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ELLESBOROUGH VILLAGE & LOCAL EVENTS

Pilates

Mondays & Thursday Mornings - see page 44

> Ellesborough Village Hall

Parish Council Meetings Village Hall

17th March 7.30pm

AGM 12th May 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting 15th March 2025 8.00pm

Church Services

St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough and St Nic's Kids - see page 9

Forever Cycling Classes

Village Hall

Every other Thursday 1.15pm - 2.15pm

Disco Divas & Dad Dancers

Village Hall

Saturday 8rd March Saturday 12th April

Chiltern Neuro Centre pop-up art 1st to 2nd March

> **Bucks** art weeks 7th to 22nd June

Chiltern Ladies Stewart Hall Kimble 5th March

2nd April

7th May

4th June

Wendover Art Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month

7.30pm & 9.30pm

£ K & E Horticultural Society

Stewart Hall Kimble

First Tuesday Each Month, except Jan

Village Cake n Coffee

21st March 16th May

Qigong for beginners starts

Village Hall

Every Wednesday see page 40

The Ellesborough Ball Village Hall

Saturday 3rd May

Chairman's Letter

Thank you to our committee members and distributors

I would like to thank our committee members and distributors for their hard work and commitment in keeping the magazine running smoothly.

We appreciate our readers for your regular donations, which are essential to maintaining the quality of our publication. If you are interested in further supporting

the magazine, please consider using our standing order BACS facility.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Richard Jennings

Chairman



Ellesborough

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Letters

Your Local Councillor

Dear Residents

Please can I firstly thank residents who have contacted me on various issues, particularly our efforts in protecting our wonderful countryside and environment in the past and I will certainly continue in the future.

The local plan for Buckinghamshire is still being devised taking into account the extra housing now proposed by the government over the future years.

I will give an update when things become clearer.

I have always lobbied the Council on my residents behalf and tried my very best for our community and value the support that I receive.

So please continue to contact me.

Regards David

David.Carroll@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Local WhatsApp Group

To all Ellesborough Parishioners, you are welcome to join a private informal and friendly neighbourhood WhatsApp group. The group originally started with volunteers during the covid pandemic and has evolved and continued to keep

Club. We would really appreciate

your support again for 2025 - 2026.

going as a way to keep parishioners connected to our community, to share local information, events and activities, recommendations, to ask any relevant questions and to request and offer neighbourly assistance. If you would like to join,

please contact Amanda by email ellesboroughfollies@gmail.com providing your full name, contact number and address.

200 Club – Ellesborough Parish Hall

Please find below a list of 200 Club winners since November:

November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
f50 77 Matt Gloverf35 54 Helen Donnachief25 27 Michael Hinchcliffe	 £100 51 Steve Finch re-gifted back £50 43 Sheila Harding £35 56 Malcolm Crouch £25 16 Mark & Susan Hinchcliffe 	£50 126 Richard and Stacey Lyons£35 33 Mr & Mrs Stevens£25 81 Le and Len Newman
Thank you to all the people who are current members of the 200	Please see appeal letter in this magazine. Each and every member	this fun, local lottery. Be in it to win it!!

makes a big difference to our funds

so thank you again for taking part in

Letters

Health and Wellbeing on your doorstep...

We are pleased to confirm that the Village Hall is welcoming more activities than ever and it is great to see a full diary encouraging more people to enjoy the various sessions.

Perhaps one of them is of interest to you as follows:-

- Dog Training
- ColourWheel Art Group – page 23
- The Diamond Bridge Club
- Pilates page 44
- Qigong page 44
- African Drum Band
- Taylor Made Education
- Ellesborough
 Silver Band
- Private parties
- Permanent outdoor fitness equipment at the top corner of the overspill car park

If you are interested in any of the above, please check the magazine for details or get in touch with **Elizabeth Hine lizziehine40@icloud.com**

HIKERHUNDE

Is a new venture born from my love of training dogs and walking.

Explore the beautiful local countryside with others; the activity is a great enrichment option to build the bond between dog and handler whilst keeping fit in a gentler manner. The sessions include training in the use of equipment and how to train your dogs to work with you using the hiking cues, sessions will be monthly.

We are also running Canine Rally (obedience based) on a Monday afternoon at Ellesborough village hall. Feel free to get in touch if you would like to join in the fun!

Helen, Ellesborough resident. Enquires: hikerhunde@gmail.com

Also see page 37 for more details.

Ringing of the church bells

For many hundreds of years, the ringing of church bells has been used to mark important events ranging from international ones such as Remembrance Day to more personal ones such as weddings.

Ellesborough is fortunate to have a strong group of ringers (but we are always on the lookout for more members to join us) and we are always willing to ring the bells to mark occasions and events. However, whilst the ringers obviously know why the bells are being rung, the rest of the village on hearing the bells may not understand the reason they are ringing. So, in future whenever the bells are going to be rung outside of the normal ringing for services and practice on Wednesday evenings, we will advertise why they are ringing and the time. In the past, in addition to the normal significant events, we have rung for big number birthdays, anniversaries and other important family events. If you have an occasion that you would like the bells to be rung for, please contact the team well ahead of the date so we can arrange a team. Lastly, if you would like to come and see the bells being rung at any time you are welcome to come up to the tower.

The first event we will be ringing for (together with church bells throughout the country) will be the 80th anniversary of VE Day on the 8th of May at 6.30pm.

Rex Norris

200 Club Membership

Your Village Hall Needs You!

We really do appreciate your support and hope you agree that this annual appeal is a significant one in helping to keep the historic and landmark village hall vibrant and active.

Our expenditure in 2024 was mainly towards routine and emergency maintenance. We had a leak in the roof during the terrible wet weather and various odd jobs around the building.

This year however, sees a big project to refurbish the toilet facilities with a complete makeover for the comfort of our many visitors.

We also have plans for another big project next year whereby we hope to create a more accessible entrance at the rear of the property.

By joining again, or for the first time, an annual £20 subscription could make you one of the winners of two £100 prizes (May and December) and twelve prizes of £50, £35 and £25 drawn each month.

We really do appreciate your support and hope you agree that this annual appeal is a significant one in helping to keep the historic and landmark village hall vibrant and active.



200 Club - please enrol me for 2025-2026 draws

- I enclose payment of £20 for 12 monthly draws APRIL 2025 - MARCH 2026 (CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)
- or I have paid £20 by BACS to Santander Account 78526700 09-01-55 Please use reference '200 [your name]' THIS IS ESSENTIAL

Name and address:

Email:

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

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

Thank you

Sally Withey on behalf

Of The Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee



Village Ball – *Not long to wait!*



The Ellesborough Ball on Saturday 3rd May at the Ellesborough Village Hall

Guests will be welcomed with drinks on arrival and a three course meal.

They'll be a live band to fill the dance floor followed by the ever-entertaining Silent Disco.

As always, the village will have the chance to raise money for local charities with a game of heads or tails, the raffle and a silent auction.

There are just a few tickets left so please let us know soon if you'd like to attend. Tickets are £95 per person and can be purchased as a table of 10 (£950), a table of 12 (£1,140) or as individual tickets.

To buy your tickets or reserve a table please email sales@bxball.org

We look forward to seeing you at the Ball!



Parking Clearways



Opposite the golf club is a convenient pull-in that allows walkers arriving by car to access the bottom of Coombe Hill.

Even residents who live within walking distance of the lay-by use it to begin their walks, as the road lacks a pavement and has steep sides, leaving no safe place to stand away from traffic.

In 2021, Buckinghamshire County Council conducted a statutory consultation on Parking Movement and Speed Orders, including parking in the vicinity of Coombe Hill. In November, signs were installed on Wendover Road reading "No Stopping at Any Time on Verge or Footway," "No Stopping on Main Carriageway," and "No Waiting at Any Time." Additionally, yellow lines were added at Butlers Cross—both locations had not previously experienced any problems. The only result is to ensure that traffic using Wendover Road has a "clear way", with no expectation that other users such as pedestrians or horse riders have the right to be there. Meanwhile, no measures have been implemented near the problematic NT Car Park at The Scrubs Dunsmore.

The parish council is currently asking what evidence and public consultation feedback was actually used to make these decisions. (Parish Council Notes p41).

If you are interested in supporting the residents' right to have a say in how these issues are addressed, please contact: *ellesborough.parking@proton.me*

Church Services

St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough

March Services

Sunday 2nd 10.45 – Songs of Praise Sunday 9th 10.45 – Parish Communion

Sunday 16th 10.45 – Matins (BCP) Sunday 23rd 10.45 – Parish Communion

Sunday 30th No service



Sunday 6th 10.45 Songs of Praise Sunday 13th 10.45 Parish Communion

Sunday 20th 10.45 Easter Communion

Sunday 27th 10.45 Parish Communion

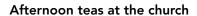
May Services

Sunday 4th 10.45 Songs of Praise Sunday 11th 10.45 Parish Communion

Sunday 18th 10.45 Matins (BCP)

Sunday 25th 10.45 Parish Communion





Could you spare one Sunday afternoon every now and then to help out?

Once again this year we would like to continue our annual teas and cakes event on Sundays and Bank Holidays, from Easter until the end of September

As many of you know this has become a well loved tradition in the village and amongst the many walkers and visitors many of whom have been coming for over 20 years.



Over the past two or three years we have lost several of our volunteers who had supported this event since it's conception, we would love to increase our volunteer numbers to accommodate this shortfall.

You do not have to bake, (although it does help) we just need friendly, smiley people to welcome the many visitors to our church

Donations of home baked cakes are always welcome. Please contact Liz Norris 07979292234 elizabeth.norris1@btinternet.com for more information.

St Nic's Kids





Sunflower Growing Competition

As we approach spring its great to be thinking about getting back into the garden and planting sunflower seeds is a lovely way for children to get green fingered.

We'd love to see all the efforts of children within the village and show off some photos of the tallest ones!

Directions:

- Sunflower seeds can be sowed directly into the ground in late April or early May, but it's recommended to sow them in pots in late March or April.
- Keep them on a sunny windowsill.
- Once they are around 30cm tall and and the risk of frost has passed then plant them into a rich soil.
- As the Sunflowers grow, tie them to canes to stop them blowing over. Remember to water them through the summer to keep them growing!

Don't forget to send us pictures for us to share in our September Edition. Happy Planting!!

Send Photo to: edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com



Easter Egg Hunt Trails

Buckmoore End Farm Shop, Ellesborough

Friday 18th – Monday 21st April 10pm – 4pm

Hughenden Manor, High Wycombe

29th March – 21st April 2025 10am – 4pm

Princes Risborough Easter Trail, High Street

Monday 7th – Saturday 19th April Check PR Council website for further details

Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry

The Big Easter Bunny Hunt Saturday 29th March – Monday 21st April 10am – 5.30pm

Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury

Wednesday 9th – Sunday 13th April Wednesday 16th – Monday 21st April 10am – 5pm

Mother's Day Puzzle page



Mother's Day Word Search

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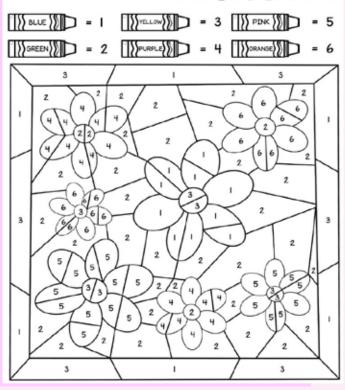
CARD CARING CELEBRATE CHILDREN FAMILY FLOWERS HOUDAY LOVING MAY MOM MOTHER PARENT



16. Warm embrace.



Color by **NUMBER**



Nature Notes

Just How Do Birds Survive the Cold in Winter?

We've already had some pretty chilly cold snaps this winter – with maybe more to come. With temperatures below -5oC overnight on several occasions, you may have wondered just how our resident garden birds, both large and small, can survive these bitter cold nights.

As you can probably imagine, our garden birds have become very adaptable in order to survive in our harsh winter climate and have evolved several strategies to beat these freezing temperatures. Some of these actions are more obvious than others so what kind of strategies are we talking about?





Flocking Together at Night and During the Day

Huddling together during the cold of the night helps conserve body heat, and by roosting together birds also improve their chance of survival from predators. **Starlings** are famous for their winter murmurations, when hundreds and thousands can gather before dusk, wheeling and turning in the darkening sky before heading for a sheltered spot such as an empty building, leafless tree, under a seaside pier or a bed of swaying, yellow reeds. **Rooks** and **Jackdaws** also form large roosts during winter.

If you walk around a woodland in winter, you may be forgiven for wondering where all the birds have gone. In fact, there are likely to be plenty of birds about, but instead of being evenly spread throughout the

area, several species group together in a loose, mixed feeding flock. Spot a **Blue Tit** and among the throng you may also see **Great Tits**, **Long-tailed Tits**, tiny **Goldcrests** and more.

Flocking together in winter improves the chances of locating food and there's also safety in numbers. When birds feed, they can be more vulnerable to predators, and to keep their energy levels up against the cold, birds have to spend a lot of time feeding.

Puffing Up for Warmth

Think of a **Robin** on a cold winter's day and many of us imagine a plump little ball with two stick legs! The reason for their round appearance is not an over-indulgence on fat balls at Christmas. Instead, **Robins**,

like many other birds, fluff up their feathers when it's cold. Doing so increases the amount of air held against their bodies which in turn helps prevent heat loss. Birds also grow more downy feathers in the colder months, and these soft feathers found closest to the skin also help keep birds warm in winter.

Finding Shelter

Shelter is essential for birds during winter. Trees, bushes and even man-made structures provide vital protection from harsh winds and snow. Some species, like Woodpeckers, carve out holes in trees for nesting and roosting. Others, such as Owls, utilise existing cavities to escape the elements. Birdhouses and nest boxes can also be lifesaving, offering a safe haven during storms.





Adjusting their Diets and Eating All Day

Staying warm requires energy, and birds adjust their diets to meet this demand. In winter, many birds switch to eating high-fat foods like seeds, nuts, and suet, which provide the necessary calories. For species like Woodpeckers and Nuthatches, insects hibernating in bark become a vital source of protein. The greatest test for wild birds in winter is to find food and ensure they eat enough of it to build and maintain adequate fat supplies to store on the body and burn for energy. The smallest birds, like Blue Tits and Goldcrests, have to effectively feed throughout the hours of daylight in winter and consume a vast quantity of food - as much as 30% of their body weight - to make sure they build the necessary fat reserves to get them through the long, cold nights.

Heading for a Feeder

During a particularly cold spell, you will almost certainly notice more birds coming into your garden to seek sanctuary from the harsher environment in the countryside - particularly if you provide high energy food such as suet, seeds or nuts on a regular basis. The variety of species may increase too and you may be lucky enough to attract more unusual visitors such as Blackcaps and Bramblings. We see a resident **Blackcap** at our garden feeder most days. You may well also witness a flurry of bird activity first thing in the morning as they replenish energy lost overnight and last thing in the afternoon to prepare for the long night ahead.

How You Can Help

Birds are a testament to nature's resilience. From their insulating feathers to their clever roosting habits, they've evolved countless ways to endure winter's hardships. Next time you spot a **Sparrow** puffed up on a snowy branch take a moment to marvel at their remarkable adaptations. And if you're feeling generous, consider filling a feeder with seeds or putting out fresh water—small acts of kindness can go a long way in

helping birds through the long winter season.

Winter may be tough, but for birds, it's just another challenge that they're brilliantly equipped to face. Let's do our part to support them and appreciate the genius of their survival skills.

Doug West



Ellesborough Parish Cleanup

Sunday 6th April

Volunteers meet at 11:00 at Ellesborough Parish Hall.

Litter pickers and bags will be provided - please wear gloves and a high-viz jacket if you have one.

Any qeries, please contact Janette on 696688 or Judith on 622033.





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

Buckmoorend Farm



Happy New Year everyone! If it's still ok to say that as I write this in full swing of the new year, already in February?!





We are all tentatively stepping into 2025 on the farm after a tricky couple of years with government changes, the poor wet weather and a few added challenges. We hold our heads high and optimistically look to a more positive year ahead hoping this time to reap what we sow!

Farmer Daniel, Richard and Mark have been filling their days with the typical Winter farm jobs of fixing, mending and tidying whilst looking after the cows that are over-wintered in our cowshed. It is particularly chilly as I write this so I am sure they are pleased to have the additional shelter and warmth of a well bedded barn right now! We have also just started clearing out and prepping the lambing shed ready to bring the ewes in in March. Spring is not far

away! We are due to start lambing around 27th March and although our scanning rate is not as high as we had hoped for at 175% (over 200% is what we strive for, with every ewe having twins) we look forward to a strong and healthy flock of new lambs.

In the farm shop we have been settling into the calm after the end of year Christmas chaos. Thank you to everyone who supported us and ordered their Christmas meats last year, we hope you all enjoyed a wonderful festive feast and had a great time with family and friends. We have run a few special offers to celebrate the start of the new year, Valentines Day and now we're gearing up towards Easter. Don't forget to place your Easter lamb

orders! We have also launched our new loyalty card scheme. Spend over £60 4 times and get 10% off your next meat purchase. We know with rising costs all around us times are tight for some yet we also know how much our community wants to support local, for which we are grateful, so we hope this helps a bit.

We will be running our annual Easter Egg trail over the Easter holidays too so if you are looking for an activity to enjoy with the kids do pop up. Also, we will be running Open Farm Sunday again this year on 8th June so add it to the calendar to come and enjoy some family activities as well as some insight into what goes on behind the farming scenes. We'd love to see you.





As always, thank you for all your support.

Pop in to see us in the farm shop & kitchen soon!

Daniel, Steph & all the team at Buckmoorend Farm

Exercise, Health and Well-being: The benefits of being more active

Exercise not only changes your body, but it also changes your mind, attitude & mood.

The New Year is an ideal time to focus on health and well-being, kickstart a new fitness regime, try a new activity or find complementary therapies. Here are some activities which are on our doorstep.



Pilates





Anna Rebecca Taylor – My love of teaching and practising Pilates.

Having enjoyed Pilates for over ten years myself, four years ago, I decided it was time to share my passion, and I decided to train and qualify as a Pilates teacher and to teach what I regularly practise.

Pilates is a safe and controlled method of exercising, suitable for all ages and abilities. We focus on the alignment and posture of the body, as well as improving strength, balance, flexibility and coordination. The list is endless. But it is not just about the body, we focus on the body and mind connection. Looking after both our physical and mental wellbeing is equally as important as each other. Pilates can both relax, challenge and refocus the mind. In any of my classes, you would expect to feel like you have worked every area of your body, moving in sequences from one part of the body to the next, focusing on moving and working the body as a whole, leaving no area untouched.

Anna Taylor

annataylorpilates@gmail.com 07901 916264

Not only is Pilates a fantastic way to exercise, it is also a great support when keeping your bodies mobile and strong, enabling us to partake in other sports, often of which can be hard hitting on our bodies. For me, Pilates enables me to run without injury and occasionally tackle the snowy ski slopes, with half a chance of keeping up with the children.

I now teach four regular classes in Ellesborough Village Hall. I hope to start some more classes this Spring and I am always happy to see clients for 1:1 sessions, or in small groups if preferred. Looking ahead to the Spring and Summer months, I plan to run some classes and workshops outdoors, making the most of the beautiful area we live in alongside the trees and nature, soaking up the sunshine and fresh air, all of which is so beneficial for our health. Do please get in touch if you are interested in Pilates or have any other queries.





Running

Running is great for fitness and when you can step straight in to Chiltern Hills – it makes it even better!





Thame Runners

I have been a member of Thame Runners for 16 years and enjoyed the friendships and fitness throughout. Whether a beginner or a fanatic, there is something for everyone throughout the week and year. I, personally, love the SWET runs (Summer Wednesday Evening Training) where we run, off road in ability groups, through stunning areas of our surrounding countryside – and enjoy a social drink afterwards. (Judith Harper)

Thame Runners is a friendly, mixed ability running club, offering regular structured training sessions, to help runners of all abilities to improve their running. Perfect if you're aiming to run further or faster or simply looking to run with sociable company.

The Club was established by local resident & runner Leo Smale in 1983, and Thame Runners (TR) was officially founded in 1984. At that time there were just 24 members. In October 2024 we reached the milestone of 200 members – this is a huge achievement!

In addition to the increased global interest in running and its associated physical and mental health benefits, our growth is likely to be attributed to our Couch to 5K, 5K to 10K programmes and the ever-popular annual CPM Thame 10k race in June. We have a small separate race committee that organises this event, with

marshalling provided by TR members, their families & friends with proceeds of over £5,000 donated to local charities in 2024.

We have an even ratio of men & women members and whilst the majority of our runners are aged between 35-49, our youngest are in their 20's and our oldest is 84 (and still leads sessions!). Thame Runners is managed by a small committee of volunteers who are supported by a wider community of our members. Together, we are able to offer safe, structured & inclusive run sessions, coaching, a Club Championship race calendar and other opportunities such as participation in the Oxford Cross Country league (XC).

Interested? Find out more at https://www.thamerunners.club/



Exercise, Health and Well-being: The benefits of being more active continued

Walking

There are plenty of regular organised walks in the area, catering to a range of distances and abilities. Most are based around Wendover, with shorter walks staying local and longer ones venturing further afield.





Simply Walk

Wendover - Every Tuesday at 10am

Two guided walks depart from the Clock Tower each week:

- Level 1: Up to 1 hour over flat terrain
- Level 3: Up to 1.5 hours, including some hills and woodland paths

The **Wendover Christian Centre (HP22 6JG)** is open for refreshments afterward, and walkers are welcome to use the car park.

http://buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk

Ramblers - Aylesbury Group

With Chilterns scenery and the Vale of Aylesbury nearby, most walks take place in Buckinghamshire, with occasional routes extending into Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire, and London.

Walk options:

- Tuesdays: ~4 miles at a gentle 2 mph pace
- Thursdays: 6–9 miles at a moderate pace
- Sundays: Up to 14 miles for those looking for a challenge

Join us

No membership is required to join a walk—just turn up. If you enjoy the group, we encourage you to join the **Ramblers' Association** to support us.

The times listed are the actual start times, so please arrive a few minutes early to get ready and for a short briefing.

https://www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk/

U3A Walking Groups

Wendover U3A offers a variety of walking options for its own members and those from other U3As.

Four walks per month, ranging from 2 to 6 miles

- Shorter walks explore the Wendover area
- Longer walks venture further afield

The walks are planned and led by members, providing a great mix of exercise and social interaction.

Enquiries: membership@wendoveru3a.org.uk https://wendover.u3asite.uk/membership/

Dog Walking Group

Hikerhunde

Cani-Hiking is the perfect way to bond with your dog while enjoying the outdoors, led by experienced guides who'll take you on breathtaking trails across this stunning Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

- Suitable for active dogs and owners capable of walking up to an hour on varied terrain
- Friendly group atmosphere and expert tips for hiking with dogs

https://www.facebook.com/hiker.hunde Enquires: hikerhunde@gmail.com

Cycling

Our area offers fantastic cycling opportunities, including off-road, gravel, and road cycling. Joining a club provides the benefit of learning from more experienced riders, discovering the best routes, and, of course, knowing where to find the best coffee and cake—whatever the season.



For those interested in off-road and gravel cycling, **Ortec** at **Buckmoorend Farm** is an excellent place to start.

For road cycling, **Cycling UK** runs beginner-friendly rides on Sundays and Wednesdays, allowing you to build up to longer distances as your fitness and experience improve.

https://www.cyclinguk.org/group/aylesbury-cycling-uk (Sundays)

https://www.cyclinguk.org/local-groups/south-bucks-midweek (Wednesdays)

Breeze Cycling for women aimed at getting more women riding bikes for fun and fitness by setting up a nationwide network of guided rides run for women, by women, at a leisurely pace with an inclusive atmosphere. Breeze is all about remembering how good it is to ride a bike with friends. Organised by British Cycling trained Breeze Champions, these free rides explore local, accessible routes in small friendly groups. Rides vary in length from 5 miles to 45 miles and there is usually a coffee and cake stop en route. What's not to like? Please contact Suzie Wood if you would like to know more about Breeze locally. Suzie lives in Ellesborough and cycles regularly with a group from Amersham &

Hughenden. Contact details are: suzievah@hotmail.com. https://www.letsride.co.uk/breeze



If you're looking for a moderate challenge, **Aylesbury Cycling Club** offers road rides on Saturdays, Sundays, and Thursday evenings during the summer. These nondrop rides typically cover 40–50 miles and include a coffee stop for a social catch-up.

https://www.strava.com/clubs/aylesbury-cycling-club or aylesburycycling@gmail.com

Richard Jennings



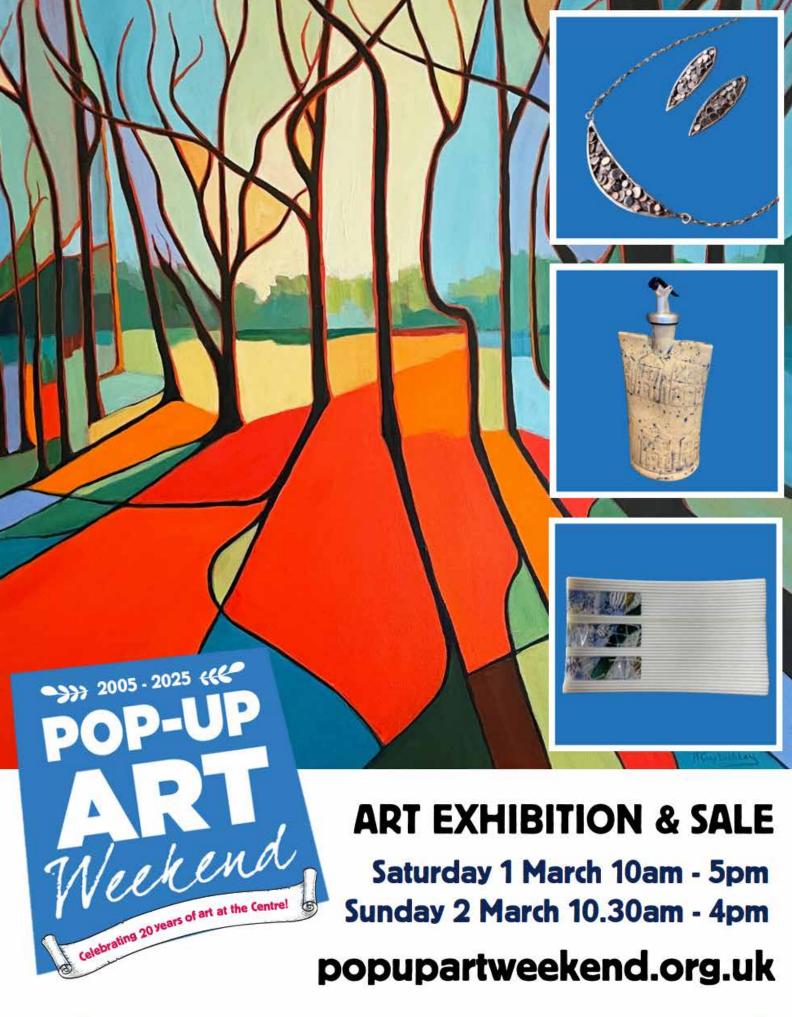
Disco Divas and Dancers

ELLESBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL £10 CASH ON ENTRY COME ALONG AND ENJOY A SOCIAL EVENING WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DANCE TO 70'S 80'S AND 90'S MUSIC

8TH MARCH & 12TH APRIL

7.30PM - 10PM RSVP 07515 120066

@REALLYGREATSITE





Chilterns Neuro Centre Wendover, HP22 5LX



Wendover Art Club

Wendover meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, September to May, from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Our venue is; St Anne's Hall, Wendover Christian Centre, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG.

We cater for all levels of experience and interest in drawn and painted media. Please note there is a charge of £10 for admission to demonstrations for non member guests and of £2 to Creative Evenings.

February 2025

13th – Creative evening – "Making your Mark" with Liz Boote helping us to realise that paint brushes are not the only tool for an artist.

22nd – **Saturday workshop** – **Gary Spencer** – acrylic and collage harbour scene.

27th – Peter Keegan demonstrating a garden landscape in oils.

For me this is a not to be missed session. Peter's approach to all his work is very fluid with an influence of the 'expressionists' that lends colour and movement.

March 2025

13th – Creative evening of 'Rapid Sketching' with Liz Boote. All too often we take far too long to create a sketch or painting this is a chance to find out how effective a few lines created in a short time can be.

27th – Demonstration by Leila Ward of a watercolour riverscape with reflections in the style of Turner.

April 2025

10th – Creative evening 'Blind Abstract' in watercolour or acrylic, led by Lori North.

12th – Saturday workshop with Heather McDowell of 'Landscape' in acrylic.

Heather has very fluid style with acrylics, so do have a look at her website.

24th – Tushar Sabale demonstrates a figure group in oils.

A new name to our group, but one to look forward to. Again do have a look at his website to see his work which is quite amazing.

May 2025

8th – Creative evening – "Don't Look Now" I won't say anything else except bring a board, paper and pencils and have some fun.

22nd – DVD and Social before we all dash off on holidays.





Art Corner

"If you hear a voice within you say, 'You cannot paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced" – Vincent Van Gogh.

Colour Wheel Inspired Art Classes

Colour Wheel:

A chance to take up art - on your doorstep!



Our adult art classes at Ellesborough Parish Hall are for beginners and improvers and are mixed media using charcoal, graphite, watercolours, pastels, and acrylics.

Our fun art teacher, Jo, teaches the foundations of drawing and painting; the lessons are highly creative and inspire students to gain the knowledge and experience they need to allow them to be able to develop their own style and discover their preferred choice of media. These fine art techniques are progressively applied to charcoal, graphite, watercolour pencils, watercolour paints, watercolour inks, pen and ink, pastels, and acrylics.

The classes are friendly and fun, with lots of concentration as well as laughter but you also truly learn some wonderful art skills. We start off with the basics, teaching you to draw three dimensionally using light and shade, bringing your work to life on the paper and

move on from there covering different subjects and techniques. If you allow yourself three hours a week to be creative, you will be amazed at what you can achieve!

We are very excited to be able to run our wonderful adult art classes at Ellesborough Parish Hall. We limit the number of students that can attend our classes so that you feel safe and have ample time with your tutor and likeminded people who you will soon call your friends.

richard@colourwheelartclass.co.uk

https://colourwheelartclass.co.uk/product/art-classes-butlers-cross/ 07918046325

Kindest regards

Richard & Stacey Lyons
Colour wheel Butlers Cross

If you have any Arty news, for our "Art Corner," & would like to share it through the magazine – please contact: Judith Harper jd25.harper@gmail.com

Gardening in Ellesborough

'Lo, the winter is passed, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth' - Song of Soloman.



Well, the rain may well have been over and gone in biblical Palestine but I am not so sure about right now in the lee of the Chilterns. It is raining as I write this and is forecast for at least the next few days. The winter has not been kind to us. Work in the garden came to a halt sometime towards the end of November. It has been a mixed bag of weather some frost, prolonged cold spells, a short dry spell, near hurricane gales and inches more rain in the gauge and the water tables rising.

The good news is that the flowers are appearing. Snowdrops are putting on a good show throughout the spring borders and those planted down the lane are spreading and lighten-up the gloomy days. Next up were the aconites and now the early crocus are beginning to display. The isolated early daffodils will soon be joined by the swathes of later flowerers. The huge catkins on the Garrya 'James Root' shrub hang like a huge green waterfall.

Thankfully, we will soon be out and work will resume with late winter pruning, cutting back herbaceous plants left for winter effect and wildlife food sources, weeds are growing so no let-up there, compost spreading and new planting. The Head Gardener will be back to production in the green house. All as the sun warms the soil and the workers. Spring is almost with us and optimism for a glorious summer of gardening beckons.

Tony Young February 2025

Bluebell time in the ancient woodlands of Buckinghamshire

Bluebells are a good indicator of ancient woodland and fortunately, we still have a number of those in Buckinghamshire especially in the Chilterns.





Many of the sites we mention below have links so you have more information and ideas for walks.

Now there is a slight improvement in the weather and the longer days of daylight you may have noticed the bluebells have started to appear in the Buckinghamshire woodlands and on the roadsides. Bluebells are often associated with fairy folklore and are sometimes called 'fairy thimbles'. Young children can enjoy imagining calling fairies by pretending to ring the bluebells (without touching them of course!).

While this flower is native to western Europe, the UK is home to about half the world's population of bluebells. This vibrant wildflower does important work providing food for

pollinating woodland insects while also creating a fantastic spectacle throughout our ancient woodlands.

Did you know:

- The bluebell has many names: English bluebell, wild hyacinth, wood bell, bell bottle, Cuckoo's Boots, Wood Hyacinth, Lady's Nightcap and Witches' Thimbles, Hyacinthoides non-scripta
- It is against the law to intentionally pick, uproot or destroy bluebells
- If you plant bluebells, you should make sure it's the English bluebell, not the Spanish version. This is a more vigorous plant and could out-compete our delicate native flower

- Almost half the world's bluebells are found in the UK, they're relatively rare in the rest of the world
- Bluebell colonies take a long time to establish - around 5-7 years from seed to flower
- Bluebells can take years to recover after footfall damage.
 If a bluebell's leaves are crushed, they die back from lack of food as the leaves cannot photosynthesize
- In the Bronze Age, bluebell sap was used to attach feathers to arrows and has also been used to bind pages in the spines of books.

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

Local Bluebell Locations

Coombe Hill – head up to Coombe Hill and from the car park and enter the woods to Lower Scrubs.

Dockey Woods – Part of the Ashridge Estate, chargeable entrance and will get very busy. There are natural barriers restricting access to the bluebells and smaller paths in order to protect them.

Finemere Wood, Aylesbury

Wendover Woods – lots of bluebells to be seen and in the surrounding woods as you drive up Aston Hill. You can also enjoy the play trail or cycle trails. the new cafe and car park was finished last year but means it now gets very busy and some days the main gates even get closed before midday. **Westwood Park** – enjoy a walk in the woods surrounding Chalfont and Chenies with wonderful views as you head down towards either Chenies or Latimer.

Let us know your favourite area for bluebells: websiteadmin@bucksgardenstrust.org.uk

Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society

Our monthly meetings are held at Stewart Hall.

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.



March



AGM Tuesday 4th – 7 15 pm

Colour in a Small Garden Tuesday 4th – 8 00 pm

Timothy Walker's talk is inspired by the Oxford Botanic Gardens gold medal-winning exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show. It explains some of the theory employed by artists and gardeners to achieve a variety of effects. The theory is supported by examples of specific colour combinations from a previous garden of 1/5 acre and his new much smaller garden.

April



Growing Food Not Gluts Tuesday 1st – 8 00 pm

Hazel Roberts from Jam MK will be looking at how gluts can be avoided during the planning and planting process of a kitchen garden and then exploring ways to use what you have grown so that it doesn't go to waste.

SPRING SHOW – Stewart Hall Sunday 6th – 2 00 to 4 30 pm

Come and enjoy some beautiful displays of Spring flowers and enjoy delicious home-made cakes. If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting please see the Spring Show Information on our website.

May



New Naturalistic Gardening Tuesday 6th – 8 00 pm

Amber Hine, who trained in garden design at Capel Manor College, returns to look at the rising popularity of looking to nature to design our natural spaces. She'll be using examples from contemporary garden and landscape gardeners employing this process and looking at the wonders of perennials, meadows and woodland edges.

PLANT SALE – Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross

Saturday 10th – 10 00 to 11 30 am

This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early – everything will be sold by about 11 am on past form.

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

Visitors are always welcome. If you decide you would like to join please make yourself known to any Committee member or contact Liz O'Donnell, Membership Secretary, at kehs.bucks@outlook.com.

Please see our website for more information about our events and membership. **www.kehs.uk**

DOUBLE CHEESE & SPRING

VEGETABLE FLAN

The Kimble Point to Point is back on Easter Saturday and what could be better than a day out with a homemade picnic with friends and family (with a few little bets on the side!).

This savoury dish has a crumbly cheesy base, can be made ahead and is filled with goat's cheese and spring vegetables, including seasonal asparagus.

Ingredients (Serves 8)

- 500g shortcrust pastry (homemade or bought!)
- Plain Flour for rolling out
- 25g mature cheddar cheese (grated) (optional if you don't want cheese pastry)
- 200g asparagus spears (woody ends trimmed)
- 100g freshly podded or frozen peas 2 eggs (beaten)
- 100g crème fraiche
- 150ml single or double cream
- Whole nutmeg (grated)
- 100g watercress
- 300g goats cheese

Method

- 1. Roll the pastry out into a rectangle on a work surface lightly dusted with flour. If making the cheese pastry, scatter over the cheese, fold the pastry in half and roll out again into a circle that fits a 25cm tart tin with an overhang. Chill for 20 mins.
- 2. Meanwhile, cook the asparagus in boiling water for 3 mins, then drain and refresh under cold water. Cook the fresh peas the same way for a minute or simply defrost the frozen peas.
- 3. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Prick the base of the tart well with a fork, line with baking parchment and fill with baking beans. Bake the tart for 20 mins, remove the parchment and beans, prick again if it has puffed up, then bake for another 10 mins until biscuit brown.
- 4. Meanwhile, beat the eggs in a bowl, add the crème fraîche and cream, season and add a pinch of freshly grated nutmeg. Scatter the peas and most of the watercress over the tart and crumble over half the goat's cheese. Pour over the creamy egg mixture, then lay the asparagus spears on top. Finally, slice the remaining goat's cheese and arrange on top.
- 5. Bake for 25-30 mins until the custard is just set and the cheese is golden brown. Leave to cool in the tin, trim the edges of the pastry, then remove from the tin, scatter with the remaining watercress and serve cut into slices. Can be made up to a day ahead, leave out the fridge to keep the pastry crisp.

If you have a favourite seasonal recipe and would like to share it through the magazine please contact: Judith Harper – jd25.harper@gmail.com



Bring on Spring! (please?) Dunsmore update

How wonderful that we haven't had the extreme weather occurring farther north. But in Dunsmore, we've had enough rain. And more than enough wind, at least for now.



By the end of January, the daffodils were coming up, though not yet in bud. Snowdrops were showing us their beautiful white blossoms. And the crocuses in the lawn were about to burst. Next stop? Bluebells, naturally -- ready to cheer our walks through the glorious woodlands.

Things have been sociably busy in the village. Cast our minds back (waaay back) to November, when the annual **Quiz and Chips Night** was held in the Village Hall. Five eager teams filled the tables, ready for anything Chris and Margaret Royal could throw at them. Spelling? Check. History? Check. Politics?

You name it. Brains in gear, let the fun commence. At the end of the six rounds, three teams were tied and the others close behind. A run-off ensued, and we finally had a winner: Team 'Missing Richard'. (They really didn't need you, did they?) Congrats to everyone involved: players, question setters and food deliverers. A splendid evening was had by all.

In early December, the now-annual trek to **The Mill at Sonning** took place. Sixteen villagers and guests gathered to enjoy 'White Christmas,' the much-loved Irving Berlin songand-dance fest. An early Christmas dinner started things off nicely, and

you'd never know the rain was coming down in buckets outside – warm, dry theatre-goers even got a sprinkling of 'snow'. The consensus: best one yet! This year, thanks to some quick work on Tod Weller's part, a group of 20 in the Dunsmore delegation will see 'My Fair Lady' as a pre-holiday treat.

Tina Edmondstone again ran her popular **Wreath Making Workshop** in the hall for eleven attendees, and some of the results were truly gorgeous! Several participants are getting so good at this that their efforts look very much like the work of a professional! Great work, everyone, and special thanks to Tina for her creative and organisational

skills. Her efforts raised a substantial amount for the Village Hall coffers. (PHOTO)

Our annual Winter Warmer took place in the Village Hall on Friday, December 20th. As always, the mulled wine was flowing, and mince pies were available all evening. The hall was packed, as dozens of friends and neighbours exchanged holiday greetings and shared plans for their own festivities. The VH was looking very festive, indeed, as the previous day a Ladies' Tree-Trimming and Coffee Morning got busy decorating the tree as well as other aspects of the hall. There's nothing like getting that tree decorated to truly say 'Christmas Is Coming'!

Overdue. much awaited and joyously welcomed, **Zachary Wilson Lavarine** was born on December 28th. Hannah and Joshua were delighted to have their 7-pound 9-ounce son finally arrive. Grandparents Paula and Adrian were overjoyed to meet him and pleased with the healthy new addition to the Wilson family. Many congratulations from your Dunsmore friends and neighbours.

The holidays behind us, we were looking for something more relaxing in January. So the DVHA presented 'Film and Chilli Night' in the hall. Cold, damp winter evenings are the perfect time to partake of a warming jacket potato covered in chilli and all the trimmings. It's even better when the film is the classic 'Blazing Saddles', Mel Brooks' assault on Wild West, racist, and antieverything you can think of.

Who can forget KKK robes with 'Have a Nice Day' slogans on the back?

February 15th is earmarked for a **Beetle Drive**, but our deadline means we're unable to report on what will likely be a thoroughly enjoyable evening in the Village Hall.

Village Social Evenings, our Friday night get-togethers, continue

through the Winter inside the Village Hall. Everyone enjoys meeting with friends and family to catch up, moan about HS2 and think about the future of Dunsmore. We all look forward to better weather so we can gather on the Common for outdoor games on these First Fridays.

Coming Soon

The Dunsmore Village Hall Association has planned a year full of activities and events for all/any villagers to enjoy. These are subject to alteration, so – as always – check your emails for up-to-date details, and put the dates on your calendars and in your diaries. So far:

March

Friday, March 7th

Village Social Evening

Saturday, March 15th

Wine Tasting (TBA)

Village Cleanup,
followed by coffee and cake

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April

Friday, April 4th Village Social Evening

Saturday, April 27th Bluebell Walk, followed by bacon butties

May

Friday, May 2nd Village Social Evening

Saturday, May 31st Special Event TBA (Save the date!)

And then we hope our Summer Events Calendar will be full of activities for all villagers and their families to enjoy! So keep an eye on your emails, and watch for the June issue of the Ellesborough Magazine.

Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore



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On **Christmas Day** we had an ecumenical service lead by Father Sean O'Gorman which, although different to our usual communion service, was very well received by a sizeable congregation.

We are hoping to have a service on **Easter Day**, 20th April. This has yet to be confirmed so please keep an eye open for the poster on the notice board or for an email from the trustees, we welcome all villagers to the service.

We have now finalised the dates for our three **Cream Teas** this summer, they will be on Sundays starting at 2.30pm and finishing at 5.00pm. The days are the 18th May, the 8th June and the 6th July. We will have gazebos at hand to shield you from the gloriously hot sun or the odd drizzle or downpour! We are now accepting card payments although would prefer cash as the internet is rather slow and intermittent!

Our visitors always comment on the delicious variety of our homemade cakes, thank you to everyone who has so generously supplied them over the years. All the hard work of our bakers deserves to be enjoyed by as many people as possible. Please come along with your friends and family for a relaxing afternoon and the opportunity to socialise with others from our community and further afield.

This year we have decided to also hold a **Plant Sale**, which will enable all the green fingered villagers to give their surplus seedlings and plants to the church and for us all to buy them knowing they thrive in the conditions we experience up here. The plant sale will be on Saturday the 17th May (the day before our first cream tea). The sale will be from 10am to noon but plants can be dropped off from 8am. If you are donating plants can you please label them. If planting seeds, please pop in a few extra ones and if you are removing plants from your garden which have self-seeded in the wrong place please put them in a pot ready for the sale. This will be a great opportunity to extend the range of plants in your garden.

Cream Teas at Dunsmore Church



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

2.30—5.00pm Sunday, 18th May 2025 Sunday, 8th June 2025 Sunday, 6th July 2025 Sunday, 31st August 2025

Proceeds go to the maintenance of our lovely village church

The Chiltern Ladies

The Chiltern Ladies were delighted to be Highly Commended in the North West Chilterns Community Board 'Outstanding Group Award' in the Pride of Bucks ceremony. The board recognised and applauded their outstanding community contribution in the local area, running a welcoming, friendly and supportive group.

At the December meeting, The President, Mrs Annie Adams welcomed members, most of whom were wearing their colourful Christmas jumpers and jewellery. Members were extra generous with their gifts for the food bank with Christmas in mind. There was an absolutely wonderful selection of homemade baked goods for sale, beautifully decorated Christmas cakes, jams, chutneys and hand made gifts.

Arrangements were made for our day trip to Bennington Lordship to see the snowdrops in February, we will enjoy lunch at Vanstone Garden Centre.

We were entertained by the Kensal Duo who sang songs - from ABBA to Christmas Carols and everything in between, we needed no encouragement to join in and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. There were home made mince pies and Christmas cake for tea, and we were all presented with a Christmas card and gift before we left for home.

At the January meeting, the Vice President, Mrs. Norma Cole chaired the meeting. She spoke of the many things we have to look forward to in the coming year. A visit to Capel Manor Gardens in May and Warwick Castle in June. The London group will visit the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden. A holiday in Cornwall is planned for the Autumn.

We do not have a speaker in January ever mindful that the weather might be bad and the speaker unable to attend. Members were invited to 'Show and Tell.' Monica spoke about an interesting collection of very small coins she owns in a leather presentation box. A penny, a two, three and a fourpenny coin dated 1865 with Queen Victoria on one side.

Dee told us about a very pretty ring she inherited from her mother who died when Dee was only 14 month's old. Jean told us a sad story about her mother who was among the first wave of children evacuated to America at the start of World War II, to stay with an Aunt and Uncle in New Jersey. She stayed with them until both her relatives had died when she was 16 years old. As she had no means of supporting herself so she was deported, sent back to England. She never quite settled down to the English way of life and was forever discontented. We also heard from Sue whose father was a miner and was in the mine's rugby team, he had won a medal, which Sue had made into a medallion which she wore with pride.

The President welcomed 2 new members to our February meeting and there were several visitors. She also welcomed Andrea Caff, representing our Charity of the Year CHAT, and presented her with a generous cheque for the money we had collected. Andrea said it would help provide respite care for children with special needs, also treats like horse riding lessons and day trips out.

Several more dates to put in our diaries were announced, including our regular coffee morning, followed by lunch, this month at Orchard View Farm.

The speaker was local guy Michael White, an occasional actor who told wonderfully amusing stories about his years as a film extra. In one low budget film he had played the part of the murderer, the corpse and the policeman. An excellent raconteur - can recommend!

The Chiltern Ladies meet at Stuart Hall, Kimble, on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 pm.

Visitors are always made welcome.

Great Kimble School Autumn News

The Autumn term was a resounding success for Great Kimble C of E Primary School. With a warm welcome extended to new families and staff members, everyone quickly settled into the vibrant and nurturing school community.



Love, Learn, Live





The school prides itself on fostering a family atmosphere, and the seamless integration of new members is a testament to the inclusive and supportive environment cultivated at Kimble.

Throughout the Autumn term, students embarked on an exciting historical journey. Delving into the rich tapestry of history, they explored various fascinating periods, from the reigns of Kings and Queens to the wonders of Ancient Greece and the mysteries of Ancient Egypt. Their learning extended even closer to home as they investigated the history of their own local area, developing a deeper connection to their surroundings and a greater appreciation of the past.

Now well into the Spring term, the school has shifted its focus to Geography, with pupils immersing themselves in the wonders of the natural world. From the depths of the oceans to the lush landscapes of the rainforests, children have embraced the opportunity to explore and understand different ecosystems, broadening their global awareness and appreciation for the planet.

The dedication and hard work of pupils and staff alike have resulted in remarkable academic progress this year. The school's ongoing commitment to curriculum development has led to significant improvements, particularly in writing. With a renewed focus on literacy skills and enriched learning experiences, pupils are producing some of their best work yet.

As a result of these efforts, Great Kimble C of E Primary School is performing nationally above expectations. This remarkable achievement is a reflection of the school's high standards and its unwavering determination to provide the best possible education for its pupils. With ambitious targets set for the remainder of the year, the entire school community is eager to surpass expectations and continue its upward trajectory.

With an exciting journey still ahead, Great Kimble C of E Primary School remains dedicated to nurturing curious minds, fostering a love for learning, and maintaining its reputation for excellence. As pupils continue to explore new subjects and develop their skills, the future looks incredibly bright for this thriving school community. There are still a few spaces left and we warmly invite prospective families to book a tour. Please email the office at: office@gkglt.co.uk

Well Being link: At Kimble, the well-being of our pupils and staff is paramount in all that we do. We ensure a good work-life balance for our teachers and continue to work together as a team. Our pupils benefit from interventions such as nurture group, Lego therapy, and Zones of Regulation. We also use our outdoor learning space at Smokey Row to support pupil development and well-being. Children understand the importance of a healthy body and mind, and we teach pupils about this during our Learning for Life sessions and through themed weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Haynes

Acting - Headteacher

Great Kimble C of E School Church Lane, Great Kimble Bucks HP17 9TH

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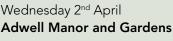
Bucks Garden Trust Outings



Buckinghamshire has a rich legacy of historic and beautifully designed parks and gardens.

Our aim is to enjoy these gardens, improve our knowledge of their significance and to help protect them for future generations.





OX9 7DQ Tickets: £20/25 includes Cream Tea

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust (www.bucksgardenstrust.org.uk) has organised a private garden visit with a Guided Tour by Head Gardener, Colin Roberts at this gem of a garden on the borders of Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire. Just south of Thame in Oxfordshire lies Adwell House (II*) and its estate. The gardens were first developed in 1780s by Elizabeth Newell with gently sloping lawns, a kitchen garden, and a system of successive pools and cataracts with a rocky waterfall which remains a major feature. She also planted numerous trees, many of which survive today. Those planted in the Victorian era are still a major feature of the garden. Successive owners have continued this tradition leading to some 7,000 trees today.

We can look forward to a guided tour by the head gardener, including the church, which was rebuilt in the Early Decorated style in 1865 by Sir Arthur Blomfield (uncle of Reginald) followed by a cream tea. Website: ttps://www.adwellestate.com



Tuesday 29th April 10 am **Hartwell House**

HP17 8NR Ticket: Members £25. Non Members £30

Our outing starts with refreshments at 10am and an introductory talk in the magnificent Morning room of Hartwell House, which stands within 90 acres of glorious landscaped gardens and parkland.

The gardens were originally designed at the start of the 18th century, probably by James Gibbs in a formal manner. There followed a mid 18th century redesign by a follower of Lancelot Brown, Richard Woods.

The spring garden is planted with over 10000 daffodils and the orchard and former kitchen garden contain many old varieties of apple, apricot, peach, pear and plum trees.

Richard Wheeler, specialist in practical Garden History will lead us on a tour of the grounds, hopefully accompanied by Richard Jones. Parking available on site and please wear suitable footwear for indoors/outdoors.



Tuesday 20th May 10.30 for 11am – 1pm **Evenley Wood Gardens**

Brackley NN135SL Tickets: £15 members £20 non-members. Refreshments: members to purchase own.

Tour of Garden by Michael Hunt. "Set amongst the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, this 60-acre privately owned woodland garden contains a large and notable collection of plants, ranging from unusual trees and shrubs to a wide selection of lilies and other bulbs. Carpets of named snowdrops in February run into wonderful spring bulbs and the garden's 800m long Scilla 'stream', as the garden jumps into life. Some 100 magnolias follow and are later joined by the first flush of new leaves, rhododendrons and azaleas. In the summer, over 300 roses and 150 lilies emerge, including Lilium 'Evenley Jane', which was developed and propagated on site." https://www. evenleywoodgarden.co.uk Photograph John O'Dwyer

Saturday 21 June 2.30 pm **Old Keepers Cottage**

Hedgerley SL2 3UY £20 Members £25 non-members. Cream tea

Small Dean Viaduct – A Definitive Account – Construction and Impact





¹ Small Dean Viaduct - Artists Impression

The Small Dean Viaduct will be a flagship legacy of HS2 with an enduring impact on the local community; including a massive visual impact on motorists using the A413.

Background

When the HS2 line proposals were detailed in the 2009 "Route Engineering Report" it identified that if the Wendover option was selected, then a 600m long Viaduct would be needed to cross the A413 and the Chiltern Line at Small Dean, and the track would be about 10m above the A413.

Various attempts to get the line tunnelled failed, and the need for a viaduct was endorsed in the 2017 High Speed Rail Act. As a designated HS2 Key Design Element the viaduct design came out for Public Consultation in September 2018. While the Department for Transport positioned the design as a "thing of beauty in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" when Wendover HS2 surveyed the local community 94% of the respondents thought that the design was not acceptable in the AONB; and that Quality of Life would suffer due to the noise impact from the trains. However, detailed requirements had been developed by the HS2 Chilterns

AONB Review Group (involving Bucks Council, the local District Councils, Natural England and the Chilterns Conservation Board) so the eventual design minimised the visual intrusion. Design changes included changing the number of viaduct spans from six to seven, repositioning the piers to allow future evolution of the A413 during its 100 year design life, and realignment of Small Dean Lane to the north of the viaduct.

Construction

Construction started in 2021 and environmental campaigners set up the Wendover Active Resistance Camp to stop the felling of trees between the A413 and the railway line. Despite living in tree houses and establishing a series of underground tunnels they were eventually thwarted by about 120 HS2 Security staff after nine months occupation of the site.

Other "enabling" works included the demolition of Road Barn Farm which was in the path of the viaduct; and creation of a new temporary access to Boswells Farm, as the tree line drive to the Estate would be blocked for construction work at the junction with the A413.

Steel "sheet piling" was then undertaken in 2021 to protect the Chiltern Line before the sites for the adjacent viaduct piers were excavated in 2022. With six months' notice being needed for "possession" of the railway meant works were timed for Christmas Bank Holiday weekend, and local residents were surprised to hear the hammering of the sheet piles start at 04:00 on Christmas morning. Two realignments of the A413 were also needed to create a safe working environment around the pier worksites beside the road.

The first pier was completed in February 2024, with the last one in November. Construction of the piers was optimised by the use of concrete shells produced in a factory in Northern Ireland to achieve a high quality exterior finish and with iron cages manufactured in Kent. Having been lifted into place, the shells and





Animation sequence: https://tinyurl.com/sdv2023video

iron cages were filled with concrete produced at the batching plant beside the Wendover Bypass.

Meanwhile the Viaduct deck was assembled, with the steel girders ferried from France in 25m long sections and welded together to site to form the 350m long structure. Precast concrete slabs were produced in Derbyshire, and installed to form the upper and lower layers of the deck structure.

An animation of the final installation sequence is available at https://tinyurl.com/sdv2023video.

Community Impact

Building the viaduct was always going to require closures of the A413 at Small Dean to allow safe working. Traffic sensors were installed at Chartridge and on the Rignall Road to monitor the number of vehicles using the "hilltop routes" to avoid the works. In practice, we discovered that many motorists ignore the yellow warning signs about the closures, probably related to the length of the official diversion path through Penn, High Wycombe, and Princes Risborough. This was the shortest route compatible with Heavy Goods Vehicles.

Motorists heading back from London discovering that the road really was closed were often tempted to use Dunsmore Lane to get to Aylesbury. This was tricky as the road is "single lane with passing places" and the volume of two way traffic resulted in damage to the historic "Holloway" verges, as well as causing disturbance in Dunsmore village at all hours of the night. Some traffic from Chesham also landed up using Hale Lane into Wendover, with similar impact on the verges. We eventually persuaded the contractor to install illuminated "Variable Message Signs" to attract driver's attention, and to position them at points where knowledgeable local drivers could exploit unofficial diversion routes.

Another community issue was the decision to allow the closure of Small Dean Lane during the construction of the viaduct, which was a popular section of the Chilterns Cycleway route allowing safe passage between Wendover and Dunsmore. We secured a formal Undertaking as part of the HS2 Act to keep a "non-motorised" path available for cyclists pedestrians and horses and a temporary bridleway was created around the Small Dean Compound worksite. Regrettably this had to

be closed to allow the creation of a bridge at the end of Small Dean Lane, with the result that cyclists need to risk the traffic on the A413 or consider the long diversion through Wendover, Butler's Cross and Chequers. Eventually a new cycleway will become available under the Small Dean Viaduct, forming part of the overall Buckinghamshire Greenway project. This is unlikely to be available before 2026.

Next Steps

Once the deck is in place we anticipate some more night time closures of the A413 during 2025 to allow the road to be realigned onto its final track, and also the installation of the pre-cast concrete viaduct parapets above the road.

Overall

The Small Dean Viaduct will be a flagship legacy of HS2 with an enduring impact on the local community; including a massive visual impact on motorists using the A413.

Murray Cooke – Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group.

For full details

https://wendovernews.co.uk/news/small-dean-viaduct-the-launch/

A return to the strangers' bar



In October last year, we were invited to return to the Strangers' Bar in Parliament, by our local MP, Mr Greg Smith.



Greg Smith MP and Tom Jenkinson, The Chiltern Brewery

Our beer, Chiltern Pale Ale had been selling so well in the Bar, it had set a record. We wanted to mark this unofficial record, and the pulling of the last pints, with a surprise presentation of two photos taken 30 years apart in the Strangers' Bar, to Greg Smith MP.

Our first invitation, in January last year, was to see the first pints of Pale Ale pulled in the Bar. Greg Smith, a keen supporter of local businesses, had suggested to the Bar Manager in Parliament that Chiltern Pale Ale could be added to the list of the ever-changing beers sold in Strangers' Bar.

In January, we were delighted to have been invited by Greg to enjoy the first pints of Pale Ale in the Bar.

Those first casks hit the mark and Pale Ale disappeared over the bar to MPs quicker than anticipated! The second and third deliveries followed suit. After a few months, we learnt that Pale Ale had become the longest running beer served in the Strangers' Bar!

In October, Greg Smith invited Tom and I to return to check the last pints from the final cask were up to scratch.

This was our opportunity to say Thank you to Greg Smith, and to mark this terrific success with the surprise presentation to Greg in the Bar.

On our way up, in Marylebone station, we bumped into Mr and Mrs Strathon, as they waited for the Wendover-

The beer was, of course, in tip-top condition, and both the photo and beer went down well!

bound train. Asked why we were carrying a large parcel; we were able to explain.

In 1993, our father had joined Sir David Liddington (then MP) on the Strangers' Bar terrace for a glass of our beer. In January 2024, we had been able to recreate the photo with Greg Smith replacing David Liddington and Tom in place of our dad.

We had managed to repose the 1993 photo that we have in the Brewery.

The two photos were strikingly similar! So much so in fact, that now, in October, we were heading up again to present a double-photo to Greg Smith in the Strangers' Bar, on the pretext of enjoying the last pints of Pale Ale!

On arriving in Parliament, and with the help of the Bar Manager and Greg's team, we were able to present the pictures to Greg, which you can see in the accompanying photo.

The beer was, of course, in tip-top condition, and both the photo and beer went down well!

It was a superb evening and we were delighted to return and enjoy Pale Ale, the longest continually brewed beer of the Chilterns.

It's also, now, the longest continually served guest beer in Parliament's Strangers' Bar!

Cheers!

George Jenkinson

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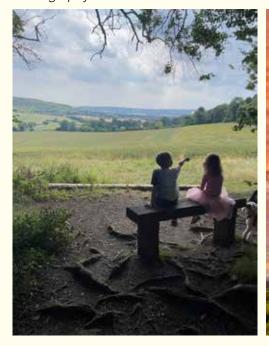
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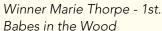
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For more information about everything going on at the museum visit *discoverbucksmuseum.org* Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

Affordable Housing Scheme: *A Call for Accountability and Common Sense*

Initiated in 2015/16, this special exemption case for a Rural Affordable Housing Scheme saw its first Ellesborough Housing Need Survey in 2017 commissioned by Wycombe District Council and Ellesborough Parish Council.

Documents obtained from a recent Freedom of Information Request in the past month shows that in preplanning meetings with Wycombe Planning Department, the Wycombe District Planners examined the affordability of properties for those identified in the survey, focusing on current living conditions and housing requirements. No site had been identified prior to 2018, but at the time preference was for a site outside the green belt.

However, due to delays in the Hastoe project, the 2017 Housing Need survey expired. A new survey, conducted in August 2021 without reference to any identified sites, resulted in different housing needs.

Despite this, Buckinghamshire Council failed in three key areas:

- a) Not analysing the detailed housing mix required in the new 2021 survey.
- b) Not examining the finances and suitability of candidates as they did previously for the 2017 Need Survey, to meet the need.
- c) Failing to meet prior design and density criteria, the proposal plans to build in front of an established building line, causing a loss of amenities and obstructing views towards the Parish Church and the west. It is directly opposite Southfield Cottages, presenting parking challenges and lacking consideration for future road safety.

Wycombe District Council in their 2018 preplanning with Hastoe, emphasized that the housing mix had to meet stated requirements, and that under-occupancy was not allowed for rented accommodation. Yet, on 20th December 2024 a final draft \$106 document posted on the planning web site allowed under-occupancy, contradicting Buckinghamshire Council policies and with the housing mix proposed was not supported by the 2021 Housing Need Survey, thus failing to meet the DM25 policy for a rural exception site. Furthermore, two other main points were highlighted:

- a) The presence of numerous traditional cottages in the area, characterised by brick and flint construction and low-pitched roofs, should serve as a starting point for the design.
- b) Buckinghamshire Council's intention to advance the S106 document during the pre-application stage.

Both above seem to have been ignored by both Hastoe and the Buckinghamshire Council, with the latter still not agreed some 18 months since the planning committee decision. Normal procedure is to agree the S106 document prior to planning application being formally considered.

Since 2017 a further 3000 new housing units have been permitted to the South of Aylesbury, including Stoke Mandeville and Great & Little Kimble which include at least 25% various sized new Affordable Housing accommodation with all the required amenities of schools' retail facilities, open space, transport facilities etc. These are changed times.

Our local MP Greg Smith is currently investigating the legality of Buckinghamshire Council's actions and is surprised, like ourselves, that our Parish Council still supports this scheme.

Status as of 31st January 2025: The Parish Council has informed us that the Landowner and Hastoe have signed the latest draft S106 Planning Agreement and it is now with Buckinghamshire Council, waiting for their signature. While the Developer may have agreed to the S106 document, it is still with the Service Director, who has the authority to either refuse or approve the current application plan, as questions have been raised concerning legality, but it also does not comply with the Ellesborough Village Design Statement or the DM25 policy of the Wycombe Local Plan 2019.

Let us hope common sense prevails and the development in AONB is rejected.

NB: As of 1st April 2020, Buckinghamshire Council replaced five local councils, including Wycombe District Council, however the planning officer remained the same.

John West & Malcolm Crouch

Planning Applications *October 2024 January 2025*

Householder application for construction of ground and first floor side and rear extensions and re-located rear dormer window

11 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TS

Ref. No: 24/07374/FUL | Received: Thu 03 Oct 2024 | Validated: Mon 21 Oct 2024 | Status: Decided

Householder application for construction of extension to existing stables for private residential use

Summerland Risborough Road Terrick Buckinghamshire HP22 5XP

Ref. No: 24/07269/FUL | Received: Mon 23 Sep 2024 | Validated: Wed 16 Oct 2024 | Status: Decided

Overhead Line Exemption Notice at Chalkshire Road

Land Adjacent 76 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire

Ref. No: 25/05024/CONSA | Received: Wed 18 Dec 2024 | Validated: Wed 18 Dec 2024 | Status: Unknown Reference. No: 24/07956/ADRC | Received: Mon 09 Dec 2024 | Validated: Mon 09 Dec 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

Reference: 25/05046/FUL | Alternative Reference: PP-13680023 | Application Received: Wed 08 Jan 2025 | Application Validated: Wed 08 Jan 2025 | Address: Holly Frindle Risborough Road Terrick Buckinghamshire HP17 0UB | Proposal: Householder application for construction of detached double garage and conversion of existing garage to habitable room featuring 2 x front facing windows | Status: Awaiting decision | Appeal Status: Unknown | Appeal Decision: Not Available

Girl Guiding Centre – Planning Application Documents

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (biodiversity) pursuant to planning approval 23/05310/FUL

Wycombe Planning 23/05310/FUL | Construction of single storey rear extension | Ellesborough Guide Centre Missenden Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0UP. (Approved May 2023)



(For general interest – RJ)

Parish Council: *Chairmans Note February* 2025

On Monday 20th January 2025, Ellesborough Parish Council held the first Parish meeting of 2025.

Road Safety and Speed Awareness

The solar powered mobile speed cameras are fully operational on Chalkshire and Ellesborough Roads. Since August 24, over 150,000 vehicles have been recorded with 96% travelling at less than 40 mph (30 mph limit). There continue to be some alarming speeds recorded and EPC are in frequent contact with the Thames Valley Police Speedwatch team, to ask for more regular police presence with enforceable speed traps.

In addition, during 2024, the Village Speedwatch team of volunteers have registered over 3,000 speeders and 426 drivers have been sent warning letters by Thames Valley Police.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their efforts to improve road safety in the Village.

Affordable Housing

The final proposed document (Section 106) for the rules upon who can occupy the proposed affordable housing, was published by Bucks Council on 20th December 24 on the Planning Portal, but 2 months on they have still not ratified it.

The full application for the development was approved back in July 2023, subject to the agreement of this Section 106 document. Until this document is agreed the Housing Association are not able to start construction.

Biodiversity Policy

EPC are keen to encourage further local engagement so please do contact us if you have any ideas. For example, a recent suggestion is that every new domestic planning application for a house extension, has a request that the applicant installs a new bird or bat box. It will be on voluntarily basis only.

Roads and Pathways

EPC have received numerous requests for hedges to be cut back to ensure the footpaths are left clear. If you do

have hedges fronting the pavement please do ensure these are cut back regularly.

The law states that the width of a wheelchair must be left clear on pavements, it is becoming more common on Ellesborough and Chalkshire Roads for cars and vans to park and block the entire pavement. Please have consideration to pavement users.

There have been many complaints regarding the recent parking restrictions introduced by Bucks Highways, by the golf course. EPC have engaged with Highways to understand why they have done this now and will update further when we have a reply.

Fix My Street remains the best way to report road and pavement issues, but it can also be used to report footpath and bridleway issues. Attach a photo and you will normally get a response swiftly from a Bucks Technician.

Parish Council Budget

The annual funds received via Bucks to run the Parish is £21,000 per annum, having reviewed costs there will need to be an increase of £1,000 this year, mainly to cover increased Grass Cutting and Clerk costs. This represents approximately a 5% increase and will ensure the Parish Council remains financially robust for 25/26.

Parish Clerk Email Notices

The Parish email list is growing slowly and is frequently used by the Clerk to message road closures and specific local information, so do ask the Clerk to add you on if you would like to stay more informed.

Regards

Chairman McGrail

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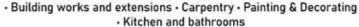
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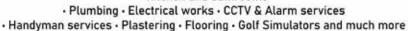
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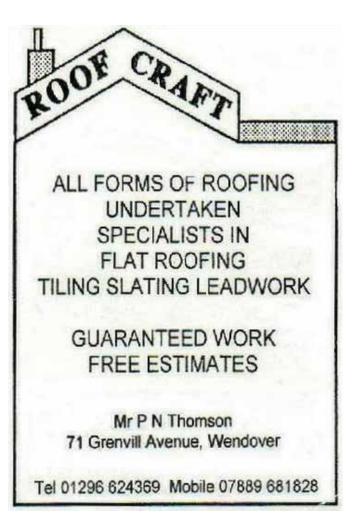
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