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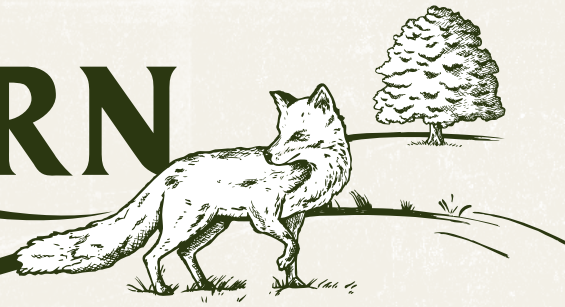
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# ELLESBOROUGH VILLAGE & LOCAL EVENTS

 Pilates

Mondays  
9.15am

Ellesborough  
Village Hall

 Parish Council  
Meetings

16<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm  
– Dunsmore Hall

18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm  
– Ellesborough hall

 Forever Cycling  
Classes


Village Hall

Every other Thursday  
1.15pm – 2.15pm

 K & E  
Horticultural  
Society


Stewart Hall Kimble

First Tuesday Each  
Month, except Jan

 Dementia Coffee  
morning

Chapel Hall,  
Speen Church

Every Third Thursday  
10am-12pm

 Chiltern Ladies

20<sup>th</sup> September

18<sup>th</sup> October

15<sup>th</sup> November

20<sup>th</sup> December

 Wendover  
Art Club

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays of  
every month

7.30pm & 9.30pm


 Village Cake  
n' Coffee mornings

Village Hall

20<sup>th</sup> September

18<sup>th</sup> October

15<sup>th</sup> November

 Litter pick

Village Hall

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
11.00am

 Qigong for  
beginners starts

Village Hall

Every Wednesday



# Chairman's Letter

## September 2024

Dear Readers,

We're eager to bring more variety to our village magazine and would love your help. If you can contribute articles—whether regularly or as a one-time submission—on any topic, we'd be thrilled to hear from you. Please reach out to our features editor, Allan Westray.

I'd also like to extend special thanks to Sarah Deacon, Steph Hares, Catriona Nicholson and Annabel Westray for their features in this edition, and to all our regular contributors, the magazine committee and our helpers for their hard work in getting this September issue prepped, printed and distributed to our loyal readers.

Wishing you all the best for the autumn season.

Warm regards,

**Richard Jennings**

Chairman, Ellesborough Magazine



*Chris Gloster, Richard Jennings and Allan Westray - working editors*

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# Letters

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

I am hosting my annual fundraising event on Friday 27th September from 10.30 to 12.30 at Bonnybrook.

As well as delicious home made cakes, jams and chutneys there will be yet more stallholders, reflexology, manicures, and a brilliant Raffle.

Please come along and bring your friends!

**Julie Needle**



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## Litter pick

**Sunday 6th October**

Please come along and help to clean up our village and surrounding areas. We meet at 11:00 outside Ellesborough Parish Hall.

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

Any queries, please contact Janette on 696688 or Judith on 622033. Thanks in advance.

## Hedges

Could I send a plea to all who have vegetation next to footpaths in Butlers Cross? We are lucky we have paths at least a metre wide but it is getting increasingly difficult to walk along them because of overgrown hedges and nettles. Fortunately when pushing a rear facing buggy I can push past the nettles - a front facing one impossible.

Then when hedges are cut back would it be possible to clear up the cuttings as these get tangled in wheels, thorns stuck in dogs' paws and then the leaves rot and become slippery.

I'm writing on behalf of all local walkers with children especially in the school holidays.

Thanks

**JR**

## Affordable Housing

Currently there is no change on the affordable housing. Bucks Council legal team are trying to agree the S106 with Hastoe and they have also gone back to Community First Oxford (company that did the need survey).

**John West**



# Letters

## Village Ball Postponed

**We have taken the decision to postpone the Ellesborough Village Ball and move it to the new date of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025.**

Unfortunately, there were a number of people who couldn't make the September date due to diary clashes and we're hopeful that the new date will mean that more people will be able to attend.

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for September and we're very sorry if the change of date causes any issues. We are in the process of getting in touch with the table hosts directly to sort out refunds and re-bookings for next May.

Of course, it's disappointing that the Ball won't be going ahead in a few weeks time, however we're very

much looking forward to putting on a fabulous evening for all next year!

If you'd like to buy a table or individual tickets for the Ellesborough Village Ball on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, please email us at [sales@bxball.org](mailto:sales@bxball.org)

With best wishes from everyone on the Ball Committee.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024



**This year's Appeal will take place from Thursday October 24th to Sunday 10th November (Remembrance Sunday).**

Our team of volunteers will be undertaking House to House Collections in most of the parish in this period, and there will also be Poppy Boxes at various locations in the village. We are most grateful for your generosity last year and hope this will continue.

There will be a short service at the War Memorial at the crossroads on Remembrance Sunday just before 11am, as well as the church service beforehand (see times in the list of Church services). I am planning a display of information about some of the men remembered on the Memorial, in the Village Hall after the service - if anyone has anything they would like to put forward about them, or their families, please get in touch or bring it along on

the day. The website <https://buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk/memorials.htm> has been my main source of information.

If anyone would like to get involved please get in touch!

**Fiona Tchen**  
Poppy Appeal Organiser

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## 200 Club – Ellesborough Parish Hall

**Congratulations to all the winners over the last few months.**

### June 2024

**£50** 100 Jonathan and Lindsay Smith  
**£35** 10 Antony and Jane Robins  
**£25** 53 John Audsley

### July 2024

**£50** 128 Mr & Mrs Stewart  
**£35** 119 Clare Francis  
**£25** 53 John Audsley\*

*\*Gifted back to Ellesborough Parish Hall*

The Parish Hall Committee would like to apologise to Nicholas and Diana Strathon for mis-spelling their names in the last magazine. This has now been corrected on our list of 200 Club members.



# David Marshall, Dunsmore, awarded British Empire Medal



**In her announcement letter, the Lord- Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire said "This recognition is richly deserved and you should feel justifiably proud of the award."**

David Marshall was awarded the Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) in recognition for services to the community. In her announcement letter, the Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire said "This recognition is richly deserved and you should feel justifiably proud of the award."

David Marshall has lived in Dunsmore since 1975, when he and his wife Jane moved to Hampden Way. It wasn't long before they were both actively involved in village life, particularly as two of our treasured local buildings were in need of help. Our Victorian

Village Hall has required a great deal of tender loving care over the years, and David has contributed time and effort to help repair and preserve it. He is a Trustee of the Dunsmore Village Hall Association, which was later registered as a charity.

In addition to the Village Hall, the Church of the Resurrection had also begun to need serious work. In an effort to save the church from being sold in 1978, David and his late wife Jane pledged their own home as a guarantee to ensure its safekeeping. Over the years, David was one of the most instrumental villagers,

including the late Tony Wood, in keeping the fabric of the church in good repair. His work was entirely voluntary, sometimes with manpower and materials donated by other locals. All David's efforts have been done quietly in the background, but this BEM is long-overdue recognition of his tireless contributions to our village. We hope he will be suitably acknowledged publicly later this summer when he receives this award. Hearty and sincere congratulations to David.

**Dunsmore Correspondent**



# Summer Village Party – Saturday 29th June



*Ellesborough Silver Band were playing to crowds of people who flocked together to enjoy the first real day of sunshine. The barbeque and beer tent did a roaring trade. The cake and sweet stall was very popular too.*







Sammy was the proud winner of 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition.



All ages were keen to learn about bee keeping under the watchful eye of Sean and Ruth Stephenson, our local bee keepers.

They brought an observation hive so people could look at the bees and spot the queen bee with her abdomen colour marked for ease of identification. Samples of honey were available to taste and bees wax candles could also be made.



On the table above were displayed the children's entries for the competition to design a wildlife garden poster.

Our judges: Lyn Kilbride, Tony and Jean Young, members of Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society were very impressed by the entries and after careful consideration all agreed on Edith's entry being the winner because it contained all the main elements to attract wildlife in to a garden. See photo – Edith (7yrs old) in the centre, alongside runners up Theo (9yrs old) and Sammy (7 yrs old).



Every child who took part was a winner and received a packet of wildflower, bee, bird and butterfly mix seeds. There are still some packets left so if you would like to have a small wildflower area in your gardens please contact me to arrange collection [HelenHolman@epcouncil.co.uk](mailto:HelenHolman@epcouncil.co.uk) Ellesborough Parish Council are committed to conserving and enhancing biodiversity and we are fortunate to be surrounded by farmland that is managed in a sustainable way which encourages flora and fauna.



EPC would like to thank everyone involved in making the Summer Village Party such a success and are pleased to report that £800 was raised to be split between Wendover Dementia Care and Cardiac Risk in the Young.



# New School Term: *Let's Get Reading*

**There has been increasing discussion in the media about the lengths of time that children spend, totally focused and absorbed, interacting with their phone screens in some way.**

**Hours are spent chatting with friends through social media apps, playing video games or simply scrolling the internet in search of sites with youthful appeal. This all-consuming activity often means that reading for pleasure in the company of a good book, has become a less popular way of spending time.**

By the time this piece goes to print for the magazine the summer holidays will be over and children will already be back in school, some well-read, some over-familiar with their phone screens.

We are lucky in this country to have some excellent writers whose mission is to 'get children reading'.

One of those writers is Frank Cottrell-Boyce who, at the beginning of July was announced as the new Waterstone's Children's Laureate. For the next three years he will be a kind of ambassador for children's reading. With 1 in 4 children reaching the age of 11 unable to read well, Frank

Cottrell-Boyce is on a mission to ensure books are available to all children. He wants to enrich lives and improve the prospects of all children.

Over the summer holidays we have been gathering reading recommendations from the young readers in our two families and thought it might be helpful for us to share some of those titles. Being keen on reading children's books ourselves, we've added a few choices of our own.

Maybe our recommendations will trigger a few more suggestions from Ellesborough Magazine readers about titles that have been popular with their young family members.

Are there books that you know your own young people have enjoyed? Drop a list or a line to the Editor, with a comment or two, and we'll share your contributions in the December Mag. Just in time for Christmas shopping!

**Catriona Nicholson  
and Annabel Westray**



**Brand New Boy  
David Almond**

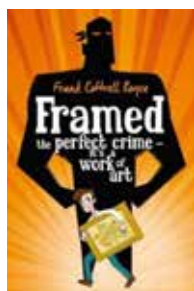
Ill. Marta Altes  
Walker Books

I have Annabel's 8 year old grandson Otis to thank for recommending this very enjoyable book. Already an admirer of David Almond's fine writing for older readers, I found this book very different. I can see why Otis said it was his favourite book! It's funny, thought-provoking and with its strong focus on dialogue, brief sentences, jokey references and some lively pupil-teacher exchanges, is thoroughly engaging and accessible.

The story shifts between narrator Daniel's school life and the time he spends at home with his lovely, emotionally intuitive Mam. Briefly, the story begins in school when Daniel's class is asked to welcome a strange new boy called George who readers quickly realise is a robot.

The story centres around the deepening friendship between Daniel, his group of close friends and George. Relationships are key to the charm of this book.

## **Tried and Tested by Young (and older) Readers**



**Framed  
Frank  
Cottrell-Boyce**

Ill. Steven Lenton  
Macmillan

I much enjoyed this novel and know it has been popular with several of my grandchildren. It was written by

the new Children's Laureate. His background as a screen writer is evident in the book's engaging style, pace and authentic dialogue. This is an art-robbery story. The location is the Snowdonia area of Wales, specifically Manod where during WW2 the quarry was used as a site to store fine art treasures from the National Gallery. Young Dylan Hughes, the only boy living in Manod, is the narrator and readers quickly learn that his parents are

struggling to make a living from their garage and petrol pump business. Dylan's humdrum routine of home and school gathers momentum when he is drawn into 'the crime of the century'.

It's a funny, touching, absorbing book with some delightful characterization. I don't often laugh aloud when I'm reading but found myself doing so several times.





**The Final Year**  
**Matt Goodfellow**

Ill. Joe Todd-Stanton  
Otter Barry Books

In July this book won the prestigious CLIPPA Award and has been shortlisted for other major prizes this year. The awards ceremony, held at the National Theatre is available to watch online. Primary school children are involved in the choosing of each year's winner.

Nate, the narrator of this unusual verse novel, is the eldest of three brothers whose single mum is doing the best she can for her boys. The hardship suffered by the little family is clearly evident in the text and through the evocative illustrations. Nate, at ten years old, is about to begin the final year of Primary school and is apprehensive about the upcoming transition to Year Six. That's until his new teacher Mr Joshua shows through his kindness and compassion that he has insight and understanding of Nate's troubled temperament and unsettled circumstances. He also reaches out to Nate through his admiration of a writer called David Almond whose modern classic novel Skellig he is reading to the class. The Final Year is accessible in content and its way of telling. Readers young and much older will be engaged and moved by Nate's story.



**Anne Frank**  
**Josephine Poole & Angela Barrett**

Red Fox

The story of Anne Frank is simply and powerfully told through expressive words and compelling illustrations. With the Holocaust a KS.2 topic for study in UK schools, this distinctive picture book would have immediate appeal for young readers researching that period of History. Adult readers would also be drawn to this moving retelling of one of the most widely read books in the world. A detailed timeline of important events in Europe and in the Frank family is included



**The Indian in the Cupboard**  
**Lynne Reid Banks**

Harper Collins  
Childrens Books

This is a book for confident readers. It is the all-time favourite of two of my grandchildren (Chloe aged 10 and Theo aged 9) while another (Otis aged 8) loves it. However, the David Almond book reviewed here, is his favourite. Chloe isn't an enthusiastic reader, but she couldn't put this book down. I haven't read the story, but I understand that it tells the story of a boy called Omri who, on his tenth birthday, was given a small plastic Indian brave. He puts it into an old bathroom cupboard, locks the door and finds that the Indian, called Little Bull, miraculously comes to life. The story tells of how Omri learns to take care of the Indian.



**Zoe's Rescue Zoo**  
**Amelia Cobb**

Ill. Sophy Williams  
Nosy Crow

A series of books for emerging readers, delightfully illustrated by Sophy Williams. My 6 year old grandson Alfie loves them. Each book concerns one particular species of animal. The illustrations here show The Lucky Snow Leopard and the Silky Seal Pup.



**A Drop of Golden Sun**  
**Kate Saunders**

Faber & Faber

This book has only just been published this year and it is for confident readers. I read it and loved it! The Times review: *Kate Saunders's death last year robbed us of one of our best-loved voices. So what a treat to discover this joyful final book, in which a young girl is cast in a musical film, and discovers all manner of childish and grown-up chaos on set.*

This book is much more than this to me. Jenny is a shy ten year old who finds a whole new world on set and that people, especially grown-ups, are so different when you get to know them properly.





# KIDS CORNER

## DOWN ON THE FARM



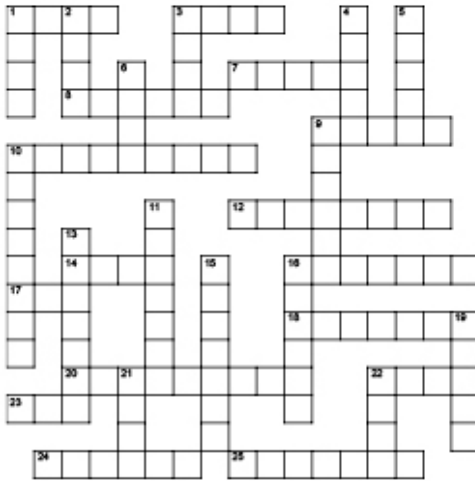
Across

- Baby cow.
- Might be used to make cheese.
- Used for irrigation.
- Could be used for carrying water.
- More than one goose.
- Used to frighten birds away from crops.
- Structure that makes energy from wind.
- What you find in the chicken coop.
- Slow moving vehicle used to tow things.
- A female sheep.
- A male chicken.
- Colorful plant grown for food.
- Shelter for many farm animals.
- Tool for weeding.
- Group of animals on a dairy farm.
- She lays eggs.

Down

- Grain that grows on a cob.
- Baby sheep.
- Offspring of a donkey and a horse.
- Animal you can ride.
- Barley, wheat, corn, etc.
- 43560 square feet.
- Male goose.
- They watch over a flock of sheep.
- Where animals graze.
- Where honey is made.
- Where fruit trees grow.
- Poultry raised for Thanksgiving Day.
- A large cattle farm.
- It might be a billy or a nanny.
- Large, tied bundle of straw.

### Down on the Farm

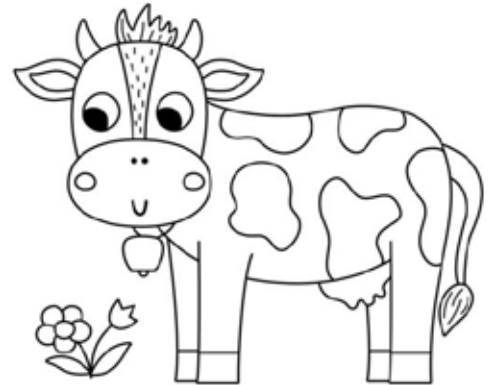
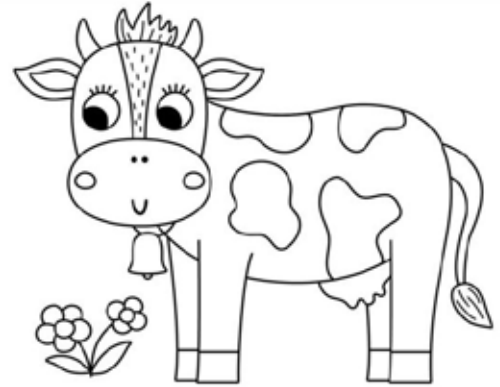


**Word Bank**

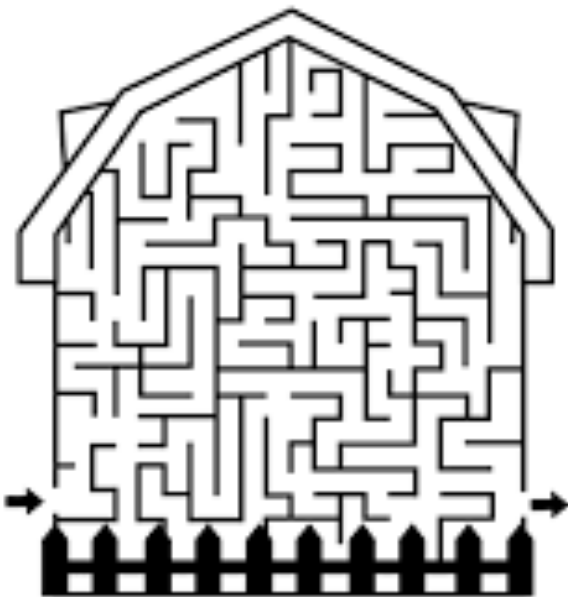
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### Spot 5 differences



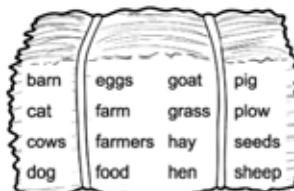
## Barn Maze



## FARM



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# Church Services

## St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough



## The Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore



### September

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10.45	Morning Worship
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.45	Parish Communion - Rev. Michael Hunt
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.45	Matins Tony and Jean Young
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10.45	Parish Communion Rev. Steve Williams
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept		No service

### October

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.45	Morning Worship
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.45	Parish Communion Rev. Michael Hunt
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.45	Matins Tony and Jean Young
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.45	Parish Communion Rev. Rose Williams

### November

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	10.45	Songs of Praise
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00	Remembrance Service followed by service at Butlers Cross War Memorial at 10.55
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.45	Matins Tony and Jean Young
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.45	Parish Memorial Rev. Rose Williams

*We are also serving afternoon teas every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday during the summer. 2-5pm.*

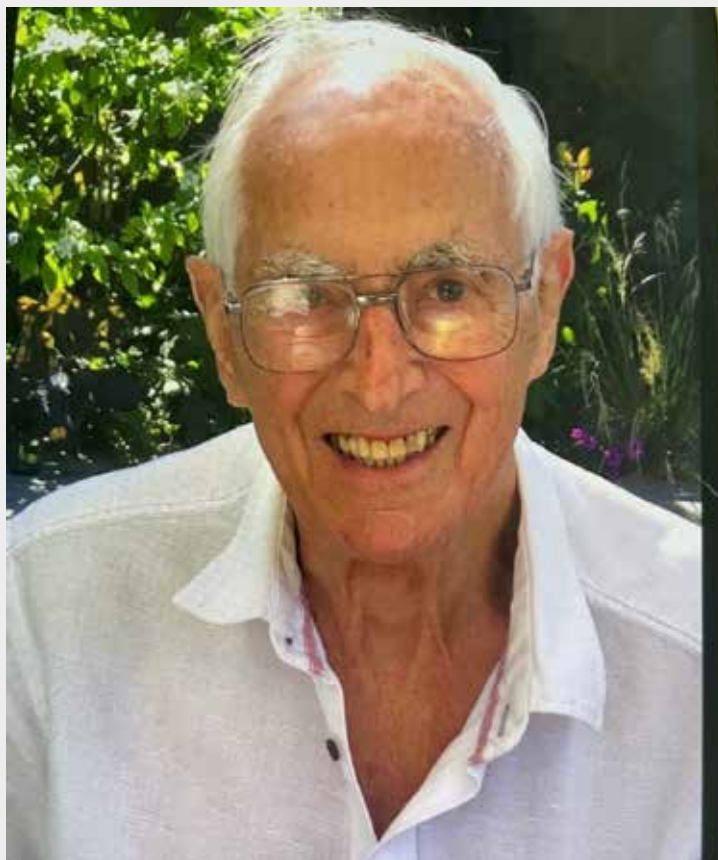
We had a successful cream tea season this year and made just over £1000. A tremendous thank you to all the people who supplied cakes, as usual you produced a super selection and it is good to see a number of cakes catering for people with food allergies or intolerances. Thank you to all who came to consume the cakes, it was lovely to see so many people. Also thanks to those who helped serve and tidy away afterwards. We are indebted to Jacqui for organizing all three teas and to Lorraine who coordinated the cakes.

The teas make a significant difference to our finances but we are still not covering our outgoings. We are extremely fortunate that David and Julian are able to do so much essential maintenance or the situation would be much worse.

Our Harvest Festival Service is on **Sunday, 13th October** at 5.00pm in the church. John Shaw from the Methodist Circuit will be taking the service, John is also a volunteer with the Trussell Trust. The trust supports a nationwide network of foodbanks including in our area. We will be collecting dried and tinned goods to give to the Wendover food bank. As you are probably aware the food banks are having to supply an increasing number of individuals and families with emergency food at a time when the number of donations that are received has dropped. Even if you can't come to the harvest service please consider donating some food for this very good cause, we will have a drop off point in the church in the week leading up to the service. Details of the times the church will be open and items that are particularly wanted will be emailed to villagers nearer the time.



# James Alford



"Jim" 23/8/1932 - 17/4/2024

## **Jim lived a long and, fruitful life and cared deeply about his family, friends, community and his country.**

**Jim was born in London and was evacuated to Drayton village in Somerset during the 2nd world war, a time he described as idyllic, helping on the local farm and playing in the lanes and fields. This gave him an enduring love and appreciation of village life.**

He went on to have a long happy career in the RAF, meeting and marrying Enid and having three children along the way.

Jim's final posting was RAF Halton. They initially settled in Wendover before finding their dream cottage here in Butlers Cross. Jim fully embraced village life, he loved this village and made lasting friendships here.

He was Chairman of the Parish Council and an active member of the church, helping with fundraising activities and in any practical way that he could, regularly cutting the churchyard grass and cleaning the church. Memorably, Jim was actively involved in the popular

annual Carols and Christmas readings with teas in the village Hall. He also enjoyed helping Enid and Jean with the church flowers. Jim was devoted to the local community, helping to repair and maintain the local paths and stiles. He was at his happiest walking up in the hills and woods with his faithful dog Daisy at his heels.

His later years were spent in Weston Turville where he created another pretty garden. They travelled extensively with SAGA going as far afield as China.

Jim remained a regular member of Ellesborough church, helping Jan, the former Rector, decorate the Rectory and assisting her with admin at the church office in Stoke Mandeville. She gave him the title of Ark Angel for all the sterling work he did for her.

Jim lived a long and, fruitful life and cared deeply about his family, friends, community and his country. He will be sorely missed but always fondly remembered.

**Sarah Deacon**



# Gisela (Parrott) Braithwaite



Gisela, who sadly died on 25th May, in her own words:

**'I visualise this funeral service to be a happy occasion. An act of thanksgiving for the wonderful life I have had. God has been good to me in giving me the strength to accept and overcome the few sad times without difficulty. I have indeed been blessed.'**

**Gisela was born in Aix-la-Chapelle. The daughter of an architect, she was educated in Europe and England.**

In 1951 she married Lt. Colonel Godfrey F Parrott, M.C., elder son of the late Dr. and Mrs T. G. Parrott of No.1 Church Street, Aylesbury. Gisela lived in Little Kimble until 1972 and Godfrey died in 1974. In 1980 she married Guy Braithwaite who died in 1989.

Gisela took a great interest in local affairs. She attended church at St. Peter and St. Paul Ellesborough, where she served as church warden for some years. She had been Chairman and President of the Ellesborough branch

of the Conservative Party and was a staunch supporter of the Royal British Legion Women's Section. She was President of her local branch and Vice President for Buckinghamshire.

Gisela loved St Peter's Cottage by the church, her garden and Ellesborough.

Gazing across the broad vista of the Aylesbury Vale gave her great serenity and a sense of timelessness. A spiritual link with the countless generations who had experienced the beauty of the surrounding Chiltern Hills and it's wonderful wildlife.

**Gisela Braithwaite**



# A (new) view from the hill



View from Beacon Hill (photo Mike Jennings, August 2024)

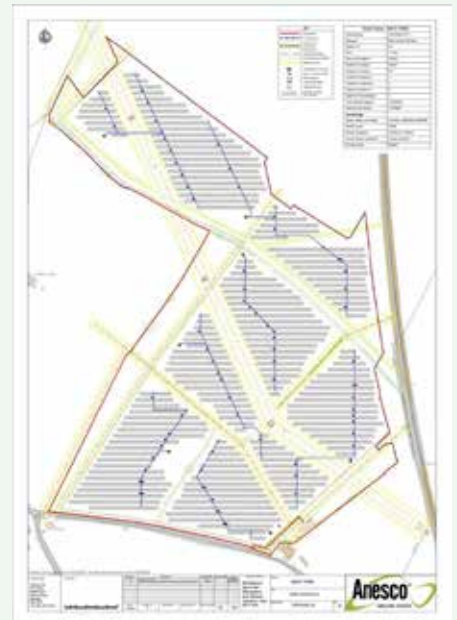
**In 2014, the wind turbine at Quarendon was commissioned. Standing at 140 meters, the white structure is a prominent landmark north of Aylesbury, visible from Beacon and Coombe Hills.**

In recent months, with HS2 snaking its way north, the Chiltern Line Aylesbury - Princes Risborough railway is bisected at Bishopstone requiring a new bridge across the HS2 track. These works are the reason for the prolonged Bishopstone railway crossing closure at Marsh Lane. From Beacon Hill this resembles a short white scar and is in line with the distant wind turbine.

At the Bishopstone railway crossing is also the newly constructed 89 acre Moat Farm solar project, taking a "grey lake" appearance from afar.

The estimated power requirement for HS2 is 400 MW of net-zero carbon energy. The combined nominal output from the wind turbine and solar farms is 25 MW. Let's hope the wind is blowing and the sun is shining as the HS2 trains pass by.

**Richard Jennings**



Moat Farm Solar Project - Plans



# Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs have arrived



Community Board  
North West  
Chilterns



Alan Cripps with the working sign on Chalkshire Road

The broken sign on Ellesborough Road

**After two years of research and then securing grant funding Ellesborough Parish Council are pleased to report that the 2 new MVAS are up and running... well almost!**

The first sign was installed on Ellesborough Road in late June but by the end of that week, it had stopped working. On investigation we found that the batteries had been stolen! Therefore we held off installing the second unit until we had found a way to secure the battery compartment.

Rex Norris, who had already ably assisted in setting up the first unit, went to work on finding a way of reinforcing the casing so a more secure locking mechanism could be added. Rex's engineering expertise has enabled us to install the second

unit today, in Chalkshire Road, with a high degree of confidence that we won't lose any more batteries. The first sign will need to be modified now and will be reinstalled very soon. Time will tell if Rex's creativity has been successful.

The units are solar powered so are a sustainable product, and which also means other sites around the parish we will use will be dictated by this. The signs only display the speed of drivers coming towards it but it does collect information from vehicles travelling in the other direction. They are also functional 24 hours a day.

This data will help us to demonstrate the volume and speed of vehicles throughout the parish, and be able to make the case for any traffic calming measures we may feel are necessary in the future.

We are grateful for the help Rex has given us in setting up, installing and making our MVAS secure. We could not have done it without him.

We also want to thank the North West Chilterns Community Board for their funding support as without their contribution we would not have been able to purchase two signs that can now maximise our traffic monitoring in the parish.

We will update parishioners on the impact they may be having in due course.

**Cllr Sally Withey  
and Cllr Debra Panikkar**

# Ellesborough Parish Cleanup

## Sunday 6th October

Please come along and help to clean up our village and surrounding areas. We meet at 11:00 outside Ellesborough Parish Hall.

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

Any queries, please contact Janette on 696688 or Judith on 622033. Thanks in advance.



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



# Chilterns NW Board



Community Board  
North West  
Chilterns

**The Board uses local data and intelligence, and, together with engagement and listening to the people in the community, it prioritises areas of focus and explores the issues that are of greatest importance in the local area.**

## **Have you heard of the North West Chilterns Community Board (NWC CB)?**

If you haven't, the NWC CB is a Board which tailors itself to the needs of the local area with the common goal of bringing communities together to make a difference. The Board uses local data and intelligence, and, together with engagement and listening to the people in the community, it prioritises areas of focus and explores the issues that are of greatest importance in the local area.

These priorities help determine where the NWC CB can engage, take action, and in some cases, allocate funding to improve the local area. The Community Board holds a mixture of core and task-focused actions group meetings which explore local and corporate priorities, sets up projects and finds creative ways to meet local challenges. Our current actions focus on economic recovery, improving the environment, community resilience and transport and road issues.

The Community Board have funded a number of successful projects, an example is below but there are so many more.



The Board collaborated with a local organisation to develop a project which engaged with young people from a range of schools/community organisations, to provide a number of conservation activities to enhance habitats and educate individuals. There was a particular focus on work around the threatened Duke of Burgundy Butterfly.



A project containing lovely walks in the beautiful Chilterns countryside, to encourage individuals to become more active, make new friends and enjoy the scenery around us.

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We also organise our own themed events which support our local priorities and something you may want to get involved in. This year we have a Health and Wellbeing Fayre on 21 September at Longwick Playing Fields and one around the impacts of climate change called "Future Proof – Home and Business" on 19 October at Wades Centre, Princes Risborough.

## **Would you like to get involved?**

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the Community Board. You can engage in the issues that you feel passionate about, join meetings or take part in a specific priority or project working group.

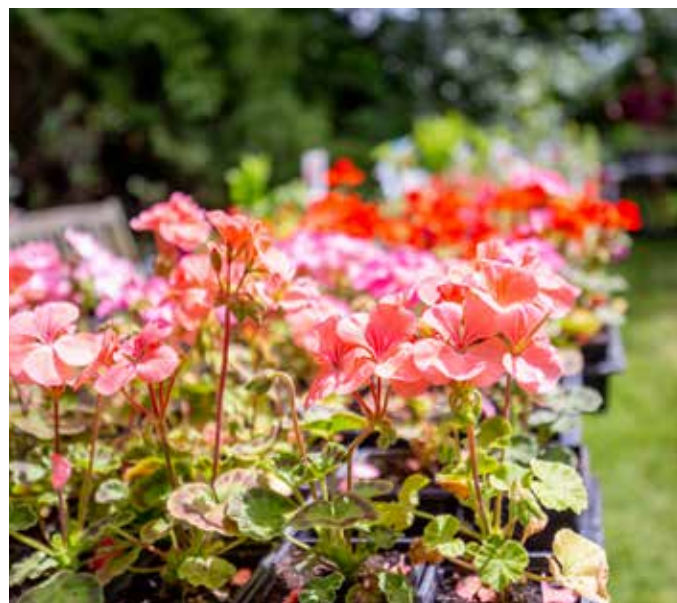
If you would like to hear more, please contact [northwestchilterns@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:northwestchilterns@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

# Hearing dogs for Deaf People – *Event*



**Saturday 7 September**

**Dog agility and a fun dog show, not to mention delicious homemade cakes and plants...**



**Dog agility and a fun dog show, not to mention delicious homemade cakes and plants, will be just some of the attractions at the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People's free Plant and Cake Sale on Saturday 7 September at its southern training centre in Saunderton.**

Visitors to the plant and cake sale will be able to enter their own dog into the fun dog show, with a prize for, among other things, the waggiest tail. They will also see the charity's incredible hearing dogs in action as they show off their sound and support skills.

The free-to-enter sale will be held on 7th September between 10am and 4pm in the grounds of The Grange, Haw Lane, Saunderton, near Princes Risborough HP27 9NS. Visitors are welcome to bring their dogs along, but

they should be kept on a lead and the charity would ask people to clear up after them.

The legendary sales, which are organised and run by long-standing Hearing Dogs volunteers, Fiona and Rob Daniels, have grown from very humble beginnings into one of the most popular fixtures in the Hearing Dogs calendar. In fact, since they began in 2020, the team has raised a staggering £80,000.

Fiona and Rob bake most of the cakes and grow the plants themselves. However, as the sales have grown in popularity, they have now joined forces with fellow baker Wendy Baldwin and Peter Sheppard, who makes chutneys, chilli sauces and his now famous Cornish pasties.



# APPLE AND CINNAMON CRUMBLE CAKE

Apples are plentiful in the autumn and in this recipe, slices are baked into the sponge of a rich, buttery cake which is finished with a crunchy crumble topping.



## Ingredients (Serves 8)

- 400g cooking apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1cm chunks
- Finely grated zest and juice 1 lemon
- 225g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 225g caster sugar, plus extra for dredging
- 3 large free-range eggs
- 225g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 50g ground almonds

## For the apple crumble topping

- Knob of butter
- 2 eating apples, cored and sliced
- 30g butter, chilled and cubed
- 50g plain flour
- 30g soft brown sugar
- Pinch of cinnamon

## Method

1. Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Toss the cooking apples with the lemon juice in a medium mixing bowl. In a larger mixing bowl, use an electric mixer to cream together the 225g butter, caster sugar and lemon zest until pale and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, adding a little flour with each.
2. Using a large metal spoon, gently fold in the remaining flour and the cinnamon, baking powder and ground almonds. Drain the apple pieces well, pat dry with kitchen paper, then stir into the cake batter. Spoon the batter into the tin, gently level, then bake for 45 minutes.
3. As soon as the cake goes in the oven, make the topping. Melt the butter in a frying pan, then add the sliced apples and cook for 2-3 minutes, turning, to caramelize. Leave to cool. In a bowl, rub the butter and flour between your fingertips to a coarse breadcrumb-like mixture. Stir in the sugar, cinnamon and a pinch of salt, then toss with the cooled apple.
4. After the cake has had its 45 minutes in the oven, take it out, then sprinkle the crumble over the top and bake for 15-20 minutes. The cake is ready when the crumble topping is evenly golden brown and the cake feels firm to the touch.
5. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin and put on a serving plate. Serve warm or leave to cool.
6. The cake will keep in an airtight container in a cool place for 3 days. If you like, warm in a medium oven to serve.

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

# Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society



## Our monthly meetings are held at Stewart Hall.

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](mailto:butler@care4free.net) or call him on 01844 342220 before attending.

Please see our website for any updates.

## September

### AUTUMN SHOW – Stewart Hall

2.00 – 4.30 pm – Sunday 1st

Come and see some beautiful displays including chrysanthemums, dahlias and vegetables and enjoy delicious home-made cakes.

If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting please see the Autumn Show Information.

### Have You Done Your Roots?

8.00 pm – Tuesday 3rd

Good root growth is essential for healthy and productive plants. How can you be sure your plants are performing well under ground when you can't even see them? Andrew Mikolajski, writer and RHS judge, returns to answer this and other questions with his new talk.

## October

### Climbers and Wall Shrubs for Vertical Gardening

8.00 pm – Tuesday 1st

Tom Cole, lecturer, author and broadcaster was Head of Horticulture at Capel Manor College and then Head of Faculty at Writtle University. He also runs a soft landscaping and maintenance business. We look forward to some new and interesting ideas on this subject.

## November

### Winter Wonder

8.00 pm – Tuesday 5th

Amber Hine, who trained in garden design at Capel Manor College, will cover winter garden structure, seedheads, plants for garden scent and winter garden blooms. She'll also look at design features for winter interest, garden lighting and her favourite gardens for fantastic winter displays.

## December

### Bees and Wannabees Plus Christmas Social

8.00 pm – Tuesday 3rd

John Catton, ex-Chairman of the Chalfonts Beekeeping Society and of Bucks County Beekeepers, now volunteers for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. He will discuss the 3 types of bee (honey, solitary and bumblebee) and wannabees (ie mimics) and then talk about gardening with pollinators in mind.



**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 the Membership Secretary at [kehs.bucks@outlook.com](mailto:kehs.bucks@outlook.com).

Please see our website for more information about our events and membership.

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



# Visit Buckmoorend Farm



Back in June we opened our gates for LEAF's annual Open Farm Sunday



Back in June we opened our gates for LEAF's annual Open Farm Sunday. We had fantastic support so thank you to those of you who came along. We hoped you enjoyed your day. We had lots of fun & Farmer Dan loved sharing his knowledge on the arable side of the farm whilst his Dad, Richard, showed visitors our cute lambs and piglets and hopefully inspired the next generation of farmers! The newest addition to the day was our Butchery Demo, hosted by our own butchers, Gary & Richie, which proved to be a great success. Having our butchers now on site and able to demonstrate how we are truly farm to fork was brilliant. Join us again on Sunday 8th June 2025!

In the farm shop we are well into BBQ season. We know that BBQs aren't all about the weather in this country so the marinading, burger and kebab making is in full swing! We're always happy to oblige requests so if you fancy trying something different this year or have a certain cut in mind for a smoker perhaps then just let us know!

In other exciting news we have welcomed OTEC bikes onsite with their exceptional bike servicing, repair and hire centre for all your cycling needs. Lee, his team and four-legged pal, Barney, are really welcoming and settling in well. They have moved over from Halton Tennis Centre and with all the cycling trails surrounding the farm they complement us really well. They're based just behind the farm shop and kitchen so do pop and say hi when you're next visiting. They are open from Wednesday – Sunday 10am – 4pm.

Thank you for all your support and we hope to see you in the farm shop & kitchen soon!

**Daniel, Steph & all the team at Buckmoorend Farm**



It has been a frustrating season on the farm recently with the weather halting haymaking. We have also had to cut our losses on the One Hundred Acre field of spring barley at Butlers Cross by harvesting it early. It was riddled with black grass and was cut earlier than planned to avoid the black grass going to seed and becoming more of an issue. Still, it is fit for animal feed so all is not lost. On a more positive note, calving is going well and we have welcomed a few new additions to the herd in recent weeks, all thriving out in the fields. We have also just begun harvest so any sun dances are always welcome!



# Gardening in Ellesborough

**At long last we are getting some high summer weather. Time to sit back and enjoy? Not so in the garden this year.**

**The long and wet spring follows a mild wet winter and before we know where we are, it will be early autumn.**



**In the garden we have been constantly catching up; weeds growing as soon as backs are turned, so too hedges and shrubs.**

The Head Gardener (HG) was all behind with getting the plants she carefully nurtured and brought on for early summer planting could not be got into the borders until they were cleared. Worst of all has been the invasion of slugs and snails, they are everywhere and have thrived in the wet and muggy conditions causing havoc, totally devastating delphiniums that have survived untouched for years and nibbling back the HG's favourite dahlias carefully protected over the winter. In the gardening world, 2024 is the year of the Slug. The HG when not in despair is on a murderous anti slug and snail campaign.

On the plus side it is a good year for roses and flowering shrubs and for the glorious show of wild flowers, the population of wild orchids both the common pyramid and bee orchids continuous to prosper and now, as the summer unfolds, the ever-changing colours in the little meadow takes on a haze of blue as the scabious and the chicory come into flower. Sometime we must get round to doing a detailed survey of the species rich multitude of plants now colonising the meadow, first sown in September 2001 and never cultivated since. It is one of those tasks best done at each season, tasks so easy to let slip.

With the exception of pears, which suffered from poor pollination, fruit trees are doing exceptionally well and we are in for a glut. Apples are so heavy on the trees even though thinned when first forming and limited to two per spur, as for the plums, the branches are bending under the weight. Due to a slow start in the early spring, we have scaled back on vegetables this year with just a minimum of corn and peas, a couple of beds are left fallow and we are experimenting with annual wild flowers in one bed. A great disappointment was the normally productive asparagus which was devastated as the early shots appeared, another victory for the army of slugs, flourishing through the mild winter.

Having bemoaned the non-stop volume of rain in the spring and early summer, the HG is now calling for judicious downpours, preferably overnight, to ensure that the late planted summer and autumn plants get established, failing which it is a routine of watering. As Alan Titchmarsh used to say encouragingly, enjoy your garden whatever the weather. Right now, in the cool of a still, balmy evening, relaxing outside in the garden, it is quiet yet wonderfully alive with the colour, scents with only the moths and insects active over the ponds it all seems worthwhile.

**Tony Young August 2024**



# School News – July 2024

## Great Kimble C of E School



### Snap shot of our wonderful learning

### Achievements

This year's school data is something to be proud of. We have achieved in line with or above national data across all year groups and surpassed our end of year targets. The staff and pupils have worked hard this year to make sure pupils are given every opportunity to flourish personally and academically and the results have paid off. Data performances will be published on our website ready for the new term.

### School Trips and Experiences Summer Term

This term saw to the first ever GK residential. Year 5 and 6 pupils spent 3 days at Longridge in Marlow. We had the most superb time together and the children really embodied our school values whilst we were away. We took part in a variety of different outdoor adventurous activities such as stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, Jacobs ladder, night line and raft building.

As a school we also took part in an Olympic dance workshop – creating opening ceremony routines and looking at different dances throughout the world.

RAF Halton paid us a visit too and KS2 pupils spent the morning coding.

### Supporting the school

If you would like to get involved and support the school, there are many ways in which you can do this. We are always looking for additional volunteers for readers. You can also join our governing body or become a member of FOKS. Please contact the school office via email if this is something of interest. We have dedicated pages on the school website with additional information if needed.

Thank you to the citizens who paid us a visit at our school fayre – it was lovely to see members of the community on site, supporting the school. Look out in the autumn term for our Christmas fayre!

### Lettings

We have a light and bright school hall with a small kitchen and toilet which is available to hire. If you know of any evening or weekend groups that would like a regular letting, then please contact the school office.

### School Places

We have a small number of places available for pupils accords the school. If you have recently moved to the area, are looking to move schools or require a reception place in years to come, I would be happy to show you around. We have schedules tours in the autumn terms which are available to book on our school website or you can call / email the school office.

### Social Media

Please follow us and see what we are getting up to! Follow us on X @GreatKimbleCoE

### Miss Haynes

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# Teaser

## *What is a contronym?*

**Single words that have two contradictory meanings (they are their own opposites) are known as contronyms, and they are quite rare.**

### **Here are ten of them:**

1. **apology:** a statement of contrition for an action, or a defence of one
2. **bolt:** to secure, or to flee
3. **bound:** heading to a destination, or restrained from movement
4. **cleave:** to adhere, or to separate
5. **dust:** to add fine particles, or to remove them
6. **fast:** quick, or stuck or made stable
7. **left:** remained, or departed
8. **peer:** a person of the nobility, or an equal
9. **sanction:** to approve, or to boycott
10. **weather:** to withstand, or to wear away



# The Chiltern Ladies

Two new members joined us at the **June** meeting. There were plants for sale along with all the gorgeous home made baked items. Members are still supporting the Aylesbury food bank every month. Details of all the day trips were revealed, and members decided to support Stewart Hall in their efforts to provide a hearing loop - with a raffle at our next meeting.

The speaker was Anna Conti, whose well presented talk entitled Not Just For Churches, was about stained glass windows. Anna became interested in coloured glass collecting old bottles on dump sites as a girl. On leaving school she went on an industrial design course at technical college then joined the Chelsea School of Art. Her first commission was for Richard Branson when she was only 23. The photographs of her work were outstanding and she offered small stained glass gifts for sale. She also offers work shops, and gives talks on cruise ships.

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The President, Mrs. Annie Adams announced at the **July** meeting that a visit is planned to Turn End Gardens in August, and to the Open Air Museum in Basingstoke in September. The monthly coffee mornings and pub lunches are always enjoyed. Friends, family and visitors are always welcome to join us on our outings.

The speaker was Paul Mosley, a volunteer at The Repair Barn in Princes Risborough. In 2015 the leader of the UN laid out goals for People and Planet, suggesting we no longer Take, Make and Dispose, but rather Reuse, Recycle and Repair, encouraging people to do this rather than to send broken goods to landfill. The cost of a repair at The Barn depends upon the time taken, but generally between £10 and £20. There is also a tool library at the barn where it's possible to borrow tools to effect repairs at home, and courses are run to teach youngsters how to repair and maintain their bicycles. Gifts of tools are always welcome and appreciated.

The Repair Barn supports Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care, Paul generously donated his speaker's fee to the charity and The Chiltern Ladies also made a donation.

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We had a lovely picnic lunch for our **August** meeting in the beautiful garden of our member Ann Hyland. Her garden was looking at its best and the sun stayed out for us. It was a most enjoyable and happy afternoon.

**Elizabeth Hine**

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## Planning applications

### Until 8th July 2024

<b>Reference</b>	24/06500/FUL
<b>Alternative Reference</b>	PP-13195579
<b>Application Received</b>	Fri 28 Jun 2024
<b>Application Validated</b>	Fri 28 Jun 2024
<b>Address</b>	Holly Frindle Risborough Road Terrick Buckinghamshire HP17 0UB 24/05807/ADRC
<b>Proposal</b>	Householder application for construction of triple garage and conversion of existing garage to habitable space with 2no. front facing windows
<b>Status</b>	Awaiting decision
<b>Appeal Status</b>	Unknown
<b>Appeal Decision</b>	Not Available
<b>Reference</b>	
<b>Alternative Reference</b>	Not Available

# A September Song for Dunsmore

What a Summer it has been here:

**Social gatherings, extraordinary events, and one of our own being recognised on His Majesty the King's Birthday Honours List 2024! And that's the best place to start.**



*David Marshall celebrating during the Summer Solstice*

## **Summer Solstice and Bonfire**

On Dunsmore Time (a day late – many things here are not quite on time), our Summer Solstice Party and Bonfire took place in a suitably distant corner of Springfield, thanks to the Havards. Twenty households (38 attendees) gathered for drinks and specially selected music before downing Solstice Burgers. Seen for miles around, the bonfire was lit by David Marshall. Nick Phillips performed a torch and Wassailing Cup ritual, and solstice poems were shared. David was toasted on his newly-awarded BEM, before a short, sharp shower brought everyone back to reality. It was a warm, companionable evening which went on till nearly midnight.



*Dunsmore Summer Ball*

## **Dunsmore Summer Ball**

Andy Stancombe had worked tirelessly for more than eight months to put together a revival of the Dunsmore Village Summer Ball, which was held on the Common on July 6th. The event was sold out and, despite the weather, the party lasted well into the wee hours. Plenty of volunteers were involved in the set-up/take down. The start time was delayed due to the appalling weather, and even then attendees caught a downpour just as they arrived. Folk rushed home for their gazebos, which seemed to pop up from nowhere to provide shelter so, undaunted, 60-plus partygoers carried on. It was very cold but everyone had heeded the forecast and dressed appropriately for November weather in July.





Tina Edmondstone produced some beautiful floral displays, including a welcome arch, from flowers donated from village gardens. The buffet, planned and allocated by Judith Stancombe, offered selections that were the usual high standard expected from Dunsmore cooks. Lorraine Smith organised a brilliant raffle with lots of prizes, which raised £400 for Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital in Haddenham.

The Dunsmore Folk Expectations provided the music, and Andy Charles proved a very capable caller for the traditional country dancing, keeping everyone vaguely in time. Music for the remainder of the evening, organised by Andy Stancombe, kept attendees on their feet, though that might have been due to the fact the temperature had dropped to 7°.

Ultimately, it was a successful community event, so deepest thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen – especially Andy Stancombe. Perhaps we'll reprise the fun in future, without the cold, rainy weather.

### Poster Competition

Many thanks and congratulations to Mila Edmondstone for her colourful poster (check the notice board!). The contest was to produce anti-littering posters to catch the attention of those who thoughtlessly toss their trash out the windows for residents to clean up (see event in October). Mila's time was well spent on a very rainy day.

### Langford Lovell Lecture

On July 11th, Gaëlle Berthier of Old Forge Cottage, a trained nutritionist, spoke to Dunsmore residents and friends about the keys to providing good, healthy food for our bodies (and souls). Her ten years of study and

experience provided much excellent information about what we eat, how it helps or harms our bodies and how we can do a better job of providing ourselves with the necessities of life. Though we all assume we know what we should (and should not!) eat, there were eye-opening (and eye-watering) statistics about what highly processed foods are doing to us.

Many thanks to Gaëlle for sharing her expertise with us. (Note: no one brought the usual alcoholic drink to the Village Hall for this presentation.)

### First Friday Fun and Games

So far this summer, three sporting challenges have accompanied the regular First Friday get-togethers. In early June, the Stillwells began the season's festivities with a rousing game of boules, always enjoyed by participants. In July, David McDonagh assembled villagers for a croquet match on the Common. And on August 2nd, Heidi and Andrew Swift had another go at teaching Dunsmore the fine art of playing Kubb. They captained the teams and reminded everyone of the rules. As usual, food and drink were encouraged and tables organised for between-match revival.

### DVHA Cream Tea

On Sunday, August 18th, the final Cream Tea at the Church was held for the benefit of the Dunsmore Village Hall Association. Although this magazine's deadline precludes a report on funds raised, we all hope the weather is dry and the turnout – from residents and many others – spectacular. Thanks to everyone, village and further afield, for helping make this a successful season of Dunsmore Cream Teas.

### COMING UP

Friday September 6 <sup>th</sup>	First Friday Social Evening
Friday October 4 <sup>th</sup>	AGM and Social Evening
Weekend October 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Village Cleanup (again!)
Friday November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz and Chips
Friday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	First Friday Social Evening
Saturday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Mill at Sonning Theatre Trip
Friday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Warmer

# Otecbikes – Buckmoorend farm

Otecbikes has relocated after 10 years in Wendover to Buckmoorend farm next to the farm shop.



The team at otec are absolutely world class Lee is a former UCI DH World Cup team mechanic and has worked for various professional teams and Nations at the World Championships.

Lee also owns Cytech training in Milton Keynes where he trains professionals in the cycling industry to national standards.

- Lee , Aiden , Jack, Josh , Tim, Roger and Barney are all happy to help with anything bike related
- Otec are specialists in service repair and custom builds.
- We also offer collection and delivery
- Regular ride outs from otec

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# Chiltern Brewery



**In June this year, we were delighted to announce the grand opening of The Great Hall at our brewery tap The King's Head, in Aylesbury.**



## **The King's Head is among England's oldest coaching inns.**

On the brow of a hill, The Great Hall of The King's Head was built in the heart of medieval Aylesbury, for William Wandesford, in 1455.

A London wool merchant, he most likely used his newly-built Hall for conducting his business, when down from London.

Exposed timbers, wattle and daub walls and heraldic glass. All would have been made by hand, by local craftsmen, from local materials.

We, The Chiltern Brewery, have been running The King's Head since 30th January 2005. That was an exciting day, because The King's Head gave us the opportunity to take what we had been brewing in Terrick since 1980, to customers in our County Town.

Our approach to the Great Hall, is just the same as we have been doing for over 40 years at the Brewery, and no different from the craftsmen of the 1400s. Find good quality, local produce and, with our hands and a bit of nouse, make it into something special.

From our beers brewed with regeneratively farmed Bucks grown barley, to our seasonal dishes prepared from local ingredients in our kitchens, we are delighted to serve the highest quality beer and food, in the Hall's unmatched setting.

The Great Hall is a historic room with a sense of occasion, and a terrific experience.

If you have not visited yet, please do; we look forward to welcoming you!

You can discover more, and book, on our website [www.kingsheadaylesbury.co.uk/great-hall](http://www.kingsheadaylesbury.co.uk/great-hall)

If you are interested to hear more about Brewery news, sign up to our weekly email newsletter here: [www.chilternbrewery.co.uk](http://www.chilternbrewery.co.uk)

## **Filing self-assessment tax returns: Why professional help is worth the investment.**

In the intricate world of UK taxation, the annual task of filing tax returns can be a bit daunting. With ever-changing regulations and the need to optimise deductions and reliefs, even the most financially savvy can find themselves overwhelmed. This is where the expertise of an accountant becomes invaluable - not just a matter of convenience; it's a move that can lead to financial benefits and peace of mind.

## **Navigating complex tax compliance**

Tax law is notoriously complex and subject to frequent changes. What might have been a straightforward claim last year could have different rules applied this year. Our accountants keep up-to-date with these changes and understand how they impact various tax situations. They have an in-depth knowledge so can identify allowances and reliefs that the average person might overlook. This expertise can sometimes result in a substantial tax saving - far outweighing the cost of our services.

## **Maximising deductions and reliefs**

A common misconception is that online tax software can replace the detailed understanding of a seasoned accountant. While these programs are helpful, they operate on a one-size-fits-all basis and may not capture the unique financial situations of every individual. We take a personalised approach to uncover the possible deductions and reliefs. We can offer strategic advice on how to structure your finances throughout the year to optimise your tax situation, helping you keep more of your hard-earned money.

## **Minimising errors and investigations**

The complexity of tax returns and filing deadlines can lead to mistakes, which can be costly and trigger HMRC investigations. Errors such as incorrect deductions or undeclared income are common pitfalls for those filing without professional help. Should HMRC question your return, having an accountant who understands the intricacies of your financial affairs and can represent you can be invaluable. Our expertise can help navigate the investigation process smoothly and efficiently, providing a buffer against potential penalties.

## **Time-Saving and Stress Reduction**

The time required to accurately prepare a tax return can be substantial, especially for individuals with complex financial affairs such as multiple income streams, investments, or business ownership. With Numbers taking care of it, you can devote more time to both personal and professional activities so you can focus on what you do best. The peace of mind that comes with knowing a professional is handling your tax affairs can help eliminate the stress and uncertainty that often accompanies the tax return season.

## **Strategic Tax Planning**

Beyond the immediate task of filing returns, we can offer strategic tax planning services that can benefit you year-round. This long-term perspective means that your financial decisions are more informed by a comprehensive understanding of how they will impact your tax situation, both now and in the future.

In conclusion, the benefits of using Numbers to prepare your tax returns could extend far beyond simple convenience. Our expertise in navigating complex tax laws, maximising deductions, minimising errors, and providing strategic tax advice can make us an indispensable asset! As the 31st January filing deadline fast approaches, make the investment and let Numbers take care of it for you. We look forward to hearing from you – do please drop us an email to [hello@numbers-ltd.co.uk](mailto:hello@numbers-ltd.co.uk), call us on 01296 620220 or pop in and see us at our office in Wendover.

## **Don't take our word for it!**

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### Focus on Navigation and Memory

#### Clear and Consistent Pathways:

- Eliminate clutter and rearrange furniture for clear walkways.
- Ensure pathways are wide and unobstructed.

#### Familiar Landmarks:

- Use colorful accents, photos, and familiar objects for visual cues.
- Place memorable items in key locations to help orientation.

#### Minimize Distractions:

- Reduce clutter and visual noise.
- Create rummage bags or boxes with familiar props and mementos.

#### Labeling and Organization:

- Clearly label doors, drawers, and cupboards with large, easy-to-read labels and pictures.

### Enhance Safety and Security

#### Falls Prevention:

- Remove tripping hazards like rugs and loose wires.
- Secure furniture to walls and install grab bars in bathrooms.

#### Reduce Potential Dangers:

- Lock away harmful substances, medications, and sharp objects.
- Pad sharp corners and install nightlights in hallways and bathrooms.

#### Monitor Exits:

- Fit doors and windows with alarms to alert you to wandering.

#### Fire Safety:

- Ensure smoke detectors, fire blankets, and small fire extinguishers are accessible and functional.
- Consider installing emergency call buttons.

### Embrace Comfort and Stimulation

#### Lighting:

- Provide ample natural light and use soft, warm lighting in the evening.
- Ensure all areas of the home are well-lit to prevent accidents.

#### Temperature Control:

- Maintain a comfortable temperature.
- Use easy-to-adjust thermostats and heating systems.

#### Sensory Experiences:

- Incorporate textures, aromas, and calming music.
- Use soft blankets, supervised scented candles, and relaxing playlists.

#### Familiar Routines:

- Maintain daily routines and schedules for stability.
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For little kids and 'big kids' alike this is an unmissable opportunity to view many rarely seen Star Wars treasures. This exhibition has broken visitor attendance records at a host of museums around the country, and we're excited for its first visit to Aylesbury. **Exhibition runs from 20 July to 3 November 2024. There is an admission charge to the museum and exhibition.**

**Opening Event - Saturday 20 July**

To celebrate the opening of the exhibition **Stormtroopers and other**

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We will also be running a **Star Wars themed fancy dress competition** on the day. Arrive dressed in your best Star Wars themed outfit and register in person no later than 12:30pm. Be ready to parade around the garden in your age category (9s and under, 10 – 15 years, 16 +) for judging from 1pm. Prizes for the winner in each age category have been kindly donated by Dead Universe Comics, Aylesbury.

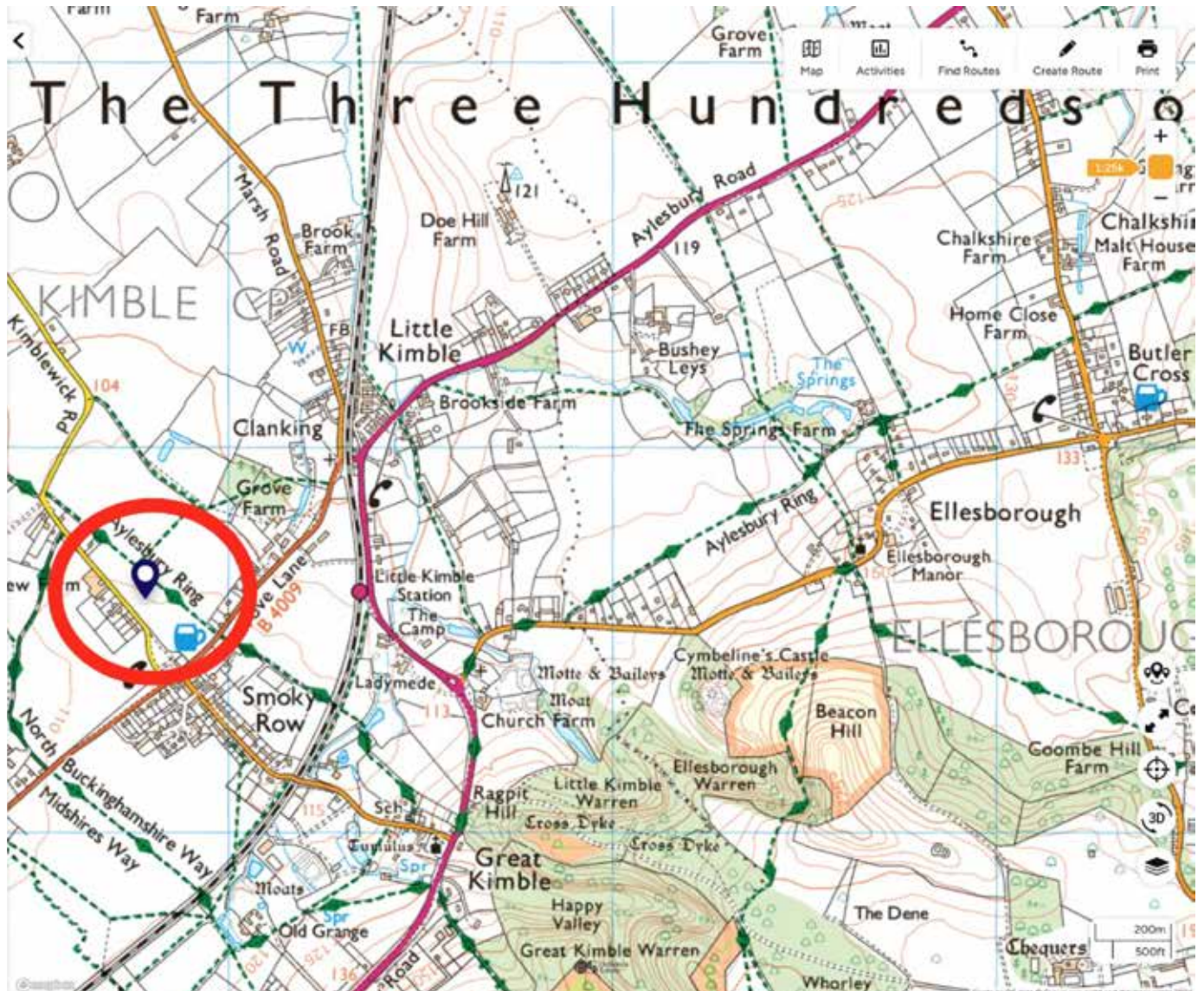
**Marvin the Paranoid Android**

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**For more information, opening times, ticket prices and to book visit: [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)  
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# Records of Buckinghamshire 2024 - *Extract*



## **Kimble: Land north of Kimblewick Road**

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An evaluation by Cotswold Archaeology recovered a small assemblage of early Neolithic flint and pottery. Late Iron Age / Early Roman agricultural features comprised rectilinear enclosures and a field system. Large find assemblages from the ditches suggest proximity to a settlement. Late Roman activity was suggested by the backfilling of three large pits and several ditches. Medieval and post medieval furrows were also present.

# Ellesborough Parish Council

## Chairman's Annual Report 2024

**I am pleased to summarise the actions and activities of Ellesborough Parish Council, during the past 12 months. EPC remains financially sound and has kept the annual cost, for running the Parish, unchanged from last year.**

The recent Village Party earlier this Summer was well attended and the weather helped achieve a good attendance and the Parish raised approximately £800 for Wendover Dementia Care and Cardiac Risk in the Young. This follows on from the Coronation Party held last year which raised a similar sum for Charity.

The Chequers team contacted Cllr Hares and generously offered a garden tour of the grounds and tea on the lawn. A group of active village volunteers, were invited by EPC to attend and it was a fascinating glimpse into this famous estate.

The Remembrance Service was conducted at the Parish Hall with volunteers from the Parish Hall Committee providing light refreshments afterwards.

The Christmas Carol Concert was popular again this year and the Ellesborough Silver Band led the way into Christmas. After some technical input from Rex Norris, the tree lights were back on, unfortunately, however the reindeer didn't make it back this year.

We welcomed Cllr Hamer as a new Council member, which takes the EPC back up to full strength. Cllr Hamer is a Dunsmore resident and it is important that EPC have representation, in this part of the Parish.

Cllrs Withey and Panikkar worked their way through some challenging paperwork to secure grants for 2 new speed awareness cameras. The first one was installed last month but it was vandalised in the first weekend and we are looking at ways to avoid this happening again, before installing the other one.

Cllr Hares continues to lobby the National Trust at Coombe Hill about solutions to the verge damage and parking issues. Whilst a larger car park appears to be the preferred option, the National Trust have no timings on when this may come forward.

Working with the Church, the Clerk successfully agreed the recognition of a Permissive Footpath to avoid dangerous pedestrian movements on the bend at Church Hill.

After several years of chasing by Cllr Panikkar and the former Clerk (Rex Norris), a well overdue new footpath was installed, along the Risborough Road, by Freemantle Court. This has transformed the accessibility for many residents, as well as improving safety for non-road users.

After 4 years of "consultation" we expect new yellow lines soon to be painted at the Russell Arms crossroads. This should improve safety, by restricting parking too close to the crossroads.

The grass cutting for the verges, on roads limited to 30 mph or less is the responsibility of EPC. A new 5 year contract for grass and hedge cutting was agreed, after an informal tender process. In addition, we have obtained an increased cost recovery allowance from Bucks Council and expect the verge and hedge management to be cost neutral to EPC going forward.

EPC continue to monitor all new planning applications and generally there were very few applications which needed the formal input of EPC. EPC, do however continue to provide support to Hastoe Housing in their pursuit of a planning application to provide 6 new affordable houses on Chalkshire Road. It remains a matter of some frustration that, despite Bucks Council approving a resolution to grant consent, they are still not able to agree the basis upon which the local needs can be prioritised. If it does go ahead, construction will be in late 2024 at the earliest.

Cllr Panikkar and The Clerk continue to attend regular monthly meetings with the HS2 contractors and I thank them for their successes in trying to mitigate the continued highways disruption caused.

This year additional new dog waste bins have been installed to improve nuisance dog waste.

After years of service, some of the playground equipment was declared unsafe and at a cost of c.£11k to repair this was not a cost EPC could cover. Cllr Holman spent several months securing grant monies from various organisations and residents, to ensure the playground was quickly repaired and passed a new safety audit.

Cllr Holman is also responsible for the new Sustainability Policy which EPC put in place, earlier this year. It predominantly focuses on bio-diversity in a rural setting, and can be seen on the EPC website. This is an evolving policy and so please let us have any suggestions.

The allotment agreements were all renewed and costs increases were required to cover the additional costs for supplying water.

Risborough Rangers have renewed the agreement to use the Recreational Fields, for Sunday morning football and working with them, the track and off-street parking is now working well to provide minimised traffic issues.

EPC continue to support this Parish Magazine to help with production costs and consider this essential media for keeping the whole Parish informed, but there is also a Parish Clerk email newsletter, Ellesborough Facebook page and Parish website, which provide information on events and Parish meetings.

So, we have had a busy year keeping this rural parish functioning and going forward for the next 12 months we expect a similar workload plus further initiatives on sustainability and the integration of the new speed cameras.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Parishioners and Organisations whose contributions keep our small rural parish functioning. Including the Parish Hall Committee, the Village Litter Pickers, the Speedwatch team, Ellesborough Trust Committee, PC Turnham at TVP, the Ellesborough Parish Magazine Editors, Risborough Rangers and the Bucks Wildlife Trust. As well as all the Parish Councillors and The Clerk.

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- Wednesday The Eighties Rewind** with Howard Bond
- Thursday The Sixties Rewind** with Cherry Waller
- Friday The Weekend Warm-Up** with Karl Braisher
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- Tuesday Motown Magic** with Annette Luck
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- 7.00 am Sunday Breakfast** with Annette Luck
- 10.00 Sunday Brunch** Classic hits and chat with John Reid-Hansen, including **Thought for the Week** at 12.10
- 1.00 pm The Sunday Afternoon Session** with Paul Nicholas, including **The Acoustic Hour** at 3.00
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