

HUGHENDEN NEWS

INCLUDING BRYANTS BOTTOM & CRYERS HILL



WINTER 2015

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STOP PRESS

The data from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed (MVAS) outside Deeters for the month of October reveals, astonishingly, that 161,000 vehicles passed by in one direction. The incidence of high speed offenders travelling at 50 – 55 mph is relatively low, although far too many, at 156. But what perhaps is more alarming is the relatively high proportion of 'speeders' in the 40-45 mph bracket which is a staggering 8,589.

Let's all drive within the speed limit to reduce this statistic!

High Wycombe Flower Arrangement Society

From JANUARY 2016 will be re-locating to Hughenden Valley Village Hall. We look forward to seeing some new faces to join our existing members to enjoy evenings of super demonstrations by AREA & NATIONAL DEMONSTRATORS. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm to 10:30pm. Subs: £40 annually

In addition to 8 Demonstrations throughout the year, our annual calendar also includes:

- *AGM buffet & quiz (Jan)
- *Garden Visit (June)
- *Garden Party (August)
- Practical Evening (Hands on)
- *Christmas Coffee Morning (Dec)
- *Christmas Lunch (December at Restaurant)
- Theme Evenings (inc Buffet)
- Raffle
- Sales table (seasonal plants etc & Christmas)

The flower arrangements done by the demonstrator are raffled at the end of each evening.

*These events are optional and incur a small charge

Why join?

Learn how to create your own displays from flowers and foliage from the garden or supermarket. Hints on what flowers to choose and how to make them last. Be inspired by leading demonstrators.

Come and give it a try – if you bring this advertisement with you, you can visit for free during Feb & March and bring a friend !

Please ring Jan Collins for more info 01494 563890

The Harry Potter Cup Quiz 2015

As the tables filled up there was a genuine feeling of anticipation in the hall; smiles and greetings. A real village event was imminent! Friends, fun and food. Merrie England was perhaps more in our national imagination and not really to be taken at face value. The quiz setting team found it difficult to keep to the theme at first; but then found “Merry England” in all sorts of connotations; in music and history, sport and other guises. The carousel was the most intriguing one when the expression was first used in the practice training skills for earlier armies! In fact, any word however vaguely connected to the meaning of merry, like jocund, jovial and jolly, was pounced upon for question fodder, or even if a word only sounded like merry. The mediaeval castles, set as part of the marathon, looked suitably impenetrable and well bedecked with flags and working drawbridges, duly judged by Christine and Marilyn; material provided by Dory.



It was quite fascinating to see how many amusing Limericks could be devised from so few words. As well as the gorgeous range of food prepared for everyone, one team also brought a lot of their own. Perhaps they needed more food for thought! They need not have worried.

Hughenden Valley is well known for the Harry Potter Cup Quiz, but nothing to do with J.K. Rowling's films. Margaret and Mervyn Wallen could relate a good deal more, as Harry Potter was Margaret's father who guided the village through some tough times, until it was time to have a bit more fun; hence the annual quiz. He presented the village with the winners' cup to go with it. That was thirty-five years ago and there have been quizzes ever since. As always, the proceeds from the quiz go to fund the Senior Citizens Event the following year.

This year's winning team was called "The Best of Brittin"; they were thrilled with the result. The runners up teams were "The White Friars" and the "Hughenden Hoodies". Congratulations!

The hundred or so contestants will certainly want to give many thanks to all who prepare and run this popular quiz. All that wonderful food came through the efforts of Christine and her helpers- Yvonne, Alison, Marilyn and Rosemary. Several of us put out the tables and arranged the seating according to team numbers. Most thanks should go to Al, who worked long beforehand with Christine, Daphne, Angus and Janet to devise the questions, and then there was James our MC who has missed his vocation? Watch out Jeremy Paxman! Without Al Bowyer's stunningly computerised questions and the answers on the screen and running scoreboard the quiz would not be so well organised. His input is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for coming. See you next year.

Angus and Janet Idle

From the many excellent limericks submitted eventually I choose the "White Friars" entry as the best:

A STAR BAKER NAMED MARY BERRY
SAID ALL THE BEST PUDS CONTAIN CHERRY
BUT PAUL DISAGREED
MUST BE TRIFLE FOR ME
AND WITH SHERRY WE BOTH CAN GET MERRY

John Dockett ~ Editor

Hugh 'n' Den's Pages

Parish Councillors

There is still one more Parish Councillor, Hughenden Ward vacancy to be filled. There were two vacancies until recently, but now **Mr Peter Gieler** has been co-opted as a Councillor and he has already been delegated to deal with play areas in the Parish and tree issues on Cryers Hill. The other two Councillors for Hughenden Ward are **Daniel Charleston-Downes** and **Simon Kearey**, who incidentally organised the series of Village Hall films and the Cricket Match in the summer. We still need one more Councillor

Winter tyres

As winter approaches, how are your car tyres prepared for snow and ice? There are now winter tyres available which are significantly better at stopping under those conditions. The recommendation is that you should swap to winter tyres from November to April when temperatures get to 9°C or lower and then swap back for the other six months. Your car service provider would always remind you when to change.

Blood Donor Sessions

The next Blood Donor sessions at Naphill Village Hall will be on Friday 29th January 2016. As usual there will be an afternoon session, approximately 2 - 4pm and an evening one going on to 7pm. You can even make an appointment by phone to 0300 123 23 23. There will usually be plenty of space for parking by Naphill Village Hall.

Quiz

St Michael's Church in Hughenden will be holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 28th November in Hughenden Valley Village Hall. See their advert.

Police

The local Police are busy concentrating on policing rural crime on farms and in woods. They have also linked up with the NHS to help people with mental health problems who need either the Police assistance for their own

sake or safety or so that they can be forwarded on to their own individual trained mental health worker in the NHS.

There seem to be more Police cars about now.

We have had reports in about one or two spurious cold callers, driver and \or passenger, in white box style vans. They have so far hung about where they think there is a chance of an unlikely offer of assistance being accepted eg to rent a room. There is every right to demand that they get off your property. Avoid conversation with them and warn any vulnerable neighbour. They were around in September. This is where the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is so useful. Paul Jenner is starting one in Valley Road. He is the new Road Rep for the Surgery end of Valley Road.

New Train Service

High Wycombe to Oxford from October 25th 2015

Chiltern Railways will, after a five decade gap provide a service via Haddenham & Thame Parkway and Bicester Village shopping centre, from High Wycombe to Oxford. How about that!

Hugh'n'Den wish you a happy Christmas and all you wish for in 2016