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## Chairman's Roundup

I began my Winter Roundup by referring to the events we might run in 2023. Lots of you will be pleased to learn that the Potter Quiz returns. Thanks to Al and Christine Bowyer this returns on 1 April 2023 there will be food (bring your own drinks) and an evening's entertainment at modest cost. Proceeds to worthy HVRA activities.

Also Village Day returns after a 5 year break, put the date in your diary, 15th July. HVRA is partnering with the Village Hall and Village Store in organising this year's event and 30 residents expressed interest in helping to organise it. However, it should be borne in mind that the 5 year gap has resulted in the new team lacking the experience of previous organisers. So although we aim to deliver a good day, it may not be on the same scale as 2018.

We received many thank you letters from recipients of our Christmas Gift Bags. 72 were purchased, assembled and delivered by our team of volunteers under the watchful eye of Rosemary Hewitt. This year we had financial support for this scheme from, amongst others, the North West Chilterns Community Board.

Feedback to me from residents on the future for HVRA suggests that many are open to change and increasing the diversity of those actively involved. An example of our current outreach is the work we are putting in place with the school. A Young Enterprise Scheme is being considered for year 6 students to help them manage their money.

To support our plan to engage with younger residents we are working with New Bucks University to refresh our communications with a new branding approach to have wider appeal.

Many of the established organisations in the village find themselves in a similar position, as the old guard steps down, new players have to step up. It is encouraging to see the younger generation filling key roles on the Village Day organising committee.

Also in my sights is a minor change to our name to better reflect how we wish to broaden our appeal and a tweak to make our constitution more democratic and engaging.

The 'Book Swap' initiative in the Coffee Shop seems to be well used. This started in October and since then over 200 books have passed through the system. At any one time there are usually around 70 on the shelves, 70 out with readers and the balance in reserve or withdrawn.

A small team drawn from our Committee has been looking at ways to improve the look of the village with a review of some of the street furniture provided and serviced by HVRA. We are hoping to increase the numbers and update the existing planters around the village. I believe most of us appreciate these splashes of colour that brighten our days in the Spring and Summer. We are looking to the Parish Council to help with the cost of this scheme, but that is only half the job. You'll know the process, plant flowers, add water! That needs to be carried out regularly.

Mention of planters cannot be allowed to pass without reference to the sterling work done by Brenda Morris single-handedly over the years. We now need to extend the team; so someone may approach you shortly.

Most of you will have seen the work done on the verges outside the Surgery which seems a job well done. In my first notes, back in the summer, I referred to working in partnership to get things done. The work outside the Surgery is a good example of this; HVRA, the Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council worked together to see how best the damage done to the verges and footpath could be repaired. It was important

that the reinstatement reflected our rural location and I think that has been achieved. Particular thanks go to Councillor David Carroll who brought all the parties together and nursed the work through with the Bucks Highways team. David has worked assiduously over the years for the benefit of residents of Hughenden Valley, often unrecognised. So thank you David.

Parting shot - there is still time to help with Village Day!

Peter Spence Chair Hughenden Valley Residents Association

#### Angus Idle

We note that Angus will shortly be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. His work for the good of Hughenden, its residents and the countryside is well known.

In particular, Angus has fulfilled various roles in the HVRA since the late 1960s. Most recently as co-Chair, with Janet, and as editor of this magazine.

We wish Angus a very Happy Birthday.

#### **Hughenden Valley Residents Association**

## Treasurer's Report

In the last issue of the magazine I wrote that the HVRA had started the process of transferring our bank account to Lloyds. This has taken place and the account details for subscription payments is now as follows:

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for this year (2022-3), now would be

a great time to do it!

Many of you will already be aware of these account details as we sent out an email advice to those whom the Road Reps have email addresses.

What didn't quite go to plan was that our request for an automatic Switch process between the old and new accounts was turned down. This was simply owing to the fact that we had changed chairmen relatively recently, a security risk apparently! What this meant was that we had to transfer all our current account and deposit account funds manually.

More crucially, any money paid to the old account inadvertently after the closure of the HSBC account will not automatically be transferred to our Lloyds account. What will happen is the payment will bounce back to the sender but not until the following day. This is something you need to be aware of.

We will keep the old HSBC account open until the end of March, after which it will be permanently closed.

Many thanks

Paul Woodford HVRA Treasurer

#### **HVRA Projects**

As mentioned in the Chair's Roundup, HVRA has several projects underway, some short and modest, others are more long-term. There are also ongoing work-streams, such as this magazine, which have been running for years, providing information and services to residents. In future editions reports from these projects and work-streams will be included as they evolve. The next few pages include reports from four of these projects.

#### **HVRA Projects**

#### Community Speed Watch

As speeding traffic is of great concern throughout the Parish, Hughenden Parish Council has purchased a dozen yellow CSW signs which I expect most of you will have noticed attached to village entry gates or road signs around the parish.

These yellow signs are to warn drivers that speed watch sessions could be taking place in the area by Police trained volunteers, using either a handheld camera or a fixed video camera that captures vehicles exceeding the 30 or 40 mph speed limits. As a result, there is now no requirement for the CSW teams to place a warning sign 20 metres away from the camera.

PC Lee Turnham, CSW Coordinator for Thames Valley, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, has set up at least 225 Groups, just like ours in this village. During the past year, 34,822 letters

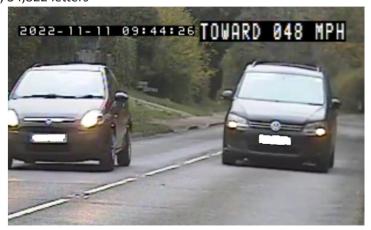
have been sent to offending drivers, 96.04% of whom have not offended after receiving their 1st letter. 833 vehicles have been reported to the DVLA for having no Road Tax, and checks are also made to see if a

vehicle has a current MOT. which is a Police matter.

During a CSW session held last November opposite The Vicarage in Valley Road, this still from the video recording captured a Fiat (on the left of the photo) travelling at 48 mph when the driver overtook the other vehicle that was going 36 mph, also above the speed limit. As you are no doubt aware, the Coombe Lane roundabout is a mere 100 metres away!

SO, PLEASE ALWAYS DRIVE WITH CARE, ESPECIALLY IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND DO NOT EXCEED THE SPEED LIMITS – THANK YOU

> Rosemary Hewitt CSW Coordinator for Hughenden Valley 01494 562752



# HVRA Christmas Gift Bags 2022

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, extra shopping was carried out by a small band of ladies so that 73 Christmasdecorated carrier bags could be filled on 17th December with numerous lovely treats and goodies to enjoy for 102 over 80s who live in the village or nearby hamlets. The bags were for either individuals or couples. A wonderful team of willing helpers met in the Small Hall and before you could say 'Jack Robinson' all the bags were filled to brimming, neatly tied with ribbon, and a gift card attached. No, I am joking, it did take a little bit longer, but quicker than I had planned because we had to wait for our mince pies, freshly baked by the

HVRA Chairman's wife, Pauline, and a tipple of mulled wine to arrive.

Special thanks go to my trusty team of Christmas "elves" for their invaluable help and all those who distributed the bags. A note of thanks to North West Chilterns Community Board for their grant and to Deeter Electronics, John Hopkins Estate, Turville Printing Services, the Village Hall and the Village Store and Coffee Shop, whose generous contributions helped make this initiative possible and a success.

Reading all the many cards and letters of thanks it is clear that the HVRA's Christmas hamper in a bag was very much enjoyed and



appreciated, especially as it came as a complete surprise.

Rosemary Hewitt 01494 562752

Two of the thank you letters received after the bags were distributed

December 2022 Hyghenden Valley Residents association and I would like to thank you most gratefully for the spendid bag of goodies you game us for Christinas. Thank you for is sincerely thinking of us. Very many thanks for akym he the kird thoughts d the gifts enclosed which the been ahoud. bed with for a happy healthy new year.

#### **Planning Report**

#### Country Supplies, Oakleaf Farm Application 22/05000/FUL – Update

The application for the "Creation of highway access from Bryants Bottom Lane into land adjacent to Oakleaf Farm with associated highway realignment works in connection with creation of new parking facility and access for the existing site with associated landscaping" was REFUSED on 25th Nov 2022, because the proposal would have encroached into undeveloped countryside, represented inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would have caused harm in the Chilterns AONB. The full report can be viewed on the Bucks Planning portal.

The applicant can Appeal this decision.

# Orchard Caravans off Warrendene Rd, Ref: 22/07158/CLP – Update

On 1st Dec 2022 a NOTICE OF REFUSAL to grant a Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Use or Development of the land as a residential caravan site for siting 9 additional caravans was issued "because it would as a matter of fact and degree result in a definable change in the character of the use of the land from the existing use of the site for siting three caravans. The extent of that change would amount to a material change in use, when compared with its actual present use as a residential caravan site for 3 caravans. As such the CLP is refused and a full planning application is required."

The full report can be viewed on the Bucks Planning portal.

The applicant can Appeal this decision.

On 20th Jan. 2023, under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, **Buckinghamshire Council made** Preservation Order No 02/2023 Trees on land at Orchard Caravans, Warrendene Rd, Hughenden Valley "because of concerns that trees may be felled to clear the site within a former orchard because they form part of the sylvan character within the Hughenden Valley setting, and make for a positive contribution in terms of visual amenity, as well as environmental and habitat benefits."

The applicant can Appeal this Order.

STOP PRESS. A new application, **Ref: 23/05400/CLP**, has now been submitted to increase the number of

mobile homes from 3 to 6. Details can be found at https:// publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk/ idoxpa-web/, where you may also lodge comments about the application.

# Deeters, Valley Road, Application 22/07899/PNPCR

On 4th Nov 2022 a Prior Approval Application (Part 3, Class MA) for Change of Use of existing first and second floor office space (Use Class E) to create 6 x studio, 6 x 1-bed and 8 x 2-bed apartments (20 in total) (Use Class C3 (dwelling houses) was submitted.

However, as a result of representations by concerned residents the application was withdrawn 3 days later because it was contrary to Planning Policies as the site lies within the village settlement in the Chilterns AONB and Green Belt, and the building had not been vacant for 3 months prior to the application.

Prior approval is no longer sought for the above works.

Rosemary Hewitt HVRA Planning Sub-Committee

# Drainage Improvement Group

#### Winter Weather

It had seemed a wet autumn and winter leading up to Christmas, to the extent that the stream had risen in the park. In late January it was rising and flowing from Church Farm, and below the pumping station there were the beginnings of the spring rising there in the large field depression.



When the stream looks like it may run through the village, there is a chance that the sewerage system will become overloaded. So it was around this time that I opened the inspection cover at the front of our property, but am glad to report at this point that the drain was empty. If the sewage system through the valley is running high, the level rises correspondingly in my inspection pit. For us, it's a sort of early warning system.

Since then, there doesn't seem to have been any significant rain, which

suggests we won't see the stream rise in the village, nor indeed experience any sewage problems this

year. Unless of course, it starts raining in earnest as soon as we go to print.

#### **Drains and Sewers**

After pursuing Affinity
Water relentlessly for
the last year or so, I am
glad to say that they
have finally come back to
us and advised that the
culverts under the
pumping station have
been checked. Except
that the work was
actually carried out
during last summer by

their contractor, it's just that Affinity didn't know. The contractor reported that all blockages were removed, so it does suggest that we were right to push for this work to be done.

It's pretty clear that maintenance is a vital part of our everyday lives, although looking after our roads, drains, sewers and other systems seems these days to be run on a crisis basis rather than carried out in a scheduled manner. Whatever the shortcomings of this *modus operandi*, we do have FixMyStreet and that has been working well for us in recent times.

I happened to be out in Valley Road on a walk recently and spotted Bucks CC engineers clearing the problematic



drains at the foot of Trees Road – see the picture.

I reported this on the FixMyStreet request in the last issue, so it's really good to see the system is working. It does make me feel that the council are responding well to requests we put in. So, if you see drain and road issues needing work done, just get online and report it, it's relatively simple to use. Just search for: FixMyStreet (buckscc.gov.uk)

Paul Woodford HVRA DIG





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## News from Hughenden Village Store and Coffee Shop

Happy 2023! Following a fantastic Christmas, life has been refreshingly uneventful at your Village Store!

Looking forward to Spring, we are working on a new range of frozen and chilled products which will hopefully be in store for April. A lovely range of Easter gifts and delicious products will be available for the Easter festivities and of course some lovely cards and gifts for Mothers Day. We are very lucky to have Fatherson's Cakes back on sale again. These are delivered every Thursday and include a range of large round sponges as well as loaf cakes and large sharing size tray bakes. Special orders can be taken for cakes by close of business on a Tuesday for delivery on the Thursday so just call us for any special requests (01494 568653).

Don't forget we also have deliveries, almost daily, of amazingly delicious meat from local butcher Timpson's. Regularly supplied are chicken breasts, beef mince, beef chuck steak, burgers and sausage, however any special orders can be taken anytime for specific cuts of meat. A particular recommendation is the lamb chops one customer once said they "would never eat supermarket lamb chops again"!

We will be providing traditional Cream Teas for eating in or boxed up for taking away for home celebrations on the Coronation Weekend so watch this space for ordering details. We will also be stocking up on Classic Victoria Sponge cakes for the weekend!

Exciting News - We are part of the organisation team for Village Day Fete on July 15th this year. We will be providing Cream Teas and sandwich picnics (Including children's) on the field for a lovely traditional event.

As we said before we are facing significant challenges of low numbers of volunteers which mean high staffing costs along with high energy costs and increased costs of products. We also have some expenditure such as air-conditioning in our stock room and replacement outside coverage following the damage to the marquee last year.

Please continue to support us in any way you can – Shopping!

As well as shopping with us, one way of supporting the shop, completely free to you and with no added cost, is by registering with Easyfundraising. The scheme means that retailers automatically send us a donation every time you place an on-line order.

It only needs setting up once and if you register, the donations will be



sent to us every time you order! Please see the information below and just visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

#### Volunteer with Us

Volunteering is fun and rewarding and really is what makes a community shop viable. A contribution of a small amount of time is hugely valuable to the residents and local community so please do contact us if you can help (Call Louise on 07909 527990).

As ever, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our customers, supporters, volunteers and staff who make your community shop special.

Thank you! Louise Jones

## **Hughenden Valley Village Shop Singers**

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Hall

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#### **Hughenden Valley Football Club**

#### Hi Everyone,

I hope you are keeping well, having a great winter, and enjoying the football season as much as we are. We have been hit by the usual seasonal effects of the rain and freezing temperatures causing us to postpone training and matches – so we may well run the season a little later than usual into April and May for some year groups.

## ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS – SAVE THE DATE!

It's a highlight of the season when we come together as a local football community to celebrate the efforts of all our players – from five years old to eighteen years old. We also celebrate the contribution of our volunteer managers and coaches, aged from ...well, I won't mention the ages on here, just to say experience counts for a lot when it comes to football management.

Saturday June 24th is the date this year for our fun day and awards ceremony. The Marquee and Ice Cream Van is booked, and the BBQ is being planned for! Please join us for our AGM at midday and have your say as to how this great club is run.

Don't forget this event is FREE to players and immediate family members.

Have you seen that we are on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter? Please 'like' and 'share' as we continue to raise the club profile in order to attract the next generation of Harry Kane, Gill Scott and, er...Stanley Bowles.

#### **HVFC Heroes**

The football just doesn't happen without our volunteers and there is so much done behind the scenes to ensure our players can enjoy their football in a fun and safe environment.

One such individual is Andrew Booth, Manager of our Under 11s team AND our Club Secretary. I caught up with Andy recently to find out a little bit more...



What do you love most about HVFC? Every month we hold meetings where people come together at our favourite watering hole, we talk about football and drink. I get to spend time coaching players to play a sport I really enjoy.

What is your best HVFC memory? Constantly updated when the team plays well in a match. Win, lose or draw as a team.

Seriously though, probably the first goal my son scored closely followed by the first clean sheet and amazing save.

Your Funniest moment?
Realising how old I am, when the kids

I coach don't even know who David Beckham is, even though a few were wearing Man Utd shirts. More likely to be, during a shooting drill, missing the goal and managing to put the ball in the river and then watching one of the dads bravely go get the ball for me.

Your Favourite team?
Black and White stripes
all the way to the Toon
Army, Newcastle United.

Your Favourite half time snack? Probably wrong to say a beer if we are talking about HVFC fixtures. My trusty black coffee with two sugars, usually accompanied by a banana.

Tell us one thing we don't know about you Andy?

I like my escapism, whether it is a good book or film, but I absolutely love playing games on the Xbox. I'm just a big kid at heart!

And finally...a massive thank you to Karen at The Harrow and Simon Cook from EMG for their recent sponsorship of our Under 8s and Under 14s teams. I am sure you will agree, the teams and coaches look



brilliant in their new rain jackets and beanie hats!

All the best and...COME ON THE VALLEY!

Cheers
Dave Hilling
Chairman HVFC
Join us on Facebook and Twitter, and
visit us at hvfc.co.uk









Phil Bate

#### Sad news

Just a few days ago Mark Wilkins (both a friend and ex-Chair supporter of the Club) got in touch with me to share the following very sad news;

It is with great sadness that we relay the news of the passing of one of our Club's greats.

Phil was an Honorary Vice President and long-serving Secretary, not to mention being a prominent member of Old Hughendenians. Our sincere heartfelt condolences go out to Phil's wife Val, and their sons Chris and Matt (who both played for the club).

We are all incredibly sad to hear this news.

Thank you Phil for everything you gave to Hughenden Valley Football Club - your effort, commitment and love of the game had such a positive impact on everyone associated with the club.

Dave Hilling Chairman HVFC

#### HAGA's Allotment and Gardens Plot

Hello Plotters,

## YOU THINK CLARKSON HAS IT BAD AT DIDDLY SQUAT!!

First week of February 2023 - sunny, 9c., a bit better than average. Certainly better than most of the last two or three months, which were firstly far too wet, then far too cold.

By now, we ought to be getting used to an excess of inappropriate weather in any given season; we can't say we haven't been warned about global warming. I just wish we could have a bit less excess and a bit more appropriate. It may just be me, but I seem to have been caught napping, with my eye off the ball, each time the weather has changed over the last six months. As the avid readers amongst you will know, my orange tree lost all its newly developing fruit at the end of summer and the Strelitzia was in a non-flowering sulk......currently the orange is in the greenhouse, in leaf but without any sign of blossom. The strelitzia, avocadoes, dendrobium orchids and chillies (all of which have overwintered in the greenhouse through recent years) are no more. All have succumbed to harsh frost that is a sign of global warming. Many of us are waiting to see just what may or may not turn up in our gardens and patio pots: we know that nature is

more resilient than we often give it credit for, but we are unlikely to see everything come back this year after the stresses of last. However, it is good to see the snowdrops, daffodils and hellebores on parade already – some things are dependable!

On the wildlife front, what can I say!? We are being told that garden birds are not apparently suffering from the current strain of avian flu. We keep our fingers crossed on that one; it will be guite a while before we see the results of the Great Garden Bird Watch and any other (scientific) investigations but it does seem that visitor numbers overall are down. The cold snaps notwithstanding, I see fewer goldfinches, all species of tits, and dunnocks; the robins seem ok though, of course, they are likely to be a territorial pair - three or more at once on the patio or feeders would lead to open warfare. Merle and Oberon are, I hope, sunning themselves somewhere warm (though where in Europe that might be at present, I don't know) but they are not currently in my garden.....so no jazz from Oberon to charm the days. The fifth-columnist jackdaws are around...oddly, nearly always in groups of three at the feeders. It's a good job they're no bigger, or more numerous, or the feeders would be

wrecked. The collared doves now seem to be faithful visitors... they're very delicate and well-mannered..

You can rest assured however, that despite my previous musings on possible new visitors, my garden is still not overrun by either Humboldt penguins or lyre birds. I wonder if I were to supply a range of fish and exotic fruit at the feeders........!?

#### The HAGA programme:

You may have noticed the deliberate mistake in my last article. I said I hoped to see you in January for the first of our new season's meetings: we don't now meet in January.....too cold! I sincerely hope that no-one spent an unhappy evening on the last Friday in January waiting for the hall to open. Mea culpa.

You will be glad to hear I can tell you, with full confidence, that our 2023 programme started on Friday 24 February with a talk by Graham Horn "The Isle of Wight - England in Miniature". Then, March 31, the talk is "Missenden Walled Garden" by Kyle Banks.

If you are already a member you will have by now your copy of the programme, Dobie's gardening catalogue and the information about other local discounts. Guests and

newcomers are always welcome to our meetings; you can easily become a member too – we'd love to see you.

Tell your friends about us, the talks and trips, the free tea and biscuits at our meetings as well as the shopping discounts. It should soon be getting warmer so gear-up for both the new season and the new HAGA programme.

Dig it.

Andrew Flint Chairman 564 972

Daphne Hicks Social Secretary 562 170





## Hughenden Valley's Rare Chalk Grassland Local Wildlife Site

#### The Conservation Group

# October 2022/February 2023 revised updated report

Our last-published report (June 22) was written when the weather was still not what might have been hoped for by the volunteers – often quite chilly and windy with still a lot of rain. Not that the chalk bank flora or fauna were bothered; to them it was simply good old English late spring weather. The plants were getting regular watering, especially important on easily drained/generally light chalk soil, to help promote and sustain vigorous new growth. The wildlife just got on with it, the birds nesting, small animals getting into their breeding season and roaming for food - their tracks often evident in the grass and undergrowth. As an aside and on a purely environmental note, the late spring rain was a benefit for the local water courses. In Hughenden Valley's case, any rainfall that feeds the aguifer or that gets into streams as "simple" run-off is to be welcomed and at that part time of the year it was good to see the Hughenden Stream flowing well.

Then, just to prove we are in England, the sun came out......and stayed out. We not only got the summer we had all been hoping for, but we also got a southern French, even north African version. For south-east England at least, it turned into the hottest, driest summer since 1976. Then just to prove we are in England, of course, we started to complain and. And the Hughenden Stream dried up.

#### C'est la vie.

The banking still didn't complain though. The orchids in particular put on an excellent show and, as hoped, even made appearances in some of the newly-cleared areas of undergrowth. Other grassland favourites (and, admittedly, some not-so-favourites) had a good summer and therefore kept us busy — a mixture of nurturing the good, controlling the unwanted.

We were therefore ready for the summer/early autumn schedule of grass mowing and collection.

Although this task is expected with a certain dread (it takes our small group 4--to-6 of our weekly sessions to complete, if the weather is kind to us) it is the one annual task that we must not avoid. By definition, our valley's chalk grassland is a managed environment, historically created by livestock grazing. Since early medieval times the whole of the banking (and

much more) would have been maintained as a mainly treeless, short grass area. That type of management is of course no longer practicable and our group's efforts are the bestavailable modern substitute: we must continually control undergrowth and scrub and manage established trees. The grass must be mown and, most importantly, taken away in order to establish and then maintain an unimproved short sward. However. this year we were able to look forward to some help...if the weather continued to play ball, we were going to be able to get the grass cut and taken away by a professional tractor mower. With a sigh of relief, the mower arrived on 20th September – it did in an afternoon what has previously taken us weeks. The subsequent collection and disposal of the hay was carried out just as quickly.

Hence, our work through the rest of autumn 22 and the winter 23 proved to be quite a lot easier. There were remaining areas of grass to strim and rake-up, then the hay to dispose of, from under shrubby undergrowth and narrow areas that were inaccessible to the tractor. However, we were really freed up to undertake rather more necessary landscape management.

The laid hedge which we created last

spring has thickened up and looks well-established; the rain through autumn helped reverse any stress that the prolonged dry spell might earlier have been felt. We will continue this work, both extending the recently established run of hedge as well as creating new stretches in other areas. The newer glades and bays we opened up in the last year or so have already proved to be worth the effort: Not only have dormant flowers reappeared as more light gets through to ground level, but the new spaces add to the overall beauty of the area.

Although much of the December-January period was not easy for our small group (the mix of persistent rain, heavy frosts, illnesses and the like all taking their toll) we have carried out much of our programmed work and have not lost the advantage gained from the autumn grass-cut. We can look forward to the coming year knowing that we are fulfilling our remit.

Regular readers will recall that, in August '21, Bucks and Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre (BMERC) carried out an Invertebrate Group environmental survey on our Chalk Bank and its environs. The Village Hall Management Committee (and we, the Conservation sub-group) are pleased and proud to see from

the BMERC's report findings that the chalk bank is very much a valuable resource for wildlife; the mix of established species-rich habitats, structural elements in scrub and hedge-lines and swards provide good pollinator resources (which add to the banking's collective value).

In the 24-hour period of the survey the BMERC group identified a good mix of [invertebrate] species including a number normally associated with good quality habitat. Twelve species of bee alone were recorded (suggesting that more would be likely over a year) of which two species are listed as nationally scarce; Ichneuman wasps (look-up Stilbops ruficornis for pictures) which specialise on scabious flowers and are

limited to Chiltern areas of Bucks; Common Blue Butterflies (not so common these days, but are particularly attracted to our Bird's Foot Trefoil flowers); six species of grasshopper and crickets (including the Speckled Bush Cricket). To top-off the list, Glow worms were also present. These, plus 126 moth species and three beetle species with a national status of local/limited presence reflect the environment's healthy mosaic structure.

Our group's aim is to maintain the chalk bank environment by sympathetic, but active, management. It is a year-round task but it is rewarding. The reward for us comes if you too visit and find it a beautiful and worthwhile place. We



hope to make it not simply somewhere to walk through for "a bit of exercise" or just for dogs' benefit, but to be somewhere you can pause, look around and drink in the atmosphere, the beauty, even pick up on some historical references. The chalk bank is, as is the wider Hughenden Valley, an outstanding area, both naturally and historically.

Just come along, bring a smile, open eyes, and a light tread. And enjoy!

Regards,

Your Village Hall Chalk Bank Conservation Team

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#### **Hughenden Valley Street Association**



#### **Hughenden Street Association (HSA)**

is celebrating its sixth birthday. It was created in February 2017 with a clear agenda around helping to reduce the sense of isolation experienced by young and old alike. According to the Co-op Foundation 71% of those aged between 10 and 25 describe themselves as occasionally lonely, with 13% of pupils feeling chronically lonely. We are perhaps more familiar with the sense of isolation often felt by older people and those living with disabilities which was significantly exacerbated by the pandemic and now the Cost-of-Living Crisis.

Encouraging collaboration between different community support groups is a fundamental activity for HSA and our popular monthly pub lunches are testimony to this. The Harrow lunch was the first one and continues to be very popular. Hughenden Valley Residents Association has promoted the event and in return HSA shares events organised by the Association and other local groups in its weekly newsletter. Promoting each others' events helps spread the word. Our newest partner is the Great Kingshill

Village Hub which has really taken off.

In 2023, HSA is exploring the **Great Get Together** project as a way of consolidating links with and between the various community groups and pupils at our local schools. Inspired by Jo Cox MP, who was sadly murdered going about her constituency work, the Great Get Together seeks to bring communities together to celebrate what unites us, to bridge divides and to tackle loneliness. Around the time of Jo's birthday, a weekend of events will take place across the UK to celebrate her message that we have more in common than that which divides us. This year's date is 23-26 June and typically people come together in parks, on streets, at allotments or in community centres to make connections with people from different backgrounds and to share Jo's message.

Communities will be celebrating the King's Coronation in May and given the amount of organising needed for such events it might be felt that arranging something else in June might be too much. However, by

signing up for the Great Get Together we can start to plan for 2024! HSA will be promoting the initiative over the coming months and if your community group or you personally would like to get involved do get in touch. We would also love to hear from our local schools. We will be inviting interested parties/individuals to join a Zoom chat to explore how we can take this idea forward within Hughenden. Just send an email to: hughendensa@gmail.com with

"Great Get Together" in the subject line.

If you would like to find out more about the monthly **HSA pub lunch** at The Harrow contact Anne Smart on 07970 037419. You are assured of a warm welcome!

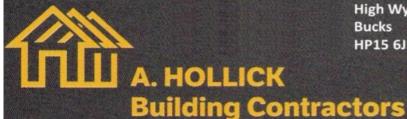
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We wish everyone in the Parish a very happy, even if belated, New Year.

One of our most important activities in the first months of 2023 is a tendering process for the maintenance of hedges, verges and grounds. Hughenden Parish is a bit unusual in that the Parish Council owns about twenty plots of meadow, woodland and amenity land. The Council hasn't thoroughly reviewed how it wants to manage and maintain the land for many years. We are now taking the first steps to take a fresh look in the light of the local and global ecological and climate challenges we face. A small first step was to support the planting of wildflowers by the Hughenden Valley Climate Action Group at the road iunction at the Harrow Pub. This will involve mowing the verge there on fewer occasions each year.

We are re-letting the maintenance contracts for verge, hedge and grounds maintenance for just one year. During that time, we intend to develop a Site Management Plan for the larger plots of land, in consultation with residents. For example, we might wish to encourage

grazing rather than mowing on meadows, but this might have implications for dog-walkers that need to be discussed. We intend the Site Management Plans to form the basis of future maintenance contracts.

In our updates last year, we encouraged local organisations to apply for small grants if they needed support to provide services of benefit to parishioners. Grant applications dried up during the Pandemic years, but we are pleased to see the number of grant requests increasing. In recent months we have provided grants to residents associations to produce gazettes and newsletters, and to Bryants Bottom Community Trust to help maintain the Village Green. We have also provided two benches on the amenity field at Primrose Hill.

We are sorry that our Clerk, Emily Ranahan, left us in December and we are currently recruiting for a Clerk. The position of the Parish Clerk, who is the Parish's executive officer, is vital to the smooth running of the Parish. We also have vacancies for Councillor positions in Hughenden Valley,

Widmer End and Naphill & Walters Ash. If you think you could contribute to the local community by serving as a Parish Councillor, please contact clerk@hughenden-pc.gov.uk for an application form. We are pleased to have three new Councillors on board, Usha Prashar representing Naphill & Walters Ash, Marc Byrom representing Hughenden Valley and Jaye Hawkins representing Great Kingshill.

In January, the Parish Council agreed to adopt the streetlights in Widmer End. There has been considerable uncertainty as to the ultimate ownership and responsibility for the lights, and this has caused residents of Windmill Estate much anxiety. After an exhaustive effort to get to the source of the ownership of the lights, the Council decided that the Parish was the most likely owner, and that the right course of action was for us to adopt the lights, ending uncertainty for the residents. A Working Group including Councillors and representatives of Widmer End Residents Association and Windmill Estate Maintenance Company are now working on ways to improve the efficiency of the lighting.

The Council has also initiated a project to renovate the playgrounds at Great Kingshill and Templewood. A consultant has been appointed to

guide us through the process. The first phase will be to consult with residents and equipment suppliers and establish a scope for Council to consider.

# The first fete in Hughenden Valley

The first Village Day was held to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in1977 (although it was not called Village Day then). Under the direction of Doug Sayer and the Village Hall Committee, there was all the fun of a fete and a procession from Warrendene Road. In those days a sports day was included for young and old with a barbeque in the evening. Jubilee mugs were presented to the children. The receipts for the day amounted to £787 and, with the outgoings amounting to £642, there was a profit of £147 with which to buy curtains for the main hall.

From 'Hughenden Valley, from the Middle Ages to the end of the Second Millennium' by John Veysey

#### **Hughenden Art Group**

Hughenden Art Group held another very successful Annual Art Exhibition over the weekend of 14-16th October 2022. Twenty-one of the members exhibited artwork in a variety of mediums; watercolour, pastel and acrylic etc., there were also prints and greeting cards available to purchase. Several visitors commented on the quality of the exhibition and how much they had enjoyed it. A hamper was raffled in aid of the charity Children against Cancer and a

wonderful selection of cakes and refreshments was also available which were very popular with the visitors.

HAG is a small friendly art group, meeting on a Monday evening and painting in all mediums. They have monthly demonstrations given by various artists and occasional Saturday workshops for the members. Because of their popularity the waiting list is currently closed.





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## Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP)

Buckinghamshire Council are developing a county-wide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which will shape the Council's delivery approach, support the emerging Local Transport Plan 5 and Local Plan, help tackle climate change, improve air quality, and create healthy and well-connected communities.

The Buckinghamshire LCWIP will be informed and developed using the sixteen Buckinghamshire Community Board areas. The Buckinghamshire LCWIP is strategic and will not provide detailed route plans, include every aspiration, or guarantee funding for delivery of the scheme. All proposals in the final Buckinghamshire LCWIP will be subject to further work (design, funding and engagement). The Buckinghamshire LCWIP is at Stage 2 of the process - Gathering Information. You can read the developing Buckinghamshire LCWIP at the link below.

As part of the process in developing the Buckinghamshire LCWIP, the North West Chilterns Community Board has developed a draft aspirational LCWIP, which includes our area. This draft LCWIP sets out the currently known aspirations for cycling and walking improvements within and across the North West

Chilterns area and at a detailed level compared with the strategic Buckinghamshire LCWIP.

The Community Board hope that, once finalised, its aspirational LCWIP for the North West Chilterns area will be adopted as a supplementary document to sit alongside and support the strategic Buckinghamshire LCWIP.

The Community Board's draft aspirational LCWIP for the North West Chilterns includes proposals already adopted by the Wycombe Local Plan. It also includes the draft Hughenden Greenway Project which connects High Wycombe to Hughenden linking with the National Trust property Hughenden Manor. This draft Hughenden Greenway Project has already undergone some design and study.

You are invited to comment on both the Buckinghamshire and North West Chilterns Community Board LCWIPs. You can access both documents on the North West Chilterns Community Board page of the Buckinghamshire Council website North West Chilterns Community Board | Buckinghamshire Council (bit.ly/3EItCMy) (scroll to the bottom of the page).

The deadline for comments, feedback, and ideas is 31st March 2023.

Your input matters so please help shape these draft documents.

Please email your comments to:

Jackie Binning - North West Chilterns Community Board Manager Jackie.Binning@buckinghamshire.gov

#### Ask Louise

Q – I have a buy-to-let residential property in the UK which I'm currently in the process of selling, Is there anything I need to report and if so does this just go on my Selfassessment Tax Return due on 31 January each year?

A – Unfortunately the reporting requirements for sales of residential property changed significantly from 6 April 2020, taxpayers were required to report any disposals of UK residential property and pay their estimated capital gains tax (CGT) liability within 30 days of completion. However the Autumn budget 2011 increased this time limit to 60 days from completion for sales on or after 27 October 2021. For those within self-assessment, the property



Louise Marshall FCCA is an Associate Director at Seymour Taylor Accountants who are based in High Wycombe.

disposal will also need to be reported on their self-assessment tax return. The reporting and taxation of disposals of non-residential property, and of property located outside the UK, are unaffected by the rules, and where a property disposal results in a loss, a 60-day return does not need to be filed. If you are planning on selling your residential buy to let property, you should collate information and let your tax adviser know of your plans as early as possible, to minimise the risk of missing the 60-day deadline but also to manage payment of any tax due.

Contact Louise at louise.marshall@stca.co.uk or call 01494 552100 www.stca.co.uk

#### A Walk to the East of Hughenden

Distance: 2.1 miles / 3.3 km (with extended route + 0.25m / 0.4km)
Terrain: track, woodland, open fields, (with extended route: pavement)
Accessibility: Gates and Kissing Gates Elevation: 85m climb overall

From the village hall, cross Valley Road and take Boss Lane which is immediately on the right just after the roundabout. Follow Boss Lane all the way to the end of the road where Boss Lane then becomes a track climbing up the hill.

About 250 metres (it feels like more!) along the track, there is an entrance into Gomms and Bubbles Wood on your right. Take this footpath which

leads you down the side of a hill to a wider footpath. Veer left on this footpath. You are now walking uphill again, albeit on a gentler incline. When you have a choice, edge left on this footpath and after another 150ish metres you will come out into a field.

Cross this field and go through the kissing gate at the end of it.

Here you meet the end of Pipers Lane with Pipers School entrance on your left. Take the entrance into the field immediately opposite. The wide footpath takes you along the left side of this open field and you can appreciate increasingly wide views



ahead and to your right. You may notice Pipers School on the other side of the left edge of the field. At the point where the school grounds finish, take the footpath immediately on your left. There is a galvanised gateway here but ample access either side of it!\*

You are now back in woodland and walking gently downhill until you reach another kissing gate. Having gone through this gate, the footpath is much narrower and steeper. Follow it to the end. The final gate leads you back on to Boss Lane and by following it to your right it will take you back to the Village Hall.

\*At this point you can continue to the end of the field, rather than turning left, for an extended route which will add about a quarter of a mile and take in The Harrow.

Follow the footpath to the end of the field where it will narrow and take a steep decline all the way to the end of South Maundin. Cross over the road straight onto a footpath which leads you into The Harrow garden, and when you wish, out onto the meeting of Warrendene Road and Valley Road. Turn left out of the pub gate and the footpath will lead you all the way back to the Village Hall.





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#### HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held at 7.30pm Friday 12th May 2023

In the large Village Hall

#### Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies for Absence
- Approval of the Minutes of the HVRA AGM of 2022 and associated Reports, available at https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/
- 4. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes
- 5. Chairman's Report
- 6. Treasurer's Report
- 7. Election of Officers for 2023/2
- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 8. AOB
- 9. Closure of the AGM, followed by a presentation.

Presentation by our Guest Speaker: Jeremy Elkin, Waste Awareness & Education Manager, Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility, who will give a talk with slides.

Followed by cheese and wine.

NOTE: Please let the Secretary know if you ARE attending and, IF NOT, please sign and return the Form of Proxy.

Thank you, Rosemary Hewitt (01494 562752 or email: secretary@hughendenresidents.org)

### **HVRA Officers - Nomination and Proxy Forms**

Please complete and email to: secretary@hughendenresidents.org, or send to Rosemary Hewitt at Old Stocks, Valley Road, HV, HP14 4PF

#### **HVRA Annual General Meeting**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### **Nomination Form**

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to the post of	on the Association's Committee.
I have discussed my proposal with my n nominated.	ominee and he/she has agreed to be
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#### Form of Proxy

## HVRA Annual General Meeting TIME: 7.30PM DATE: 12 MAY 2023

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I, being a fully paid-up member of the Hughenden Valley Residents Association
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SIGNED:
ADDRESS:
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NAME (print):
SIGNED:
ADDRESS:
DATF.

#### **HVRA AGM**

#### Appointment of a Proxy - Informative

Members are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote at the AGM. A proxy need not be a member of the Association but must attend the AGM to represent the member. To be validly appointed, a proxy must be appointed using the procedure set out in these notes. If members wish their proxy to speak on their behalf at the meeting, members will need to appoint their own choice of proxy (not the Chairman of the AGM) and give their instructions directly to him/her. The Association strongly encourages members who might be in doubt of attending or do not wish to speak at the AGM to appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy and submit any questions they might have in advance.

A member may instruct their proxy to abstain from voting on any of the Resolutions to be considered at the meeting. It should be noted that an abstention is not a vote in itself and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportional votes for and against the relevant Resolution.

The appointment of a proxy will not prevent a member from attending the AGM and voting in person.

A member who has instructed the Chairman to vote on their behalf may change that instruction at any time up to the AGM or may attend themselves and speak and vote accordingly.

Appointment of a Proxy using a Proxy Form:

A Proxy Form for use in connection with the AGM is attached to the Notice with an Agenda. To be valid, any Proxy Form appointing a proxy must be received by the Secretary by no later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the AGM or any adjournment of that meeting. NOTE: A Proxy Vote is not included in the number required to achieve a Quorum.

Extract from the Constitution that was ratified at the HVRA AGM on 17th September 2020

## News from Hughenden Primary School My home in the Chilterns



You might see the odd urban area, Joined by meandering roads and straight railways, Wycombe, Reading, Amersham or Tring, Or Risborough, Chesham or Marlow. But all of these are separated by the same thing; Trees, trees and more trees. Hilarious pantos at the Wycombe Swan, Children bouncing high at Rush, Munching on popcorn watching a blockbuster at the cinema, Bowling a strike, feeling excited! Shopping at the Eden centre, On the fields playing football, And doing karate. All the things I love. I love it here! If I asked you, What made the Chilterns the Chilterns? What would you say? Would you say the hills or the walks? Or the trees and the fields? The farms of cows, crops, sheep, pigs or horses? Or maybe the chalk streams, winding through a valley? Hughenden Manor nestled in the park? The monument or Golden Globe at the top of the hill? But for me, it is my home. The kites are always soaring above these natural wonders, An icon of these hills.

The foxes and badgers hiding underground,
They will only come out when you are fast asleep...
I think of all of these things,
And that is why I love the Chilterns, my home.

**By Lewis Cawley** 

#### Life in the Chilterns

Five years ago, I moved from London to the Chilterns. It was a big change for me and my family. Straight away, I noticed that there was a lot more greenery and it was quieter than London.

Since moving here, I have enjoyed getting to know the Chilterns: going out for walks and exploring the countryside. My favourite walk is when we walk up the enormous hill to the woods behind my house. In these woods, there are Birch trees and large, deep holes which my sister and I like to run up and down in. On the other side of the woods, there are horses which we like to stroke and feed carrots. There are also many deer and squirrels that live in the woods which we sometimes see.

In the Chilterns, there are many types of birds including: Barn Owl, Crossbill, Curlew, Hawfinch, Hobby, Little Ringed Plover, Long eared owl, Buzzards and finally Red Kites which I usually see gliding in the sky. There are also rabbits, badgers, beavers and

hedgehogs. Unfortunately, some of these animals are run over by cars.

We have been doing more outdoor stuff like riding our bikes on the Phoenix Trail (a bike trail in Princes Risborough) and walking the Roald Dahl trail in Great Missenden, We have also seen his house and museum where he wrote many of his fantastic books. Since moving to Hughenden, we have noticed the people are friendlier: we and our neighbours like to help each other. We have enjoyed many street parties. I like my house as it is much larger than our house in London. I can look out of my bedroom window and see the woods as well as horses walking past.

Overall, I am happier living in the Chilterns than in London as our community like to look after our village and we have had many fun events such as the Village Day and Halloween trails.

Aarav Gandhi Year 6.

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#### Valley Players

#### Panto 22!

"Wow what a show..!"
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audiences attending their recent
Pantomime "Aladdin – Adventures in
the East".

It was a great start to the Christmas season with a show full of bright lights, colourful costumes, comedy and song.

It would be difficult to single out members of the cast because everyone put on stellar performances especially as there was a "modern" take on some of the characters. For example the Genie of the Ring was working in a call centre, gettit, Ring – call centre (haha).

Tradition was still there however as the baddie, Abanazer, outraged some of our young audience by stealing everyone's Christmas presents! Widow Twankey dazzled in her outrageous haute couture! Princess Jasmine and her young ladies in waiting were feisty and regal while Wishee Washy and Soapy Sophie kept the laundry working while Brother Aladdin went off on his adventures making his fortune with the help of a very pompous and big headed Genie!



I have to break my promise and say well done to Willow Randall who directed and choreographed this her FIRST show with great enthusiasm and the tenacity of a seasoned trouper. Hurrah and three cheers.

All in all, with the live band providing great music and our Tech wizards providing great atmosphere, it was no wonder everyone lived happily ever after and hopefully had a great Christmas!

Thank you to our supportive Audience, without you, performing is not worthwhile! See you next time.

#### **COMING UP!**

"Playtime" Two one act plays, with supper at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

"Drinking Companion" by Alan Aykbourn

March 17th and 18th, Watch out for further information at valleyplayershughenden.co.uk

Andrew Pitman



#### Astronomy

At this time of year I get my copy of The Handbook of the British Astronomical Association for next year. It is the detailed list of all the astronomical events (called ephemera) which are expected to occur – all the eclipses of the sun, earth and moon. It lists all the known comets giving the dates when they will return from the depths of space and where to look for them. For instance. last year's handbook noted that the Perseid meteor shower which can always be seen on the 13th August this year would not be a good display because of the full moon on that day making the shooting stars very difficult to see or photograph.

The Handbook comes free with membership of the Association. It may sound as if it is only for really experienced astronomers, but no; it really is the source of information you need right from the start of this hobby. Even young astronomers are making real scientific discoveries, there is so much help available on the internet. You can even join in research teams using your own computers to scan professional images for minute details that only a keen eye can spot. I was a professional grassland surveyor for fifteen years and I trained myself to spot anything out of the ordinary on dense plant swards. If you can do that there is always the opportunity to use it in scientific astronomical research.

Start very simply at first. I decided that because we live in a valley here, an understanding of how that differs from somewhere were you have a horizontal horizon is most important when you are looking for a star to rise. I spent a year (using crossed polarisers when looking at the sun)



recording every sun or moon, rise or set, to calculate my horizon. Very simple to do but just from the process you can learn a lot. Bon Chance! You can always ask for help, can't you?

Did you see that the northern lights were seen as far south as London in late 2022? This photo was taken then (at the right place and time). That is the sort of event you cannot use the handbook to predict; just keep your eyes open and be prepared to learn from what you see! I have seen the aurorae from Hughenden Valley —

once and only faintly; but that was with Geoff Steel over thirty years ago. I remember it took several minutes to realise what we had seen. Then came the excitement from having done that.

I still get that excitement! My first such excitement was when I was shown an eclipse of the Moon when I was six a long time ago now.

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#### **Colourising Monochrome Pictures**

No doubt you have more than a few Brownie Camera black and white credit card size snaps tucked away somewhere in small photo albums recording seaside holidays, or if you are lucky, a sepia studio photo print, often composed of a sitter with a plant on a small table by the side (or of course there may be a painting!).

We can take colour photographs with good quality Swiss, German or Japanese cameras using high quality lenses. Colour is simply taken for granted. Even the high priced cameras are passé now with roll film cameras being totally replaced by digital ones. For many, printed pictures have been replaced by

mobile phones holding enormous numbers of digital images with digital screens and immediate transmission is taken for granted, almost always in full colour.

What will happen to all the old black and white prints in minute albums tucked away in book cases or desk drawers? Did you ever know who or what the subjects of those photographs were, if they were not titled at the time? There is now at least one way of simply adding colour to your old black and whites, but make sure you never get rid of your black and white photos; they are your originals to which you might have to return later.





Because this system can only be applied to digital images any original photograph has to be scanned and saved as a digital image in your computer and be coloured in this process. You can call up one of several systems which use the ability of Artificial Intelligence (Palette.FM is the one we use) to change your monochrome digital image into a digital colour one. I find it is sensible to use the original picture's file name for the copy file but adding "~" (that is a space followed by a tilde) as a suffix to identify the new coloured file.

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Credit: Angus Idle sorts of features in millions of other people's pictures and studies the colour of the pixels in your original image to work out what it thinks your picture could be. Al will always be guesswork but it gives you a number of colour guesses to suit your memory.

Colourising pictures like this has several benefits and surprises. The replacement of monotone areas in the prints with differentiating colours can obviously make them more exciting. It can also lead to surprising discoveries invisible to monochrome areas.

The colour of people's clothes in

fashions brings people to life. Think of hats which come in a riot of colours, bow ties, moustaches, waistcoats, etc. It may well allow you to recognise family relationships, even from far back in time. But apart from all this it can make archiving old photos very interesting indeed and great fun. Note that not everyone in a family will see colour tones or shades identically.

Janet, Angus and Thomas T



The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough

As we edge towards Spring the Club's focus, which recently has been on local community needs, had to turn to issues further afield. Locally, we have agreed to provide kitchen equipment and bedding to Saunderton Lodge to the value of £600, nearly £1000 towards the development of a children's playground in Lane End, £400 towards Bledlow Ridge School sports equipment, £300 for board games for youngsters at Elim Connection Café, £500 to a local Food Hub, amongst others donations. However, in response to the tragedy in Turkey/Syria, we were able to quickly donate £2250 to "Shelterboxes" to provide basic accommodation and the minimum necessities to help sustain earthquake survivors. Looking ahead we plan to support a Princes Centre over 75s picnic lunch as part of the Coronation celebrations. We will continue to support the Royal **Grammar School and Princes** Risborough School (PRS) students' Interact groups. Plans for our annual schools' Art Competition are now well advanced and we will be offering Job interview training for PRS students.

One of the prime objectives of Rotary is "Friendship". We are a very

sociable and active group of ladies and gentlemen. Our Burns' Night celebration at the end of January was a great success, helped in no small part by a Bagpiper who welcomed our guests and piped in the Haggis. In April a number of Club members will be visiting our "twinned" Club in Wassenburg, Germany. Apart from our regular Monday evening meetings, we also have groups which meet socially for breakfast gatherings, coffee meetings, curry nights and games nights (ten pin bowling, snooker, darts etc).

We are always looking to provide assistance, both in person or financially, so if you are aware of anyone needing help, if you are interested in joining the Club, or if you wish to make a donation, please use the contact details below.

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#### Press releases from Bucks Council

Editor's note: Bucks Council spends our taxes, so we should be aware of what they are doing. Press Releases provide a small insight into how the Council works.

This selection is what caught the editor's eye since the last edition of Hughenden News. You may have a different view. Please let us know at magazine@hughendenresidents.org

All press releases are available from https://

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/

- From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.
- Buckinghamshire Council has received just over £70,000 in funding from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) to support the installation of new on-street electric vehicle (EV) charging points in Wendover.
- Buckinghamshire Council is calling on residents to join its Customer
   Partnership Panel, giving them the chance to offer their views and feedback on how the council can improve its website, online forms and other communication methods.
- Buckinghamshire Council is taking action to reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) travelling

through Cheddington, Mentmore, Wingrave, Long Marston and Ivinghoe villages.

- Eleven schools in Buckinghamshire have been nominated in a national award scheme that recognises achievement in promoting sustainable travel
- Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet has today approved the draft budget plan for the financial year 2023-24, pending a final decision by full Council at a meeting next week (Wednesday 22 February).
- Buckinghamshire Council is calling for the planned extension of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in London to be scrapped.
- Residents in Buckinghamshire can choose to pay their 2023-2024
   Council Tax in 12 monthly instalments, instead of the standard 10 instalments.
- A government minister has been to Buckinghamshire to see how the council is trialling innovative digital tools aimed at speeding up the planning process



#### The Climate We Choose

Do individual actions have any impact and is there a moral imperative on all of us to change our habits in the face of industrial or commercial enterprises with large carbon footprints?

Let's look at our personal carbon footprint (i.e. the amount of greenhouse gases that our purchases and activities as individuals release into the atmosphere). The average annual carbon footprint of an individual varies greatly depending on geography. In most of central African and Southern Asian countries it is less than 0.5tonnes per annum. whilst in Qatar it stands at a whopping 35t, Australia 15t, USA 14.8t, Germany 8t and in the UK its 5t (www.ourworldindata.org). The UK has done a lot to reduce its footprint in the past decade or so but as one of the richest economies we are still one of the largest emitters in the world and it is argued that we have shifted much of our manufacturing abroad and so pushed much of our carbon footprint over to other countries instead. With that in mind, is there anything we can do to reduce this

individual carbon load and is there a moral imperative to do so?

Leaving the moral question to one side, let's look at the impact personal choices are making. You only need to walk into a supermarket these days to notice the changes being driven by consumer choices. The plant based and vegan product ranges are taking up more and more shelf space. In fact according to a report by Mintel the meat-free market has seen a 40% growth since 2014 from £582m to £816m in 2019 and it is expected to top £1billion next year. Meat consumption is also falling. In February 2019 Mintel reported that 23% of Brits had moved over to alternative milk in their tea and coffee. This revolution has come about because of consumer demand, as we know supermarket chains need to justify every inch of shelf space and if it doesn't sell a product doesn't stick around. In the case of food carbon footprint we as individuals are working together with huge results.

There are many other areas that are already changing due to consumer demand. Pre-loved clothing is now a booming market with 404% growth

year on year since 2018 (www.fashionunited.uk) and 66 million pieces being sold in the UK in 2020 alone. Larger retailers are now offering to take back clothing in exchange for vouchers. John Lewis has just launched its first clothing rental offer for special occasion outfits and many retailers in the cosmetic and toiletries sector take part in the Beautyrecycle scheme removing tonnes of plastic bottles and containers from the waste stream.

There is an explosion in the demand for repairing goods rather than sending them to landfill. Launched in Holland in 2009, the Repair Café idea was simple – bring along your broken item and one of a team of volunteers will fix it. By 2019 there were 1,700 repair cafes in 35 countries and the UK now houses at least one in each town. Repair cafes currently take place in High Wycombe, Hazlemere, Prestwood and Princes Risborough. The drive to save products from landfill has forced many governments to bring in legislation that establishes a 'Right to repair' meaning that manufacturers must now supply individual parts so that their products can be repaired rather than replaced.

Our personal habits can change things, but we can also use our voice to demand change from those larger corporations. Look through the review sections of many delivery companies and they will be flooded with questions about packaging and are often given poor ratings due to the over-use of plastic in delivered packages. Companies hear this and most are reacting by changing the way they package goods and those who don't simply won't survive this transition.

Companies now have to declare their global energy use and carbon footprint as part of their annual accounts sent to Companies House. Their activities are now being scrutinised and CEO's who want a future for their company are being forced to take this seriously as consumers demand better. Pollution and waste generation are no longer acceptable.

Public pressure is also having an effect on political power. In recent elections the environmental policies of political parties have gained importance. A recent YouGov poll showed that 50% of the UK believe the government is not doing enough to tackle climate change, with only 18% saying they are getting it right. The topic of the environment consistently ranks in the top 3 major issues facing us today with over 67% stating that they are concerned about climate change (www.yougov.uk).

We have looked at the economic reasons for individual action and whilst some actions are harder or financially challenging to make, some can be simple and quite rewarding. The next question regards the moral imperative to preserve the planet for our children and grandchildren.

#### Further reading:

- The Future We Choose. Christiana Figueres, Tom Rivett-Carnac
- 9 things you can do about climate change, Imperial College London https://www.imperial.ac.uk/stories/climate-action/
- globaloptimism.com
- recyclethis.com
- eartheasy.com
- Outrage and optimism (podcast)
- A Sustainable Mind (podcast)

#### Hughenden News - Editorial

This may look like an odd place to place an editorial but there has been so much material to print that this was the only spot!

The HVRA AGM is in May, the Agenda, Nomination and Proxy forms can be found at the centre pages of this issue. They are also available at on the HVRA web site: https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/

Our cover photograph features one of the jars of pickle provided by Nancy to go in the Christmas Gift Bags.

Selected back copies of Hughenden News are available on the HVRA web site.

https://hughendenresidents.org/magazine/

The team that collates and assembles Hughenden News would welcome your feedback. Is the variety of articles useful and/or of interest to you. Do you keep the magazine as a source of information? Do you want to write something giving your point of view?

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normally ask just for some food and drink.

We've played often in Bucks, Berks, Oxfordshire and Northants but have travelled as far as Wales and even Germany for special events. Our music runs from the 1960s to the present day and we can tailor set lists to suit people's needs.

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#### **Eco Church Programme**

The Church of England has recognized the climate emergency and has called all parts of the Church to become net zero carbon by 2030. As you can imagine this will be a big challenge but at Hughenden Church we are very keen to move forward on this challenge. We are so fortunate to have a beautiful church in a National Trust park and have enrolled with an 'Eco Church' programme which will bring the care of God's creation to the heart of our Community. We have an active group that now meets regularly to take forward this work.

Eco Church is an award scheme for churches in the UK organized by a charity called 'A Rocha UK'. It provides a framework and a toolkit of resources to support the Church to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It also provides an action programme to support the improvement of biodiversity, address climate change and make a real difference to nature restoration.

The three awards available are Bronze, Silver and Gold and at St Michaels we are almost at the first level of Bronze. Our Church building, as a listed ancient church, provides challenges for some areas, for example double glazing would be almost impossible to be approved for our beautiful stained glass windows and heating an old building of this size presents challenges. However, the resources cover five categories: worship, teaching, buildings, land, community and global engagement, a survey is carried out to assess what progress needs to be made.

So what progress have we made so far? We are about to have LED lights in the Church replacing all the old lighting, we have stopped using disposable cups and now review every event in the light of our Eco Church goals, and we installed swift boxes in the Bell Tower when the repair work took place last year.

The state of Nature in the UK makes depressing reading, with the dramatic reduction of once common butterflies, birds and flora and fauna. So our next step is working on the use of our Church grounds to become more active in the environmental management of this space and encourage the wildlife.

Every day the Churchyard is visited by many people, whether or not they come to Church services. Since the start of the Pandemic it's become extra important as a place for relaxation, contemplation, prayer or to connect with friends. This is particularly important in our Church Yard, where many National Trust visitors also visit the Church.

Our plans include creating in our Churchyard a restful place for people and wildlife. 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest' said Jesus in Mark: 6:31. The Quiet Garden Movement nurtures access to outdoor space for prayer and reflection and we are currently looking at which part of the churchyard would best suit this.

www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk Julia Grant Churchwarden St Michael and All Angels, Hughenden

#### News from St Michael's.

On 29th January our long standing Bell Tower Captain stood down after approximately 50 years in post. Keith made a presentation of a silver handbell, made by the Whitechapel Foundry, after David was 'rung up the aisle' by an honour guard of hand bell ringers.

David has rung in 4262 bell towers all over the UK and the ringing including Europe, Canada, USA, Hawaii (hence his collection of brightly coloured shirts), Australia and New Zealand!

Under his guidance the number of trained campanologists has increased after ringing recommenced after the pandemic, including a rising number of young ringers who have competed with great success in competitions.

In 2019, on the occasion of David's 80th birthday some statistics were collated, which will probably increase even further, as, although David has stood down as Captain, his ringing days continue.

- · 1220 Peals rung, many with his late wife Joyce (a peal being 5040 unique changes on the bells to a set method. Each peal taking 3 hours to complete),
- · 149 Peals of Minor/Doubles (6 bells) 928 Peals of Triples and Major (8 bells) 124 peals of Caters and Royal (10 bells) 19 peals of Cinques and Maximus (12 Bells).

The new Tower Captain is Andrew Ottaway, and we wish him many happy ringing years, as we wish David some time to put his feet up.

Jane Tyrer

## U3a

#### High Wycombe and District u3a

Jay Blades (the Repair Shop)
receives an enthusiastic
welcome at our tree planting
ceremony

At our final event in 2022 to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the u3a, on 9th December we welcomed Jay Blades (Chancellor of Bucks New University) to dedicate our tree in the grounds of Wycombe Museum. Jay spent over an hour talking to our members and reminiscing about his time living locally, while we enjoyed refreshments in the Museum café. It was a memorable day thanks to the help of the Museum staff, at a beautiful location in the heart of

Wycombe.

This event followed on from our tombola stall in November at the Christmas Lights ceremony in High Wycombe when our new backdrop, made by the Creative Needlecrafts group, made its first appearance.

#### New visits planned for our Local History Group

After the very successful visit to Haddenham Museum in late November, it was agreed that we repeat the visit in Springtime and include a walking tour of Haddenham. Before then, we will be visiting the High Wycombe Magistrates Court in February.



#### **Exciting Plans for 2023**

At our annual Discussion Forum in January, we introduced ideas for new interest groups and reviewed the progress we had made on introducing Facebook and a new administration system, and updating our website. We continue to encourage new friendships, share knowledge and expertise, and have fun.

#### **Upcoming Speakers**

Our monthly meetings Speaker Programme for 2023 includes a wide range of topics from Boudicca and Wycombe Museum to The Murder of Alexander Litvinenko and King Zog in Exile in the Chilterns. If you would like to come along you will be most welcome.

If you are no longer in full-time employment and are interested in joining U3a, you can contact us via our website (www.u3asites.org.uk/highwycombe). News of our activities is updated regularly on our Facebook page. We offer a programme of 30 interest groups which meet every month in local Halls and homes, a Guest Speaker at monthly general meetings, held at Lacey Green Millennium Hall, as well as special events and trips for a subscription of less than £30 a year.

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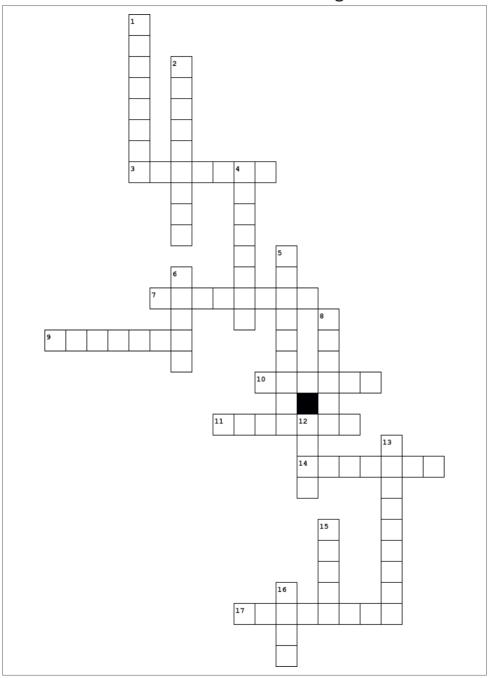
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## Kids Crossword Challenge



#### **Across**

- 3. This shop will make you smile and giggle (7)
- 7. Yellow trumpet shaped flower(8)
- 9. Tiny pieces of sparkling material used for decoration (7)
- 10. Flavoured icy dessert (6)
- 11. A flying disc (7)
- 14. Flags hung together for decoration often at celebrations(7)
- 17. A cake you can see through (8)

#### Down

- 1. A sweet and a game (8)
- 2. Popular sport for witches and wizards (9)
- 4. The most popular breed of pedigree dog (8)
- 5. Holiday shoes (9)
- 6. Not Prince, Styles or Potter(5)
- 8. Card game that uses memory (6)
- 12. Tea and bubbles (4)
- 13. I'm a Creeper ..... green reaper (9)
- 15. A slow moving animal that likes to swim (5)
- 16. To noisily release air through your mouth (4)

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#### For your Diary

1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2023 The Potter Quiz.				
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 Hughenden Valley Summer Fete				
Regular events				
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month,	HVRA committee meetings, Small Hall			

1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, 7.30p.m. (not Jan or Aug)	HVRA committee meetings, Small Hall	
For 2023: last Friday each month (not Jun or Dec).	HAGA, Large Hall	

#### **Further afield**

Friday 28th April	"Life and Death in Anglo Saxon
7.30 pm The Riverside	Buckinghamshire". Presented by Mike Farley.
The Wycombe Society	Mike's particular speciality is Pots and Potteries,
	but on this occasion, he will talk more generally
	on the Anglo-Saxon period.
Friday 12th May	on the Anglo-Saxon period.  Dr. Wendy Morrison with an update on the
7.30 pm The Riverside	"Beacons of the Past" project.
The Wycombe Society	In her work with Chilterns AONB Wendy has
	made use of LiDAR survey investigating the
	various lumps and bumps and discovering
	hillforts that no-one knew existed before.

#### **Hughenden News - Publications Dates**

#### Schedule for Summer Edition 2023

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts		
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> / Sat 8th Jul	Delivery of Magazines to Residents		
Schedule for Winter Edition 2023			

Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> /Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Delivery of Magazines to Residents	

#### Schedule for Spring Edition 2024

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> / Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Delivery of Magazines to Residents	

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Monday			
Pre-School	9:00am – 3.15pm	S	Jenny Ing 07990 968242
Spectrum Pilates	9.15am - 10.15am	L	Emily Harwood 07803123092
Spectrum Pilates	1:30pm – 2.30pm	L	Emily Harwood 07803123092
Strong Nation	5.45pm – 7.15pm	L	Hayley Cole 07369276468
Hughenden Art Group	7:00pm -10:00pm	S	Paul Cooper 07718141025
Valley Players	7:30pm - 10:00pm	L	Dave Collins 07876575706
Village Hall Comm	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon - 8pm - 10pm	С	Michael Sole 01494 563516

Tuesday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 1:00pm	L	Jenny Ing 07990 968242
Badminton	1:30pm - 3:30pm	L	Carol Gilliam 562843
U3A	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues- 2pm-4pm	S	Julia Shorthall 07470046999
Residents Assn	1st Tues 7:30pm - 10pm	S	Peter Spence 566173
Spectrum Pilates	6:45pm-9:00pm (not 1st)	L	Emily Harwood 07803123092
Shop Choir	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 7.45pm-9.45pm	S	Louise Hooper 07917341397

Wednesday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 3:15pm	S	Jenny Ing 07990968242
Badminton	1:15pm - 3:15pm	L	Elaine Veysey
Flower Arranging	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 6:30 - 10:30pm	L	Jan Collins 563890
Evolution Pilates	5:45pm - 7:15pm		Karen Letham 07973384817
Wyc Photo Soc.	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 7.45pm – 10.15pm	L	Steve Smith 07973252717

Thursday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 1:00pm	S	Jenny Ing 07990968242
Water Colour Art	10:00am – 12:00noon	L	Jennifer Chalmers 531119
Bucks Adult Learning (Art)	12noon – 2:00pm	L	Bucks Adult Learning 473795
Tai-chi	2:15pm - 4:15pm	L+S	Pam Felix 440198
Slimming World	4:30pm - 8:00pm	S	Kerry Brown 07887567264
Zumba	7.30pm- 9.00pm	L	Hayley Cole 07369276468

Friday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 1:00pm	S	Jenny Ing 07990968242
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Yoga	12.00pm – 1.00pm	L	Vicky Roberts 07793892144
HAGA Gardening	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 7:00-10:30pm	L	

Saturday				
PiYo Bucks	8.15am – 8.45am	L	Alison	07801268303
Jazzercise	8:45am - 10:15am	L	Marthese	01753889746

Sunday				
	9.00am – 12.00pm (3			
	classes one after another)	L	Dean	07545148201
	6.00pm - 7.15pm	L	Charyn Williams 07738626569	

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