the piggery about 200 yards from my allotment. The owner said "help yourself", so I did. The mound of pig manure was simply enormous, maybe 20 feet in diameter and about 5 feet high, resembling a large camembert cheese, with a crust round the outside and very liquid in the middle. The very liquid manure looked just like very watery porridge. The farmer had erected planks so that he could wheelbarrow



a load of manure up the mountain then tip it into the middle. So I chose manure from the more solid crust round the outside and took it to my allotment, back and forth, accompanied by my three-legged friend. Then one day, OXO, being a very inquisitive little dog, took a walk up the planks then, to my horror, stepped off into the very liquid manure. I could see just his ears, nose and eyes. I did not know what to do. Do I bravely dive in to save him? I was full of anguish, but when I remembered the old advice, leave dogs to get out of water and cats to get down from trees, I decided that discretion

was the better part of valour. But could OXO escape? He was swimming as best he could through the liquid and the closer he got to the edge the firmer the manure became, until at last he was able to lever himself out. At this moment I beat a hasty retreat since I knew what was coming next. Sure enough, OXO shook himself for a long time with corpuscles of light grey manure flying in all directions at high speed. But it was no use. OXO could not get rid of all of the manure since it had penetrated through his fur to his skin. And his fur, instead of being a mixture of bright white and light brown, was light grey. He looked crestfallen.

All I could do then was to collect manure and deliver it to my allotment. I decided to call it a day and return home. When we arrived at the end of the long drive to OXO's house I said "OXO, go home". He looked at me with the look "how could I be so cruel?". Nevertheless I insisted so down the drive he went, tail between his legs, looking back at me from time to time. I then silently went into my back garden to await the explosion. There was suddenly a noise which in volume was simply enormous. Every expletive in the English language was used by the lady of the house. I cannot ask the Editor to print what she shouted at the top of her voice but a favourite one seriously posed the question as to whether OXO's parents were legally married. Tears were streaming down my face, tears of mirth at the situation and tears of pity for my three-legged friend. And then came the punishment. OXO was confined to barracks for a whole week. What a terrible punishment for a dog normally allowed out all day every day. After a week he was allowed out, scooted round to my house then off we went to the allotment for another day of play. Oh Happy Days! (And I ceased collecting pig manure and started using spent horse manure from a mushroom farm.)

Growing Your Own - Part TWO

The photo is an attention-getter as a reminder that it is March and it is time to get going in your garden or on your allotment. So I wanted to emphasise, right from the start, that there is no need to dig. Simply go for a "prowl with a trowel" and take out any deep-rooted weeds such as dandelions and docks. Then a little light hoeing, a raking off of the weeds and it is done, ready for seed sowing or planting out small plants., If you are taking over an overgrown allotment or have decided to turn part of your garden into a productive plot, then purchase a large sheet of black plastic, cover the plot, then put bricks or soil round the edges and wait for 9 months when all weeds will be dead. Then rake off the dead vegetation and start sowing and planting-out.

But why should we avoid digging? The reason is to preserve the soil structure. There are billions of soil micro-organisms which help the crops and we do not want to disturb them - in particular mycorrhizal fungi which bring water and nutrients to the roots of the plants in exchange for surplus carbohydrates. If we dig we chop up the mycorrhizal fungi - and since their rate of growth is only about 6 inches per year it can take a long time for soil health to be restored.

According to official statistics, two-thirds of England's land is agricultural, with 38 % being arable land and 29% grassland. That 38% of arable land enables us to produce 18% of our fruit and 50% of our vegetables. Including meat production, we produce only about half our food, so it is

important that we do not take farmland out of production. Yet, that is what we are doing already with rewilding and other attempts to produce environmental and climate benefits. For the latter, the government have just said that by 2050 we need to take out of production another 9% of farmland. Yet our population is increasing rapidly - another five million in the next seven years is the current estimate. The only way of feeding them is to import more and more of our food - leaving ourselves more and more vulnerable to food price shocks and actual shortages. I should point out an inconsistency in the logic of "the powers that be". If we take an acre of carrots out of food production for rewilding then that acre of carrots will have to be grown in foreign lands where an acre of wild land will have to be ploughed up to grow carrots. Thus, the net effect on reducing carbon emissions will be zero - one will cancel out the other. Also, the five million new people mentioned above will need houses and all the associated infrastructure such as roads, railways, hospitals, schools, shops etc, leading to more loss of farmland. Chaos!! Therefore, keep your head down and grow your own!

Good gardening!

Míke Mason



Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

With fine spring in the offing it's time for NAWARA to be thinking about summer activities. It's good to see Napfest returning on 14th June and we shall be taking a stall at this popular event.

As in recent years we shall be entering the village for the Bucks Best Kept Village competition. We've done well in the past which is an enviable reflection on the care residents show for their surroundings. Judging takes place in the summer and now is the time to think about the appearance of your part of the village. All residents are counted as members of NAWARA and you are welcome to attend our meetings in the village hall at 1930 on the second Monday of each month.

Best wishes

David Frost

Vice Chairman





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Life with Young Children in Naphill & Walter's Ash Days on the Farm

During the splendid week of early March sunshine, we were lucky enough to spot some very new lambs frolicking in a field. Spring is certainly on its way – a good time to think about some farm visits... Odds Farm unsurprisingly draws the crowds, thanks to an amazing list of attractions. While it's not bad value considering how much there is to do, it's not a cheap day out, so I wanted to give a shoutout to a couple of smaller, simpler alternatives right on our doorstep.

In a gentle loop, Widmer Farm Park has a great array of goats, sheep, pigs and alpacas to admire, most of which will enthusiastically eat directly from a small hand (or a large one!). There are also birds, rabbits and guinea pigs, and if you venture into the shop – some tortoises and bearded dragons! We love it for an easy, affordable outing, and often do it quite spontaneously.

I also wanted to give a mention to The Bucks Goat Centre on the way to Aylesbury – we discovered this very early on after our first was born – it's a similar vibe with animals to feed and appreciate, and also has a great sandy play area.

Both places have picnic areas and cafes. If you haven't already, it's worth supporting these local organisations. If you have other recommendations to share, get in touch!

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Naphill & Walter's Ash School

World Book Day







On World Book Day, we all love to celebrate our favourite books and characters. Last year we did something called 'speed dating with books' but this year the children were asked to turn a potato into their favourite book character! All of the potato characters were extremely creative and unique. They were adorned with a variety of 'added extras', like feathers and scenery. We then had an assembly to celebrate our potato characters, some of which were:

Amelia Fang and her Pumpkin Pet Squashy

Peppa Pig

The Indian in the Cupboard

Matilda

The Little Mermaid

The Wild Robot

Some were dressed in clothes – did you know that new clothes for Easter are meant to bring good luck?! None of the characters were very edible afterwards, but they had served a noble cause!







Happy Easter









Wycombe Photographic Society meets in the large hall at Hughenden Valley Village Hall, on the first four Wednesdays each month at 8pm. We have a new programme of events, a wide range of guest speakers and lots more.

16th April Themed Assignment – Street Photography

23rd April No meeting

30th April No meeting

7th May Master Photographers

14th May Talk

21stMay Themed Assignment – Shop Fronts

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Supporting young people and the elderly is a priority for us. We have established strong links with Bucks Young Carers, and with several local schools. We contribute in various ways, such as building sensory gardens, organising art and chess competitions, and helping older students develop their citizenship skills. We are also proud to assist the Princes Risborough Youth Club, which meets every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Club building on Hawthorn Lane. The Youth Club is open to all people aged 11 to 17 from

the town and surrounding villages. The first visit is free, with subsequent visits costing just £1.00. We also have strong links with the Princes Centre and organise free summer and Christmas lunches for over 75s in the area.

As a Club, we are a lively, fun-loving group of men and women who are passionate about giving back to the community while enjoying ourselves. In addition to our regular Monday evening meetings, we have several activity groups, including cycling, walking, curry outings, breakfast gatherings, ten-pin bowling, snooker, quiz and film nights, and "away day visits."

If you are interested in joining us and contributing to both local and international causes, please visit our website and consider attending one of our meetings to see if it's right for you. Additionally, if you know of any causes that could benefit from our support or would like to donate to our charity fund, please get in touch with us - we would love to hear from you.

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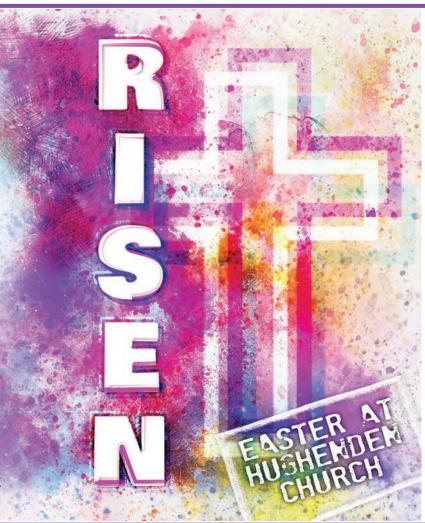
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HAPPY EASTER

Every year Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Day. It embodies the hope that is found in following in the footsteps of the Son of God, who walked on earth 2,000 years ago, and gave himself up on the Cross of Calvary.

During Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, we recall the last few days which led up to Christ's death and resurrection, as we consider how his life and example might impact our own lives.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to join us on that journey.

Have you heard the Good News that has echoed through history?

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

Vicar, St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden

PALM SUNDAY 13 APR

9.00 am Palm Procession & Choral Communion
11.00 am Family Communion

6.00 pm Evensong

HOLY WEEK 14-16 APR

Holy Communion:

Monday - 7.00 pm Tuesday - 11.00 am Wednesday - 7.00 pm

The **Stations of the Cross will be set out around the** church during Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 APR

7.00 pm Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altars

GOOD FRIDAY 18 APR

9.00 am Morning Prayer 11.00 am All Age Service

2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross

EASTER EVE 19 APR

10.00 am The Great Easter Eggventure

7.00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY 20 APR

9.00 am Choral Communion

11.00 am Family Communion

6.00 pm Evensong







Church News

As I reported last month, our new Children and Families Minister is fully installed, and now has delivered his first special event for children - a pancake party.

Church House was filled with laughter, joy, and the sweet smell of pancakes as 45 children and their families gathered for a fantastic celebration. The event was a huge success, bringing families together for lots of fun and of course, delicious PANCAKES!

The event kicked off with a variety of creative craft stations where little hands got busy decorating pancake-themed crafts. At the same time there were a number of games in Church Cottage including hook-aduck (allowing for a bit of splashing), and giant Dobble.

After singing and more games in the church there was a mini duck hunt and then it was back up to Church House, which had been amazingly cleared and reset for THE PANCAKES!

This event was so successful that Chris is already organising his next event: an Easter Eve (i.e. 19th April, 10-12am) EASTER EGGVENTURE, with scavenger hunt, craft, games and celebration. £2 per child, must be accompanied by parent /guardian.

Sign up on Church website.

Jane Tyrer





Not from the vicarage

As this April edition goes to print, it is approximately halfway through the season of Lent – which Keith wrote about last month. On Sundays during Lent at St. Michael's, we are following the accounts of Jesus' life and journey towards that first Holy week: Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, final meal with friends, his arrest, trail and crucifixion on that first 'GOOD FRIDAY'.

I remember when I was younger, wondering what was so 'GOOD' about a man being betrayed by friends, falsely accused, beaten, spat on, nailed - whilst alive - to a wooden cross and left to die in the heat of the day. The reality is, if Jesus was an ordinary person like you or me, this would have been the end – and a despicably cruel end at that.

Another thing happening at St. Michael's on Wednesday evenings during Lent, is ALPHA. An evening of food, video presentations and discussions around different aspects of the Christian faith. The first two weeks of ALPHA ask the questions that are relevant to understanding 'GOOD Friday': 'who is Jesus?' and 'why did Jesus die?'.

For Christians, it boils down to God's love and God's instructions to humankind 'simply' to love God back, to love one another and to love the creation around us. I think you would agree we don't need to look very far to see how miserably we fail at that. In response, God chose to come in human form (in the person of Jesus), to show us how to love and live well together and to take the punishment for our mistakes – on the cross. Jesus' death was horrific but a necessary part of God's rescue plan. Jesus' death on the cross is a demonstration of the extent of God's love for each one of us: GOOD news on GOOD FRIDAY.

American Pastor S.M Lockridge famously said, 'It's Friday – but Sunday's a coming.' When Jesus died on the cross, he dealt with everything that separates us from God. But Jesus didn't stay dead. On that first Easter morning God overcame death, Jesus left the tomb. Our Easter Sunday services will be joy-filled celebrations - celebrating God's life and love: Jesus is risen - He is risen indeed Hallelujah!

We would be delighted for you to join us on the journey through Holy Week and to the celebration of Easter. All service details are on page *** or check our church website. We look forward to welcoming you.

Reverend Helen Peters



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The proceeds from the race are used to support The Misbourne School which a number of children from Naphill attend.

You can support the race in 3 ways:

- 1. By entering at www.misbournetrailrun.org.uk (further information on the race is also available)
- 2. By giving your time to volunteer in roles such as marshalling the run or helping organising on the day
- 3. If you are a local business / individual the race has many sponsorship opportunities.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event please contact Abbegail Sawney on <u>Abbegail</u>. <u>sawney@btinternet.com</u> who would be happy to hear from you.



As the days begin to lengthen, preparations for the new season are well underway. Weather permitting, we hope to have our green open on 11th April. Before then, there is much spring cleaning to be done, both in the clubhouse and around the green. Our first fixture is away to Gerrards Cross on Sunday 20th April, followed by three more friendlies before the end of the month. We hope to be wearing our new custom made kit which is on order. Two of our members have qualified as Level One coaches over the winter, bringing our coaching staff up to three.

On the social side, the winter bingo and quiz sessions have proved very successful. The next Bingo is on Saturday 5th April, all are most welcome. Perhaps you would like to give the most sociable sport of Lawn Bowls a try in 2025. We provide all the necessary equipment and a generous five week trial membership offer, including coaching, will be available to all. The basic technique is not complex, the

rules are relatively simple and all ages from 10 upwards are welcome. Social membership is also available. Full details can be found on our website: princesrisboroughbowlsclub. co.uk

If you are interested and require more details, please contact me and I will get in touch with you before our green reopens to have a chat and arrange a taster session. If you are part of an organisation looking for a venue for your meetings, get in touch, we might be able to help. We already welcome the W.I. and the U3a gardening group. If you have a business and would like to join our sponsors and have a permanent presence on our website, then please get in touch: Del Behenna (Recruitment & Sponsorship) on 01844343230

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Gordon the Birdman

It appears that 're-wilding' is the buzzword in conservation circles these days, but what does re-wilding entail? Traditionally in Britain, our nature reserves are areas of land usually between one and one thousand acres either bought by, or gifted to an organisation such as the wildlife trusts or RSPB, where it is managed for specific species of flora or fauna. Re-wilding, on the other hand, entails very large areas of land being allowed to regenerate naturally with minimum human interference. This may include reintroducing apex predators in areas where they were once present, sometimes hundreds of years ago. There are a few European countries turning this concept into reality, but although they have a similar population to ours, they also have a land mass four or five times larger, with areas of land between 350,000 and 600,000 acres being considered. Romania has such a land mass and is extending an already vast area of old growth forest with existing populations of wolves, lynx and bears - by one million acres. This is mostly degraded farmland and clear felled forest, a legacy of the soviet era. This will allow the predators to expand, controlling the number of herbivores, thus allowing young trees and undergrowth to regenerate and create a balance of nature.

So what of our overpopulated island where we are already in the bottom 8% of countries in the world regarding biodiversity? The average farm is around 250 acres, so the re-wilding programme at Knepp in West Sussex at 3,500 acres seems a large area of land. Nevertheless, it is far too small to re-introduce an apex predator. That is not to say it is not worth a visit, with possible sightings of six species of deer, if lucky, otters and if very lucky, beavers. Also white storks, cranes, white tailed eagles, honey buzzards, nightjars and turtle doves - so it has much to offer. Even Allerdale, near Inverness is still too small at 12,500 acres for an apex predator unless it were fenced. Given Scotland's right to roam laws, that would bring its own set of problems.

This approach has been achieved in South Africa, where the world renowned Shamwari Reserve at 600,000 acres is fenced - at vast expense. Over 30 years ago the owners of the degraded, unproductive farm and surrounding area encouraged a full range of Africa's herbivores onto the land and reintroduced others over a number of years. It was then fenced, and lions, leopards, hyena, etc, were introduced to create a balance of nature. It is now a wonderful place to visit with over 300 species of birds recorded. It is a natural showcase of what can be achieved given the space, will and finance.

Gordon.

Naphill Neighbours

At our March Meeting we had a visit from Clive Peacock, a local magician, to entertain us at Naphill Village Hall. There were 38 members and 1 guest present.

This was something different and the feedback I have received was brilliant. Clive was not only a magician but was amusing as well, recreating old tricks



from David Niven, Tommy Cooper and Paul Daniels. Fortunately, no one was sawn in half!

Although we watched Clive closely, with his sleeves well pushed up his arms, we could not make out many of the tricks. A couple of members thought they knew how a trick or two was done, although they could not be absolutely sure.

Clive also had a performing flea in a matchbox, which held us mesmerised with disbelief.

We meet again at 2pm on Monday 14th April for our next meeting and we have Easter Bingo. All the prizes are Easter Eggs! We are always happy to greet new members and quests.

Happy Easter

Jo Keattch

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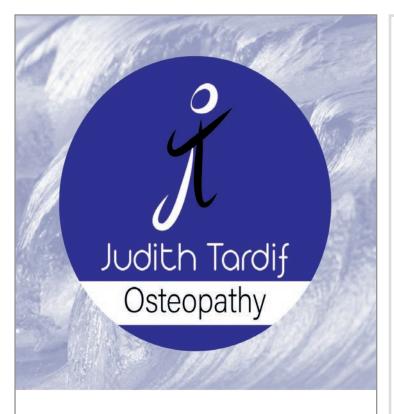
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There's a spring in our step!

Following on from a walk-through Wendover Woods and The Grand Union Canal in March, on 14th April our walking group will be exploring Little Kingshill & Great Missenden. The Group will be following the Chilterns Heritage Trail to Nags Head Lane, through Atkins Wood to the outskirts of Prestwood, then descend (appropriately named) Angling Spring Wood to Great Missenden. From here they will be walking along Church Lane and around Missenden Abbey Park, returning to Little Kingshill via the South Bucks Way. You are welcome to join them - free if this would be your first attendance of our u3a Group.

If fitness is your thing, why not come along to one of our regular 10 Pin Bowling Sessions in the Eden Centre or perhaps if you are in a more leisurely mood consider joining our Croquet Group (subject to places) on offer in Hazlemere Sports Ground. Or, and increasingly popular join our Rummikub Group held in Bon Ami at Naphill Village Hall.

I am delighted to confirm that following a slight decline in numbers after Covid, our membership has climbed back, and we are experiencing the highest number of members and guest coming to our monthly meetings held in Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall (300 Bus stops outside). On Wednesday April 23rd from 2pm our guest speaker (Ramji Abiashi) is talking about Indian Culture -including arranged marriages. Do join us.

On Wednesday May 28th from 2pm a Royal Navy Presentation Team will be introducing 'Our Modern Navy'. Given that state of world affairs this should prove topical and interesting!

We serve refreshments and hold a popular raffle. Please contact gilliamph@aol.com for further details of all our activities.

Paul Gillam

Valley Players

"And now for something completely different...Summer!"

Valley Players had a great time presenting "Play Time 25", our two contemporary one-act plays. It was a different production but the audience loved it. These plays give the casts opportunity to practise character acting - there definitely were a few characters. Well played all.

So now we start our rehearsals for the summer's "Picnic and Play". The dates will be 12/13 July and it will be performed in our venue of a local orchard. So bring your picnic and some sunshine.

This year we will be presenting "Twist" by Geoff Bamber. It is an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic Oliver Twist. It's faithful to the story but it has Valley Players' "twist" on it!

Why another adaptation? There are many adaptations written for stage, screen and TV. The common consensus by authors (and composers), is that it allows an audience to have access to a story from literature they half know or

haven't the time or inclination to tackle the actual book. For example, one of the most well-known adaptations is "Les Miserables" (nicknamed "The Glums"). Victor Hugo's novel is well over a thousand pages. Much nicer to have the story sung to you. Another famous example is "The Mousetrap", the longest running play in the West End. That says it all. We shouldn't forget "Matilda", proving adaptations are just not for adults.

Come along and be entertained by "Twist", even if you haven't read the book!

As always, Valley Players is open to all and we do have characters in "Twist" we need to fill!

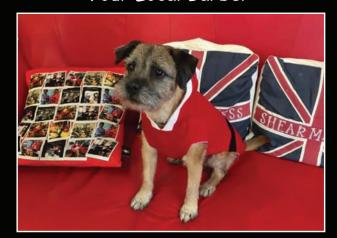
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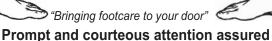
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Are you asleep at the wheel?

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So many people drive through life as if they are 'asleep at the wheel'. Negative behaviour can easily become habitual, and we find ourselves making the same wrong decisions over again and reacting in ways we don't understand and aren't helpful.

These are 'knee-jerk' reactions, and they can, if left unchecked, lead us to some very unhappy places - in our jobs, relationships and with our opinion of ourselves.

We can view these as trances and they are often central to many people's problems - moments when we are triggered into anger, sadness or anxiety and we feel like we are not in control - like mindlessly eating an extra slice of cake we don't want or losing our rag over something insignificant.

So, conversely, hypnotherapy can help 'de-hypnotise' people so they have a more conscious choice in how they behave in any situation.

The Power of Language

One of the major developments in modern hypnotherapy has been about discovering the power of language and the benefits of Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP).

Using NLP learnings, I was taught how to create an amazing 'wordweave' - a special recording which includes important suggestive messages that the client needs to hear. I do not use set scripts as was often the case with traditional hypnotherapy. After all, one person's reason to overeat or get in a rage is not the same as another's, so a bespoke approach is always vital.

The wordweave incorporates the practice of hypnotic language and uses the client's own view of the world and language patterns. These recordings are used between sessions to create major changes in the subconscious mind of the client. It is possibly one of the most powerful resources I use with clients and the regular use of these recordings reinforces positive changes, so they become permanent.

The Mind / Body Connection

Fortunately, the power of the mind to heal the body has now become widely accepted in medical circles.

It also follows that the negative power of the mind can and does cause illness. So hypnotherapy can also be used as preventative medicine or to alleviate any medical issues that have already arisen in a client and it can help promote the natural healing potential of the body.

Here are some of the ways hypnotherapy can help you 'wake up' and get back in the driving seat:

- Supply your mind with empowering beliefs that will change the way you experience the world.
- Learn how you interact with your environment and how language affects your behaviour.
- Discover the links between your thoughts, the way you feel, and your physical body.
- Uncover and gain more control over your unconscious mind which can drive you towards what you want - or more importantly, away from what you don't want.
- Identify and change any belief systems that may be holding you back from reaching your full potential.
- Uncover childhood experiences that have led to negative behaviours in later life and reframe these into more positive learnings.

Client Testimonial

"I contacted Alison to get help for some long-standing and deep-rooted problems. I found her very professional and thorough and her genuine desire to help came across in her approach and therapy. I'm grateful for all her help. It's given me hope and direction to move forward. I found all her suggestions so useful and I especially loved the wordweave she made for me. Working with her has been a great and life-changing experience!" introductory call.

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"LIFE-CHANGING!"

What does hypnotherapy help with?

Most clients come to me for help with the following:

- Stress and anxiety
- Low mood
- Lack of confidence
- Big life changes (pregnancy, relationship breakdown and grief)
- Young people struggling with exams, school or relationships
- OCD and neuro-diversity
- Health and pain issues

When changes take place at this deeper level, the challenges of daily life can be alleviated, leading to a healthier outlook, positive habits, and



increased confidence. Alison Scott

About me: I have a Diploma and Master Practitioner qualification in QCH Therapy combining CBT, Gestalt Therapy, Positive Psychology, Evolutionary Psychology, Parts Therapy, NLP and EFT. I gained my Master Reiki qualification Second Degree in 2018.

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On the Farm

The days are getting longer; we have had snowdrops and the odd daffodil has made an appearance. Spring is around the corner, and we are heading out of winter. The grass is starting to grow again, we were able to roll two new grass leys in February that were planted last autumn. We have to do this before the grass gets too long. This is to push the flints in to the ground so we don't hit them with our mower when we make silage.

The grass grew well into December, but the ground is very wet. Anyone walking the paths around and about may well have noticed that we have had sheep in, they are just visiting for a month or so. Thank you to everyone that has called or messaged when they have spotted issues with the visitors, there always seems to be something up! They are here to eat all the old grass ready for the new spring growth.

We recently won the Thame Farming Club's grass silage competition, this is silage made last year. We went on to the next round against five other farming clubs and came second which was a shame as it would have been a result to have the best silage in Oxfordshire!

The Agricultural and Business Inheritance tax changes announced in the Autumn are still casting a dark shadow over the farming industry.

There will be farmers in a very dark place because of what is currently being played out in Westminster. The future of an inevitable tax bill hanging over a business is like an unexploded bomb in the front yard waiting to go off when the one that holds the deeds dies. Family farms are often multigenerational. It would not be unusual for there to be 3 generations working together; an older generation with two younger generations doing the farming, making a living, growing food.

Farmers have been trying to make their presence felt with various rallies, several in London - the last one involved 1400 tractors in Whitehall. Charlotte represented the farm, she was amazed at the public support on the day . See the photo taken in Whitehall. You may not have seen this, especially if you get your news from the BBC, there was almost no coverage! So far, very dignified affairs, but emotions are running high. Farmers do not believe the government figures.

For example, I have a dairy farmer friend in Cornwall whose father still owns the farm, which is not unusual, he is 95. He farms with his 60 year old sons and their sons. If he dies after April 2026, when the new rules kick in, the inheritance tax bill will be too much to pay from profits, even when split over 10 years. They will

then have to sell business assets. You could sell the cows but then you have nothing to milk; you could sell the land but then you don't have enough to run the business; either way the business will not survive in its current form. The older generation would have spent their whole life building the business. The farm is everything to them; their home, their business, their life. I sincerely hope his father resists the strong temptation to not still be here after next April; it is a very real and appalling situation to be in.

Who will buy the land? Most farmers cannot afford it. It will still appeal to wealthy non-farmers as they can avoid 20% inheritance tax. The likelihood is less land will be farmed by established businesses that are the main producers of food. This could certainly dramatically reduce our ability to produce the food we currently do at Stocken Farm. We will only know the true consequences as they unfold. Let's hope other countries don't all rewild their land and can keep producing enough food to sell to us in the UK, to feed our approaching 70 million population.

The NFU, together with other farmer organisations, recently had a meeting with Treasury ministers to discuss all the complications this policy will bring. They had suggestions on how the IHT proposals could be restructured to still raise the tax they required, and not seriously effect so many food producing businesses. They were basically told to go away. Disappointing.

On a brighter note we did an early spring bird survey in mid-February, 43 species were recorded. The stars of the survey were: a large flock of chaffinch in our winter bird feed patch, some brambling, a stonechat and two common snipe.

Richard Weet - Stoken Farm







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Jenny Tench





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The sun is shining at last and it feels like spring has finally arrived. Easter is late this year but we will be starting to serve Easter goodies this month including mini egg cookies, Simnel cake and hot cross buns with honey spiced butter if it takes your fancy.

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Hughenden Parish Council News

Hughenden Parish Council - Unfortunately, the new chief officer who was in her probationary period was released from her contract. At the original interviews there was a second applicant who also fitted the bill so is now being considered.

Progress is being made on assessing and planning the work on all our open spaces.

Stan Jones

Chairman Hughenden Parish Council.

N.B HPC Meeting dates, agendas, minutes and contact details can be found on:

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Hughenden Street Association Social Events

The next Street Association lunch for the Naphill & Walter's Ash Ward of Hughenden Parish will be on Wednesday 16th April at the Spindle and Thread near Morrison's in High Wycombe. We usually start arriving from midday onwards, which gives everyone time to buy a drink, order their food, and then get seated. A popular choice is the carvery, which means you can choose your food quantities and select which potato and veg you prefer. Please contact Susan if you want to join us for the lunch, so we can gauge numbers.

The Social Afternoon is on Monday 28th April between 2pm and 4pm in the back room of Bon Ami, where we have a choice of table games, or if you prefer, you can just relax and enjoy a chat with others over a cuppa on one of the comfy sofas.

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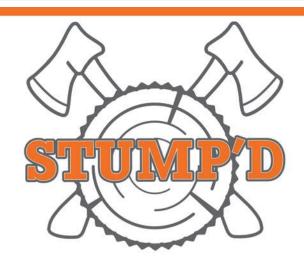
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Not from the Vicarage - Memories of change

As I write, I have encountered all sorts of reminders in the media – was it really 5 years ago that we went into lockdown? I remember it well - the Prime Minister had already told us all to avoid travel if possible. Both my daughters were living in London at the time. We decided that we would meet for Mother's Day on March 22nd as, in the words of Charlotte, my eldest daughter, 'Who knows where this Covid thing is going and when we will be able to be together again'. So, like many other families at that time, we carefully weighed the options and had our one, last special day together. Younger daughter Kim asked if she could stay on for a few days as she was getting her head around the whole working from home thing which was difficult for her since she was then living in a shared household. The next day 'BOOM!' We were in full lockdown. Kim was going nowhere. No travel, shops closed, social distancing; 12 weeks of lockdown 'they' said for the epidemic to pass. Yeah! Like that went to plan!

We all have our own memories and stories to tell about that day on which our world changed for ever and how we coped with the changes. Many are tragic, others quite mundane, some are funny. Kim was staying for a 'few days' with just enough clothing for a 'few days'. She is a grand master of the 'capsule wardrobe' so only had one small rucksack of clothing with her. She ended up staying for 4 months!

Since then, we have experienced many other world changing events. War in Europe, terrorist attacks in the Middle East, dangerous changes in governments abroad, changes to our weather patterns and cyber attacks to name but a few. The list is a long one, some changes affecting whole continents whilst others affect relatively small areas. In our modern world, we are dependent on the ties we have with other countries and cultures, so even the smallest local change can have a domino effect that far surpasses its initial impact.

On 20th April, we will celebrate Easter Day. This day forms the foundation on which the Christian faith is built; it is the celebration of the day some 2000 years ago on which the world changed for ever. Starting with the life and teachings of Jesus, the domino effect of the movement he founded has touched every corner of our world. Christians and many others believe that Jesus was the Son of God and Easter Day demonstrates the ultimate proof that Jesus was indeed the Son of God. After suffering a cruel and humiliating death and being in a tomb for three days, God's power was so strong within him that he returned to life; what Christians call the Resurrection and what we celebrate on Easter Day.

At its heart, Jesus' message was about compassion, kindness, justice, welcome and forgiveness. No matter what events rock our world and shake its order, the heart of Jesus' message will always be a firm foundation from which we can face the changes that may come.

May you truly know the message of Easter this year and always.

Rev Jenny



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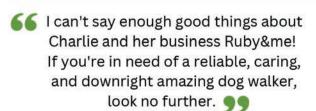
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Coaching is tailored to the individual and all levels are welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
HELEN HINDE ON
helen.hinde27@gmail.com or 07772 150276

Introducing Hughenden Ladies Running Group

Hello! I would like to introduce myself. I'm Helen Hinde, a Sports Coach with 15 years' coaching experience and top level UK Athletics coaching qualifications. 13 years ago I set up Hughenden Ladies Running Group as a way to get more women of all ages and abilities to get out running. In that time the group has evolved to be what it is today - over 50 members who form an inclusive, welcoming and sociable group who enjoy running together, making friends and challenging themselves at all levels. Whether it is literally to run with friends, do speed or hill reps, complete a local Park Run or, at the other extreme, to compete in half marathons, marathons and ultras, with my coaching skills I can accommodate all. You will often see us in the local area running on trails and in local parks – we move around for variety and often frequent the local coffee shops too, whether it be Bon Ami or Kingshill Kitchen!

For more information please see my ad and contact me on helen.hinde27@gmail. com07772 150276.

Helen Hinde



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

St John's School Hall 10am – 12pm £8 for 1 child £12 for 2 – (over 1 year) £14 for 3 in same family Over 11 years welcome as helpers Parents free.

A great variety of craft tables for all ages including painting, modelling, making a miniature garden

Hot Cross buns, tea, coffee and squash provided.

Easter Egg Hunt, Egg'n'Spoon races

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Tickets in advance to ensure entry into the Easter Egg Hunt from Jenny Stothard kindergymjenny@gmail.com, 07754 518034 or Canon Tony tony.bundock49@gmail.com but will also be available on the door

All included except for Easter themed Tombola.

Parish Church of Saint John the Evangelist Lacey Green, Loosley Row & Speen

PASSIONTIDE, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER April 2025

		April 2020
oril	6 th	PASSION SUNDAY (FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT)
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Communion with Hymns
	3.00pm	Bereavement Service
	13 th	PALM SUNDAY
	10.00am	Parish Communion with Liturgy of the Palms
	14 th	Monday of Holy Week
	7.00pm	Compline with Meditation
	15 th	Tuesday of Holy Week
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Compline with Meditation
	7.00pm	Compline with Meditation
	16 th	Wednesday of Holy Week
	7.00pm	Compline with Meditation
	17 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY
	7.00pm	Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper
		followed by stripping of the altar
	18 th	GOOD FRIDAY
	10.00am	Easter Extravaganza for children
		(in St. John's School)
	11.00am	CTR Service IN PRINCES RISBOROUGH HIGH STREET
	2.00pm	The Cross of Christ followed by prayers at the
		Cross in Church Lane
	20 th	EASTER DAY
	6.00am	Churches Together Sunrise Service ON WHITELEAF HILL
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) with lighting
		of the Paschal Candle
	10.00am	Family Communion with renewal of Baptismal yows
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- (1) the relief of persons resident in the Hughenden Parish Council area who are in need, hardship or distress.
- (2) the trustees may relieve persons in need by:
 - (a) making grants of money to them; or
 - (b) providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them; or
 - (c) making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need

We are in a position to offer small grants to residents in the area outlined in Pink below, Hughenden Parish, who may need a little help, e.g. those who cannot afford school trips, club subs, special equipment, respite care, etc., particularly, in these difficult times. Grants to be awarded to those in need of financial support who cannot otherwise afford such items.

If you run a local club or are involved with a local school and are aware of any residents who may like our support please do feel free to contact us and you may be able to apply on their behalf.

Application forms for grants can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary by email to lyn.marchant@btinternet. com or to the Hon. Secretary, "Brambles", Grange Road, Widmer End, Buckinghamshire, HP15 6AD







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