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## Chairman's Roundup

In my last 'Chairman's Roundup' I referred to the disappointment at the cancellation of the Summer Fete but that plans were being laid for 2024. Unfortunately, due to the lack of volunteers coming forward to organise the Fete, there is every chance of it not happening again this year. Last minute attempts are being made, but we really are at the 'last chance saloon'.

One thing that did go ahead last summer and was really enjoyed by many was the Barn Dance. I'm reliably informed that the Barn Dance will take place again this year.

It's Potter Cup Quiz time, on 6th April, more information is available elsewhere in the magazine and on our web page <https://hughendenresidents.org/the-harry-potter-quiz-2024/>. Get your bookings in early, it's usually a sell out. 12 teams, up to 8 in a team, that's the maximum we can have in the hall.

Thanks to the work of a few villagers, our contribution to the Parish Council Maps & Walks initiative is about to be handed over to the council. To produce our input, 2 walks were undertaken, one up into the Piggotts area and another to the south taking in the hall and church. Along the way we gathered information on flora, fauna and heritage. The exercise itself

introduced a number of like minded folk to each other and the walks not only produced content for the scheme but were very enjoyable too.

Special thanks must go to Mike Hill, Rob White and Steve Pickersgill who variously designed and led walks and contributed additional content. A final point on this, drawing all the content together, editing and getting into a printed form is a specialist task. Anyone interested in joining the team to do this please get in contact.

Our 'Planning for the Future' exercise continues to move forward. There is now acceptance within our Executive Committee that the Residents Association has to change to respond to changing times. What those changes should be still engenders heated debate. On the one hand some feel a more radical approach is required involving addressing the name of the association and making some structural changes to the way we are run.

Others feel that the structure is sound enough and is maybe just going through a difficult time attracting volunteers to serve on the committee and will return to 'business as usual' at some stage in the future.

What is not in doubt is that many of

the voluntary organisations operating in our village and in many other surrounding villages, are facing a challenging time in attracting volunteers. I referred to this in my Winter Roundup. Single interest groups like Photography, Arts, Drama, Church, Climate Change and Football seem to fare better than more general groups like HVRA, HAGA, Parish Council and the Village Hall which are all suffering similar problems.

If we value these groups then we need to support them and get involved. Or perhaps some groups become no longer relevant to what the community needs or wants. Maybe they can be allowed to just fade away.

Peter Spence  
Chair  
Hughenden Valley Residents  
Association

## Hedges, Pavements etc.

At the end of November 2023, the HVRA Secretary wrote to the Parish Council and our Buckinghamshire councillors documenting concerns about the poor state of the grass verges, hedges, pavements etc. in and around Hughenden Valley.

All HVRA Road Reps were asked to survey the state of affairs in their patch and this formed the basis of the Secretary's letter. This saved HPC and BC a lot of leg-work and means the HVRA can keep track of progress, or lack thereof.

Without doubt this is an area of potentially confused responsibilities. For example, property owners are responsible for keeping their hedges off pavements, HPC cut the grass and

should be keeping it off the pavements and responsibility for repairs to pavements is with BC.

The Parish Council update later in this issue outlines their plans for the coming year but does not address specific places.

If you see a problem log it on <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

You can see the list of hedge and pavement problems identified by HVRA on our web site: <https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/>

Andrew Capey  
Vice-Chair  
HVRA

## Community Speed Watch

I thought I would share with you several screenshots of recent driving offences captured on the Sentinel Video Camera during the week commencing 8 January 2024 whilst carrying out sessions in Valley Road. The first photo shows a BMW travelling at 37mph being overtaken by a Vauxhall van at 44mph that continued past our camera at 45mph. It was then caught on the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) opposite Deeters whizzing past at 44mph. The time was 3.15pm on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January.



At 9.43am the following day this black Mitsubishi was filmed travelling in the middle of the road at 42 mph on its approach to the Combe Lane round-about but there was no reason for doing so except, on closer inspection, it would appear that the driver was on his mobile phone! During the CSW session, according to Gov.uk records, 2 vehicles were un-taxed; 1 had expired on 1.4.23, and the other on 2.10.23 plus its MOT had run out on 30.11.23.



I am very pleased that the (MVAS) located opposite Deeters is now operational after being vandalized. Many thanks go to David Mynors for charging the device's battery since its installation many years ago, a task

that is now being carried out by Steve Pickersgill – Thank you, Steve.

It is not unusual for local residents to stop and ask what we are doing or thank us for doing a great job. Furthermore, not only is every speeding vehicle captured on film, but we also discover who is driving within the law and has a current MOT, or if the Road Tax has expired. This information is passed on to the Police or the DVLA to take further action.





If you would like to join the team and take part in our hourly sessions held at various police-approved locations in Valley Road or Warrendene Road,

then please do get in touch with me – I would love to hear from you.

Rosemary Hewitt  
 Hughenden Valley CSW Coordinator  
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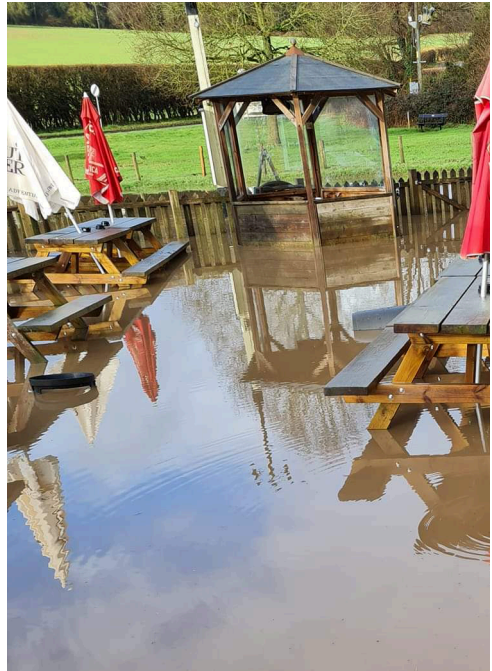
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## Drainage Improvement Group

Shortly before I went on holiday in early February I wrote my usual piece for the magazine. In it I wrote that despite the wet weather over the last few months, the drains and sewers had coped well. Even with the stream starting to flow the levels in the sewers at the bottom end of the valley looked pretty much normal. I additionally wrote that we had been pushing the council via FixMyStreet to clear all road drains in the valley and to sweep the detritus at the roadsides – which didn't happen.

That article has since been scrapped and a complete rewrite taken place. Everything changed overnight on 17<sup>th</sup>



– 18<sup>th</sup> February, when a prolonged downpour upended our relatively peaceful life in the valley. Sadly for the Harrow and nearby residents, the area was flooded badly with road drains completely overwhelmed. The Harrow itself was flooded inside with a number of houses having their gardens awash and at least one house flooded with water we understand. Remarkably, the Harrow reopened almost immediately following a rapid cleanup operation.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the valley the overnight rain had put pressure on the sewer system



resulting in several instances of sewage escapes in householders gardens. Levels in inspection pits were very high and threatening spillages. Under these circumstances, we have to curtail use of downstairs loos and minimise water usage to try and not add to the problem.

The sewer junction in the field below the pumping station has also been gushing sewage into the field. Dog walkers are of course best advised to keep their dogs clear of the stream when this happens.

Thames Water have been drawn in and have been checking properties

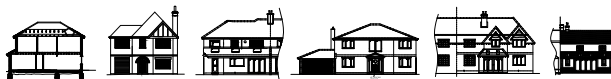
but advise that the entire network is under severe pressure and there is little they can do at the moment. Residents have pushed to try and get some tankering from the system to help. We are also trying to ascertain whether overpumping units used in the valley at the last major flood are still available to install if the situation worsens.

The weather forecast isn't great as I write this, but any relief from rain will help ease the situation until a general improvement in the weather.

Paul Woodford  
HVRA DIG



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## HVRA at the Christmas Fair 2023

At the annual Village Hall Christmas Craft and Gift Fair in November 2023 HVRA had a “Re-gifting” Stall. This was a new venture and it was a great success with just over £350 raised.

Donations for the stall were generous and the brief was followed – only gifts and books in exceptional condition and mostly recent. Sales were reasonably brisk and even the giraffe found a new home!

Some of the unsold gifts are going to charity (just 2 bags) and some books

we will offer to the book exchange at the shop

Many thanks to all those who donated and to Rosemary, Nancy, Cacs and Louise who all helped on the day.

Peter Cannon

The HVRA stall



One of the other stalls



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## Editorial

“Thank you” - 2 simple words that crop up in several places in this edition. Following a suggestion from Janet Idle (see the ‘Have Your Say’ article) we thought to mention it here - if you know of someone who deserves a “thank you” for work in our community let us know.

HV Football Club (HVFC) are on the front cover to mark their remarkable golden anniversary. Congratulations, and another “thank you” to all the volunteers who have worked over the years to keep the ball in the air.

As with most editions of Hughenden News, there are appeals for help from various bodies scattered across this edition. Volunteering is actually good for you - despite the frustrations that can occur! You will meet like-minded people who come from different backgrounds, you can learn new skills or brush-up old ones, you’ll do something different from the day-job

and improve the quality of life in our patch. Every bit helps.

A case in point is production of this magazine. We need at least another pair of hands to assist with the compilation step, so PC skills are required.

Every year our list of advertisers changes slightly. For various reasons there has recently been a noticeable reduction in companies wanting to advertise. This income is essential to keep the magazine going, so do make use of our local trades people.

As usual our thanks to all contributors, and the residents who work to improve life in the Chilterns.

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We also host meetings of the Residents Association every month as well as annual art and photography exhibitions.

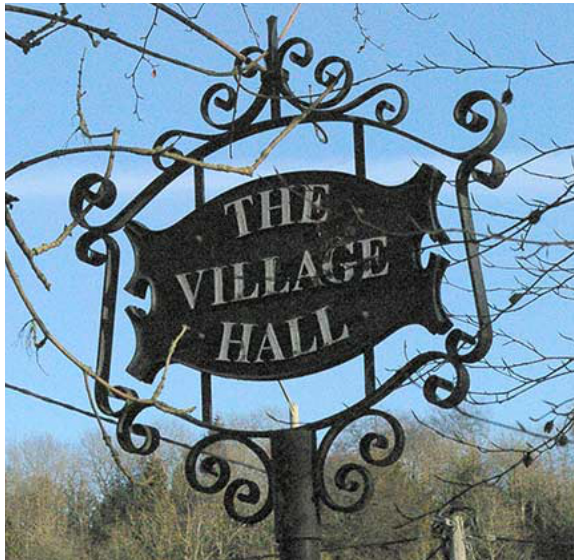
Annual events have included Pantomimes, Village Day, HVFC Fundraisers and Funday and we look forward to hosting regular medical

talks and a Children's library. These events are alongside the bookings we take for parties, birthdays, weddings, wakes, charity fundraisers, Burns Night and others.

We may no longer have a Christmas Tree, but carols are still hosted by Louise and her team at the Hughenden Valley Community Shop.

Do please contact [chairman@hughendenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:chairman@hughendenvillagehall.co.uk) to get involved in providing this popular facility - the offices of Chairperson, Secretary and at least one Trustee are vacant at the moment and we could really do with some support.

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## Joan Steel - an appreciation

Joan was, rather like the late Queen, always there - always with a lovely smile and always willing to help with whatever was needed. She was such a familiar figure at church, at Mothers' Union and around the village where she had lived for something like 55 years.

Joan was a woman of many parts. Married to Hugh for over 60 years, mother to four children, including twins, grandmother, schoolteacher, Valley Wives correspondent, Church Teas organiser, calligrapher, fantastic cake decorator, helper in the Village Shop, lately a member of the Community Choir... and much more. As a member of Valley Wives, Joan participated in all the Village Day parades. On one occasion they dressed up as St Trinian's girls and rode on a 28-seater bike down the main road, Joan in a short gymslip, pigtails and with a very dirty face! The bike gave up the ghost halfway down the road and had to be abandoned!

Joan was a staunch member and supporter of the Mothers' Union, being a Facilitator for the MU Parenting Course, which gave new and prospective parents guidance on raising their children. Some years ago she was MU Leader and was responsible for the creation of the Mothers' Union Garden which, under her guidance, was transformed from a piece of overgrown land into the lovely garden it is today. She was an excellent cook and she and Hugh hosted many dinners at their house on Coombe Hill.

The day before she died, I met Joan outside my house in Boss Lane, walking with her carer, Caroline and her great friend, Barbara. Her wonderful smile on that occasion will always stay with me.

Sylvia Clark

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Day Care was a popular and well-attended service, before it was paused by the pandemic.

Day Care sessions will run several days a week, and will include dedicated days for people living with early-stage dementia.

Royal Star & Garter provides loving, compassionate care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia. The resumption of Day Care is the latest move by the charity to increase the number of veterans it helps. Lunch Clubs and a Telephone



Friendship Service were launched in 2023 to help combat loneliness and isolation in the Armed Forces community.

Day Care will support veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia but are not in need of full-time residential care. Furthermore, it will offer valuable respite to their carers, who are often older people themselves.

As well as tackling social isolation which can be a significant issue



People using Day Care enjoy delicious meals, like this being served to Royal Star & Garter residents Pam and Ken



People attending Day Care sessions will be able to take part in a range of Royal Star & Garter activities

amongst the veteran population, it will also promote wellbeing by providing home-cooked food, activities and structure to the week.

People who use the new Day Care service will be kept busy, joining permanent residents in activities including quizzes, outings, entertainment, art therapy, and movement to music. Emphasis will be placed on rekindling memories and creating connections, including making new friends over delicious and healthy meals.

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Dear Hughenden Valley Residents,

As fellow dog lovers and members of this wonderful community, it is essential for us to foster a harmonious environment for both residents and their canine companions. With the aim of creating a positive and enjoyable experience for all, let's delve into the basics of responsible dog etiquette and the importance of being a conscientious dog owner.

### 1. Lead Control and Perfect Recall:

While lead control is vital in some spaces, consider allowing your dog off-lead only if they have perfect recall. Dogs off-lead should respond promptly to your commands, ensuring their safety and preventing any unwarranted interactions with other walkers. Perfect recall demonstrates responsible ownership, allowing your dog the freedom to explore while maintaining a secure environment.

### 2. Clean Up After Your Dog:

Undoubtedly, one of the most important responsibilities of dog owners is cleaning up after their pets. Carrying waste bags during walks and promptly disposing of your dog's waste in designated bins is not only courteous but also contributes to



maintaining the cleanliness of our shared spaces.

### 3. Mindful Behaviour:

Encouraging positive behaviour in our dogs is key to fostering a welcoming atmosphere. Training sessions can significantly enhance your dog's understanding of basic commands, making interactions with other residents and their pets more pleasant. Simple commands like "sit," "stay," and "leave it" can go a long way in preventing potential conflicts.

### 4. Respect for Wildlife:

As we enjoy the natural beauty of our surroundings, it's important to ensure that our dogs do so responsibly.





By adhering to these basic principles of responsible dog ownership and etiquette, we can collectively contribute to a positive and enjoyable experience for all residents of Hughenden Valley. Let's work together to create a community where both humans and their four-legged friends can coexist harmoniously.

Thank you for your commitment to making Hughenden Valley a wonderful place for everyone.

Catherine Campbell  
Read the Lead Dog Walking  
Hughenden Valley Resident

Keeping dogs from chasing wildlife helps protect the delicate balance of our local ecosystem. It also prevents stress for the wildlife inhabitants and maintains the serene environment we all cherish.

#### 5. Be Mindful of Others:

Not all residents may share the same comfort level around dogs. Being aware of your surroundings and the people around you is crucial. If someone appears uncomfortable or expresses concern, it's considerate to move to a safe distance away or briefly lead your dog until they have passed by.



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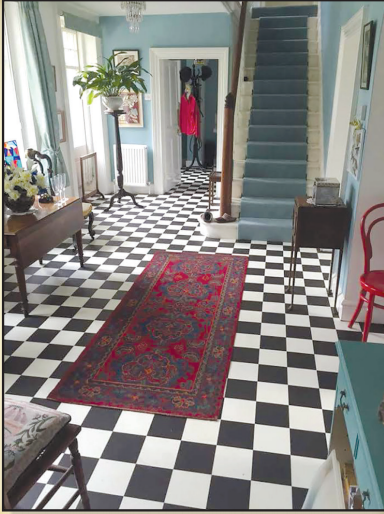
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## News from St Michael's Church

We have had a number of works done to the Church in the last few months.

Most recently a defibrillator has been fitted alongside the hedge in the carpark, which we hope will be unnecessary, but provides a community resource accessible to park users and others. A defibrillator is, of course, a machine able to deliver a high energy shock to someone suffering a cardiac arrest.

The Resuscitation Council of the UK states: *Public access defibrillators are designed to be used by the public. When you switch the defibrillator on, it will provide clear instructions and talk you through what you need to do.*

A defibrillator will not harm the person suffering a cardiac arrest and will only give them a shock if and when it is needed. There's no

reason to feel nervous about using a defibrillator - just follow its simple instructions and know that using it could save someone's life.

We have also removed the step to the church and replaced it with a gentle paved ramp making wheelchair access easier, and generally making entry into the church safer. Once inside, new lighting provides brighter, easier to control and more eco-friendly illumination.



Other exciting news is that we are looking to appoint a full time Children and Families minister to support our work in the parish. Full details for interested parties on the Church website: [www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk).

Although it seems we have only recently taken down the Christmas decorations in Church, and just

celebrated Burns' Night with a ceilidh in the Village Hall, plans are afoot for the Easter Services, as Easter is early-ish this year. Easter depends on the date of the full moon. Easter Sunday is (since 325 A.D.) the Sunday following the first full moon on or after March 21st. So Easter can fall from March 22 to April 25. This year Easter Sunday is of course on 31st March, which, incidentally, is also the start of British Summer Time.

At the time of writing, the churchyard is full of snowdrops about to burst into full flower, the sun is shining, and the birds are singing: a lovely day for a walk in the park.

Please check out the position of the defibrillator, you may be able to save someone's life.

Jane Tyrer

## Neighbourhood Watch

A reminder from the Neighbourhood Watch team.

As spring approaches you may consider renovations and maintenance projects, including rooftop repairs and upgrades. When having work done on your roof, you should keep the following in mind:

It is possible that a minor repair is all that is needed. If someone suggests you should have your whole roof replaced always get a second opinion and a written quote.

Be wary of seeking quotes via the internet, you open yourself up to being contacted by anyone - both

reputable and fraudulent. It is better to ask friends and neighbours, who had work done in the past, for recommendations.

If you are elderly and are in any doubt about work that is being offered, ask your adult children, friends or neighbours for advice before agreeing to expensive work being carried out on your property.

Any fraudulent activity from gross overcharging or doing work that doesn't need doing, should be reported to the police on 101 and to Trading Standards on 0808 223 1133

## Hughenden Valley Climate Group Seed Swap

This will be our third year of seed swapping and we really do hope you can come along to join us.

This small but popular event will take place on Sunday 17th March outside of Hughenden Village Shop from 11am until 1pm. Bring your excess seeds and/or take some away with you - everything is free and the event will be followed by a seedling swap in

late Spring (date to be confirmed on Facebook).

If you would like to become part of our group, please just join us on Facebook or drop a line to Angie, Sarah or Simon at [hvclimategroup@gmail.com](mailto:hvclimategroup@gmail.com) It would be great to have whatever support you can give!

Happy planting!





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## Thank You Mr Freeman

Many of you in the three Valley villages will be aware of the retirement of Mr Graham Freeman; he has delivered our newspapers for the past 20 years. You are probably less aware of the history of the newsagent M H Freeman and Sons.

Graham's father was a bookmaker in Desborough Road in the 1960's. At that time Graham was a paperboy at one of the newsagents along Desborough Road. It so happened that the newsagents where Graham had worked for 3 years came up for sale. Mr Freeman Senior saw the opportunity and in 1966, at the grand age of 16 years, his son Graham was in charge, alongside his mother, with his brother joining some time later.

At that time there were five other newsagents along Desborough Road, competition was always present. The business involved hard graft and some fortunate breaks along the way. One of these fortunate events was the acquisition of the newspaper delivery to Wycombe Hospital.

M H Freeman and Sons always remained a traditional newsagent, a place where locals purchased their daily paper and had a quick chat on their way to work at the small furniture factories which still occupied that side of town.

The day started at 3.10 am with a trip to Slough to collect that day's papers followed by marking up and delivery. In those early days one could expect Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the Bank Holidays off. However, the arrival of the Today newspaper group in the 1980's and the accompanying changes in newspaper production put an end to so much time off! From that point all but Christmas Day were delivery days! But Graham maintains that this is now all part of the job, one has got to give customers the service they expect. Asked about the rigours of the work, the long hours, the unpredictability of the weather, Graham still maintains he had:

“The best job in the world”

In 2003 another of those “opportunities” came up. As the contract to deliver to Wycombe hospital came to an end MH Freeman and Sons were able to purchase the paper round that now covers our three villages. Graham and his wife Janice have lived in Hughenden Valley since 1978 and brought up their son and daughter in the valley. He knew the area well, so yet again a perfect marriage of opportunity and hard work.

The next turning point was of course the Pandemic. As “conveying the

news” was deemed an essential occupation, newspaper deliveries continued across the country. As well as his existing door to door delivery during this period Mr Freeman also ensured continued delivery for the customers of Hughenden Valley Community shop. A spokesperson commented that Mr Freeman had been “extremely helpful and supportive of the shop since it opened in 2009”.

Post Pandemic much has changed. Work patterns have changed; younger generations get their daily news updated on line or not at all!

The shop on Desborough Road has now closed but the firm of MH Freeman and Sons proudly continues. Its remit covers a radius of about 9 miles, taking in Bradenham,

Loudwater, Stokenchurch, Speen and part of Marlow.

The future of the firm is in safe hands. Graham’s nephew Ben Freeman is taking over the business so the on-going local service is assured. Graham has not quite given up the pleasure of the best job in the world yet and can still be seen delivering the news as does his daughter Karen.

Asked what he looks forward to in retirement Mr Freeman said “time and maybe some fishing”.

For further information the contact number is now Ben Freeman on 07895 744251

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Teams can be up to 8 people  
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Entry forms available at  
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Last entries 3rd April

Expect a 'testing' time!



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# HUGHENDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting

To be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May  
2024 in the large Village Hall

### AGENDA

Welcome

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the HVRA AGM of 2023.  
Available on the HVRA web site:  
<https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/documents-agm-papers/>
3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes .
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers for 2024 - 2025
  - Chairman
  - Vice-Chairman
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
7. AOB
8. Closure of Meeting

**Followed by CHEESE & WINE**

# 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 WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

I hereby nominate

.....

to the post of .....  
on the Association's Executive Committee.

I have discussed my proposal with my nominee and he/she has  
agreed to be nominated

Proposer

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Address:

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## 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.

## Have your say

Thank you and congratulations to:

Graham Freeman for providing and delivering our newspapers for many years and all the newspaper boys and girls that he has trained.

Ant, for taking over our milk deliveries and the dairy at short notice.

Our clergy - the Vicar and his assistants for their understanding and reassurance at so many funerals.

Janet Idle

When Janet first mentioned this as a potential article for the magazine I thought that it would be quite a short list. How wrong!

We should also say a heartfelt 'Thank You' to:

Michael Sole who recently stepped down from being the Chair of the Village Hall Committee. Michael

joined the committee around 2006 representing HV FC, becoming chairman in December 2012.

John Dockett, who passed away while we were preparing this edition. A proper appreciation of John's work for HVRA will appear in the next edition.

The Harrow - for holding John Dockett's wake after being flooded by heavy rain 2 days beforehand! See the pictures earlier in this edition. The Harrow has regularly advertised in Hughenden News, so support them if you can.

We should acknowledge the work of those who contribute to village life, so do let us know who deserves an honourable mention in the next edition. A bit of 'back-story' helps to set the scene - Ta.

Andrew Capey

[magazine@hughendenresidents.org](mailto:magazine@hughendenresidents.org)

### Hughenden Valley Surgery

#### Repeat Prescriptions over Easter 2024

Please submit requests by 8am.

Friday 22nd March – collection Thursday 28th

Monday 25th March – collection Tuesday 2nd April

Tuesday 26th March – collection Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Wednesday 27th March – collection Thursday 4th April

Thursday 28th April – collection Friday 5th April

# Hughenden Primary School

## Eco news at HPS

Here at HPS we have been trying to go greener. No, we haven't painted the school green, well not yet. The Eco council, made up from children across key stage 2, want to create a better, more environmentally friendly school.

To this end we have been looking at ways to improve our outdoor spaces, looking closely at our paper usage (you may be shocked about how paper is used in schools), thinking about reducing the amount of traffic getting children to school and improving our recycling. With the help of the local Climate Group we managed to plant around 400 sapling bushes that will become a haven for all sorts of wildlife. We have raised beds for growing vegetables that the children will sow seeds, maintain and eventually taste the 'fruits' of their labour.

We are about to work with Buglife who will come in and help us create herb gardens and wildflower areas. We are making sure that everyone uses electricity wisely by turning off lights when rooms are out of use.

We will be carrying out a parent survey to see if we can either get more children to walk to school or get children to use our park and stride scheme. Sustainability is a national focus in schools so we have begun looking at where 'things' come from; can they be sourced more locally. Working with our school meal provider to ensure that food is sourced as locally as is practical. It is a long journey but we have made a start.

Mr Colin Churchill

LET'S KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT TIDY



# HUGHENDEN SPRING CLEAN Sunday 24 March



Let us know you are coming via  
[hvclimategroup@gmail.com](mailto:hvclimategroup@gmail.com)  
2pm meet at Village Hall  
Litter pickers & bags provided  
Wear hi-viz / bright clothing & gloves



# Hughenden Parish Council



**HUGHENDEN  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

The Council held a very successful Christmas gathering at Church House on the 14th December. It was great to see so many people from the Community who are out there delivering services and support for local people throughout the year. We hope to repeat this on a yearly basis. It was particularly special as the 14th December 1894 was the day the council was formed by Coningsby Disraeli – and first met at Church House.

New faces at the Council include two new Councillors:

Kevin Cormack - Naphill and Walters Ash

Yvonne Wilding – Great Kingshill

The office team have been supported with extra capacity:

Locum Clerk – Philip Truppin

Responsible Finance Officers –

Melodie Beevers

Ad-hoc meeting support – Emma

Marsden

Office support – Regina Bianchi

The Environment & Services Committee has been catching up on some long-standing backlog issues, and setting the future agenda for the Parish. But let me begin by acknowledging a couple of areas where we have still not quite got on top of things. First, we have a strong

desire to address the long outstanding renovation of the playgrounds at Great Kingshill and Templewood. The Clerk is currently seeking proposals for a Project Manager to pick these projects up and provide continuity and professional project management. Second, on the sometimes vexed question of clearing, trimming or cutting verges, hedges and pavements, we need to provide better clarity as to when this is a Parish Council responsibility, and if it isn't, whose it is. We also need to tighten up our oversight of requests being made to our contractors compared to jobs being completed. Both playgrounds and the maintenance of hedges, verges and pavements affect the daily lives of many parishioners and we recognise that these are important things to get to grips with.

In terms of backlog issues, we have installed more secure electric gates at the Garden of Rest. As you may know we suffered a spate of thefts of the batteries out of our speed monitoring units. After many months of negotiation with suppliers and experimentation around different



ways of securing the units, thanks to the Road Safety working Group we finally have six back in action, with a seventh going up soon in Naphill. After a bit of drama, we now have the streetlights situation in a happier place. The Parish has adopted the streetlights, and thanks to the Streetlights Working Group, has carried out needed maintenance and has secured a reduced electricity contract, saving £1,600 per annum.

Looking ahead, the Council has approved an Open Spaces strategy. This relates to the approximately twenty plots of land controlled by the Council. The strategy is to develop an appropriate Site Management Plan for each site. Some sites, such as Little Burnham Meadow and Spinney and Vincents Meadow and Pond, have tremendous ecological heritage and future potential. Others, such as Cockshoot Wood, Primrose Hill and the Old Allotment on Common Road, have amenity value. So far, we have approved a site management plan for

Cockpit Hole, working with Chiltern Rangers, and are well on the way to implementing the plan, with the fantastic support of local community volunteers. We expect to present plans for Little Burnham Meadow and Spinney, Cockshoot Wood and Vincents Meadow and Pond to the Council for approval in January. The Plans have received a lot of invaluable input from interested local residents, for which we and our consultant, Mike Deegan, are immensely grateful. We hoping to receive plans for Hatches Field, Primrose Hill among others during the first half of next year. The strategy is to incorporate the ongoing management of these sites into our future Grounds Maintenance contracts, starting in the Spring of 2025.

The Clerk  
Councillor Simon Kearey (Hughenden  
Ward)  
Councillor Stan Jones (Chair)  
<https://www.hughenden-pc.gov.uk/>

## A Trip to the Hospital!

We are all familiar with having to go to hospital and having an X-Ray scan taken to help a doctor to 'see' what has gone wrong inside us. X-rays are generated in noisy machines with many notices warning you to stand well away because they are very dangerous unless used very carefully by a well-protected operator working behind dark screens.

My doctor recently sent me for a bone scan. I was directed to the X-Ray department, and was ushered into a small brightly-lit room. I was asked to lie still on a couch (no need to change into a gown) while the scanner just glides silently over you. There was hardly any sound or sensation during the scan.

I was expecting an X-ray scan and I am used to that. But if they were not using x-rays they had to be using something else. That just had to be gamma rays. I was bursting to ask "Where do you get these rays from?" because I know that the only place you would expect to find lots of gamma rays is in some astronomical event in a galaxy in deep space. The answer was from a little device about the size of a microwave cooker called an Amertec Technetium Generator, and the operator was happy to explain how it worked and even lent me their operating book for just a

couple of days.

In the 1950s, when I was coming up to A Level exams I picked up and read a Postgraduate booklet on radioactivity and X-ray analysis by Prof Sir W. Lawrence Bragg and Dr H. J. Emeleus. I found it fascinating and easy to understand the periodic table and how radioactive elements mutated as they give off radiation. A lot more has been learned about it since then! The Periodic table is the triangular diagram which sets out all the then 92 elements in ascending atomic weight sequence (leaving spaces in the pattern for elements they realised they had never yet been able to find).

So where can you get gamma rays from today that you can handle, to enable their safe use in a scanner?

"You start with Uranium 235" is the answer. You can obtain the isotopes of many different elements from Highly Enriched Uranium 235 in an atomic reactor. One such element is Molybdenum (you may have heard of the name from a petrol head in connection with racing motorcycles) but it is an unusual element which occurs in numerous isotopic forms, some of which are radioactive. When they emit radiation they turn into isotopes of other elements.

Molybdenum 99 because of its very short radio-active half-life never gets to accumulate in rocks in nature. But when it disintegrates it forms Technetium 99 which neatly fitted one of the missing element spaces in the periodic sequence. Tc99m has a short half-life of 6 hours so it can be used medically without concerns about long-term radiation damage.

When it disintegrates it emits powerful gamma rays; the source at last! This makes it a very useful source of Gamma rays; it can be used safely for diagnostic medicine.

How was that for excitement for me?

Angus Idle



Left hand side; 1998-635, Amertec II technetium generator:- production model  
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Amertec II technetium generator, with clear plastic exterior to allow visualisation of all working parts. model. Made in 1993 by Amersham International Plc.

Radioactive isotopes are used for a number of nuclear medicine diagnostic procedures. These include radio-imaging to detect carcinomas and tumours. A technetium generator extracts a radioactive isotope – in this case Technetium-99m (99mTc). This is used in diagnostic investigations. But as 99mTc has a half-life of only six hours, it has to be produced just before it is injected into a patient.

## Village Store and Coffee Shop

Christmas at the village store was as festive and heartwarming as ever. Our Christmas range of delicious Christmas goodies, festive menu and our hand-made food hampers went well, with customers visiting for well-earned refreshments in between shopping trips!



The Shop Choir sang brilliantly for our Coffee and Carols event, with their annual re-written shop version of the Twelve Days of Christmas being as fun as ever! We were even visited by the naughty elf who we kept finding in different places to hide every day!

December was tinged with sadness however as two of our lovely long-standing customers passed away in December – Ann Hildesley and Joan Steel, who was also a former volunteer in the shop helping with the early morning bread deliveries. Ann and Joan are both sadly missed.

2024 started well with the installation of our two, lovely new gazebos for



outside shelter. We had an amazing team of volunteers (James, Steve, Neil, Roy and Doug) who project managed and built these structures over two days. The gazebos were funded by shareholders and friends of the Shop who kindly donated towards the project. They will provide a much needed shelter for all seasons for all members of the community - customers, walkers, dog walkers, cyclists and all. THANK YOU to everyone who made the build possible.

We have had lots of new Duke of Edinburgh volunteers who join us after school and at the weekend to carry out the volunteering section of their award. It is great to have all different ages working together, and they gain a huge amount of experience from undertaking work.



We are also delighted to announce that we have been granted conditional funding from the Northwest Chilterns Community Board, Hughenden Parish Council, and The Clare foundation towards some new tables and chairs in the shop. We hope everyone will like the changes which will hopefully be in place from the end of March.

Repetitive as it may be, many retail and hospitality industries are finding life tough and we too are struggling with high energy, produce and staffing costs. Please don't forget us for your teatime essentials, fruit and veg, delicious freshly baked bread, a

pint of milk, firelighters, a card and a box of chocolates, a stay for a lovely chat and a cuppa and much, much more.



Please also remember EASYFUNDRAISING when on-line shopping to earn money for us, at no extra cost to you. Remember, any purchases on online orders such as home furnishings, supermarket delivery orders and holiday bookings, can all be used as amazing way to support us – absolutely FREE to you!

Local butcher's lamb to order: Easter is coming soon, and we are taking orders for delicious legs

and shoulders of lamb from our amazing local butcher Timpson's. Please call us on 01494 568653 or email [shopmanager@valleyshop.org](mailto:shopmanager@valleyshop.org) to place an order before 5pm on Monday 18th March.

Although the days have been grey for the last few weeks. We are looking forward to some more sunshine

coming soon and hope that everyone will enjoy the use of our lovely gazebos.

Thank you to everyone for your support and to all our volunteers who work behind the scenes as well as behind the counter.

We look forward to seeing you all soon, from everyone at your Village Store



**It is nearly our birthday!** We will be 15 years old on 16th May, so look out for our birthday celebrations!

# JNP

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# Hughenden Ladies Running Group

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## Hughenden Allotments and Gardens Plot

Hello Plotters,

### The Weekend Away

It's quite sunny today, 22 January 2024, the recent cold snap has gone and yesterday's storm ("Isha") has blown through without apparent damage. It would seem that all is well with nature, at least locally. Food is abundant this year; the holly trees are laden with berries, as are the mature ivy, cotoneasters and many other shrubs. Gardens with feeder stations are also a great help for birds and provide us with lots of enjoyment.

By the way, it is not true that birds become solely reliant on feeders rather than hunting for seeds and worms etc from the garden: at any time of year birds will make use of feeders as a supplement to their foraged diet. Which seeds and berries are in season, whether the ground is soft enough to be able to dig for invertebrates or whether a usual feeding place is available (or not) all have a bearing on whether a particular species will visit a feeding station. So, if you provide feeders, please keep them stocked all year.

The same thing applies to small mammals, reptiles and even invertebrates. Those of us lucky enough to have visiting (or

hibernating) hedgehogs in our gardens should think about putting out appropriate food and water during warmer spells in winter/early spring.

It also pays to be careful about tidying or digging the garden at this time of year ... please don't hit a hedgehog, snake, or newt with a spade as you turn the compost heap, leaf litter, cut logs or branches, piled in those inaccessible or forgotten corners of the garden, all of which provide shelter for all sorts of wildlife.

Notwithstanding the parade of heavy rain, sharp frosts, and storms (we will probably be beyond storms named with initials J and K, by the publication date of this article) my garden birds are clearly getting ready for better weather and the breeding season. Merle and Oberon are definitely back; though it's probably too early to say they are nesting, I think they are scoping out nest sites. The Robins that visit the feeders are a pair (given they are not trying to kill each other) and the Fifth Column Jackdaws are increasing in numbers...old hands apparently teaching new visitors (juveniles) how to hang on to the feeders and get the seeds/fat balls. The Great, Blue, and Long-Tail Tits have been joined by new but regular visitors: Coal Tits. They are few in number but are far



more frequent visitors than in previous years. The Wood Pigeons are here – they are making the most of the ivy berries, seemingly to the exclusion of anything else; but so far there is no sight of the Collared Doves: I hope they have not gone to pastures-new. Sadly, I cannot claim to have had any visits by Waxwings though much of the UK, including Holmer Green (!) has been graced with their presence.

Next weekend will be the Great Garden Bird Watch: I know from past-years' bitter experience nearly all my usual birds take a long weekend away. They seem to want to skew the results in order to get the sympathy vote.....and more food?

## HAGA

It's the quiet time for HAGA....no meeting until the end of February; but keep your eyes and ears open...our programme of talks and visits will be up and running for the coming season. We are pleased to say that our membership remains at a healthy level; we are still able to welcome visitors and (hopefully) new

members throughout the year. So, don't hesitate to come along to any of our meetings; you will be welcome. As a visitor you still get the free cup of tea and a biscuit extravaganza, just like a member!

HAGA members continue to benefit from discounts offered by Dobies Seeds, Hildreth's Garden Centre, Peterlee Farm (Garden Centre), and Huws Gray builders' merchant. Specific details are available separately to members.

PS. Stop Press, early February.

No Waxwings at all but on 30 January the garden was visited by three Redwings and two Fieldfares. Hoorah!! They stayed for three days until they had stripped the ivy berries bare. The Gold Finches are here in numbers and we even had a visit by a Green Woodpecker. Of course, they all waited until after the Bird Watch weekend..... told you so!!

Dig it!  
Andrew Flint  
Chairman  
Tel. 564 972

# Hughenden Valley's Rare Chalk Grassland

Local Wildlife Site  
THE CONSERVATION GROUP

## February 2024 report

It is currently better-than-average weather for early February but there are warnings that we are in for a cold snap, even a "Snow Bomb", before long. So, enjoy what we've got while we can!

The Conservation Group are having a generally enjoyable time of it .... we are doing two sessions a week now in order to make up for lost time during autumn/early winter. Too much rain played its part, of course, but that was over and above the delay to the mowing/hay clearance owing to the unfortunate breakdown of our contractor's baler. Better late than never, so they say, and a cut was achieved before Christmas.

Although time was lost due to very wet ground, we were able to undertake some necessary tree management. In the autumn we felled the last-remaining, non-native conifer on the top (western boundary) of the banking. A very large specimen which was not only out of place (as a "foreign" import from some years ago) but offered little to the grassland environment – there is very little invertebrate life in a fir tree, few birds nest or shelter in

them and there is nothing much attractive for small mammals. A conifer is nearly a desert environment when compared to a native oak which supports well over 2000 species of plants, fungi, invertebrates, mammals, and birds. In recent weeks we have coppiced several hawthorns, blackthorns and one wild cherry. Their reduction will allow more light into the under-story for wildflowers, allows for clearance of shrub and creates shelters for more wildlife, while the coppicing itself ultimately rejuvenates the cut trees. We shall keep on with coppicing and pollarding for a few weeks yet, while sap is still low, in order to open up further spaces.

We believe the Twayblade Orchid is in growth already, in its usual place. We are hoping to give it a little more protection from marauding slugs this year: a liberal sprinkling of coffee grounds around the plants will hopefully deter the slugs (without, of course, resorting to poisonous pellets).

Other deterrent measures on the upcoming plan are clearance of Common Dogwood (*Cornus Sanquinea*); *Hypericum* (St John's Wort) and, later, Rose Bay Willow



Herb (Fire Weed). The Dogwood, though the common native species, is an invasive plant in our environment and its suckering, matting, root systems plus rapid upward growth ensures that it out-competes our other wildflowers. Ideally, we should dig out the roots – but a long, back-aching, process - or more usually we must, at the very least, trim down the early spring growth in an attempt to weaken the plants over time. That way we do at least give the orchids a chance to get through and flower. Hypericum is equally invasive if left to its own devices and therefore similar action is called for.... again, in early spring. Like the non-native conifer, we believe its appearance on the banking is the result of someone's misguided planting from their garden. Rose Bay Willow Herb is non-native and

invasive. We try to take it all down before it sets seed in summertime; at least it is easier to pull than dogwood!!

Most people will have noticed as they move around the Valley and local areas that this winter has seen a profusion of Holly and Ivy berries on the trees. Whether or not they are a harbinger of a hard winter they are a welcome source of high energy food for many birds. The crop doesn't last long though; once discovered the birds make the best of it. This year has seen many Redwings and Fieldfares as well as usual suspects (the resident Robins, Dunnocks, Starlings, Blackbirds and Pigeons) .... and, though perhaps not on the Banking, there have been a number of sightings of Waxwings in the

locality. Not unusual, but worth noting, is the presence down at the river by the water-pumping station of a Grey Heron. If bird watching is your thing, the Banking is an ideal environment in which to indulge your interest: the grassland and the mixed wooded areas offer an essentially calm space, in which to see a variety of birds at any time of year. Lepidopterists and botanists can also enjoy this place: our wildflowers, grasses and trees support myriad insects, butterflies, and moths, and many of our plants and flowers are special, even rare, in themselves.

Please feel free to visit this rare and historically important environment which is part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is one of the Chilterns' jewels. At any time of year there will be something to see or hear. It is a varied and beautiful place and we are sure you would be surprised by its changing face throughout the seasons.

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 Football Club

Hi Everyone

As we near the end of our 49th season we are looking forward to our **50th Anniversary!**

As you can see, our new Club Badge has been redesigned to reflect this momentous occasion – and who better to have created the new design? None other than Honorary Vice President Neil Bellamy's daughter, Charlotte!

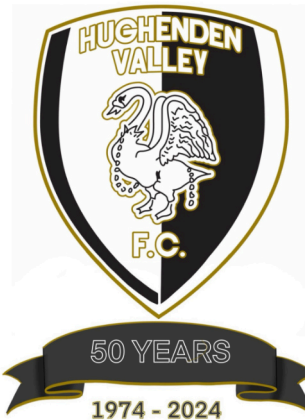
We intend to celebrate this anniversary in style so please make sure you have the following dates in your diary.

**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE – AN EVENING TO REMEMBER – CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT WYCOMBE WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB – DINNER & DANCE – ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE CLUB WELCOME (ADULTS ONLY)**

And

**SATURDAY 22ND JUNE – OUR AGM & FUN DAY – BIGGER AND BETTER TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH YEAR!**

Full details of how to book your tickets for the 8th June Dinner & Dance at WWFC are now on our website [hvfc.co.uk](http://hvfc.co.uk). Please book your tickets quickly as we believe this will



be a sell-out! Our organising committee of Mark Wilkins, Neil Bellamy, Mark Bowring, Michael Rose, Andrew Booth, and I are all very excited about this event, and how we will make it a night to remember.



I am also delighted to confirm that **Socially Recruited** will be our **Headline Sponsor** for our Dinner & Dance and have agreed to be our Club Sponsor (for the third year running) for the 2024/5 Season – our 50th Season! We are incredibly grateful to all our sponsors, and the support from Socially Recruited really has been something special. Thank you!

When you approach such a significant milestone as your 50th Anniversary you inevitably reflect on the past and how this football club has positively affected so many lives in the local community. Young children have loved playing their football, players have become Coaches for the Club, who have in turn become Team Managers, and some have then taken on additional responsibilities, such as becoming Committee Members.

However, I would like to dispel the myth that to get involved in the running of our great Club you need to be a Coach or a Manager. To the contrary, many local Club Committees are made up of parents who want to get involved, but don't necessarily want to coach or manage a team.

So, I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to all friends of the Club and ask you to step forward and contribute. PLEASE VOLUNTEER - **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

Come and take a walk in the footsteps of true HVFC legends... this is a very special Football Club with a fantastic history, and a bright future (but only with your help).

We are all volunteers that share a passion for the football club, and love to see all our players enjoying their

football, developing their skills, and maximising their enjoyment and wellbeing from this great game of ours. Without our volunteers we have no football club and that life-changing opportunity is lost.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 22nd June and this year we will be electing a new **CLUB SECRETARY** and **CLUB CHAIR**.

I can honestly tell you that it is such a privilege to be a Chair and Trustee of HVFC. My association with the Club and my involvement, both as a coach and committee member, has genuinely added so much enjoyment to my life (and I very much hope I have had a positive impact on others). However, there comes a time to let someone else take the reins and add new energy, direction and ideas for the betterment of all involved.

*If you are interested in either of the two committee roles listed above, or if you would simply like to volunteer to help the Club in any other way, please get in touch with me via our website [hvfc.co.uk](http://hvfc.co.uk).*

## **50 YEARS - OUR HISTORY?**

We would love to hear your stories about HVFC and how it has impacted on your life, or those of your family



members – please do get in touch and let me know.

One such conversation recently took place between me, and a gentleman named John Moorby. John recently gave members of the Village Hall Committee a fascinating tour of the conservation area (to the right of the football pitch as you look at it from the Village Hall). This area overlooks what we affectionately call the “back pitch”. And this football pitch is widely regarded as one of the best in the area... but how did it get there?

John told me that, as far as he could remember, the pitch was literally dug out of the hillside, for our benefit, by contractors employed by Hughenden

Parish Council c1991. The contractors at the time were W G Binder, who themselves were based up at Great Kingshill in Binders Yard (I think they still are?).

Not only did John share these memories with me, but he also managed to find some photos taken at the time. (Thank you for sharing these, John!)

In a world and at a time when we are all probably guilty of taking so much for granted, I would urge you to consider this. The next time you are cheering on our team, or just going for a walk on the back pitch, please spare a thought for those great people who created this space, and



for those volunteers who, to this day, continue to create the opportunity for so many local children to play their football in Hughenden Valley.

And that is what we are all about really. Win, lose or draw, it really is the taking part that counts.

This Club has enjoyed an incredible 50 years of success. The prospect of our next 50 years is just as exciting, but that very much depends on you, and people like you, who want to contribute, volunteer, and help ensure that the magic continues for many more years to come. Please don't be that person that says, "it's alright, someone else will do it".

**Step forward, and join in. I promise you won't regret it.**

*And don't forget to join us on the 8th and 22nd June – let's celebrate together in true HVFC tradition.*

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

Cheers

Dave Hilling

Chair HVFC

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## David Hilling : Hughenden Valley FC Chairperson 2020 – 2024

At the end of the 2019/20 football season, Neil Bellamy planned to stand down from being the club chairperson and was looking for a suitable candidate who shared the same passion and belief about offering the opportunity for children to play grassroots football in Hughenden Valley. Whilst the talent was in short supply, Neil still managed to find a willing candidate to train.



This is David, he is a life-long QPR supporter, which probably explains why he has such a good sense of humour and occasionally does 'stand-up' comedy.

Anyone that volunteers, knows that it takes a special kind of person, who is prepared to devote much of their time (spare or otherwise) to support the cause that they are volunteering for. David Hilling is one of those special people. He stepped forward willingly to shadow Neil and gradually take over at the end of the 2019/20 Season.

As David took control of Hughenden Valley FC, he was clear with his objectives: no own goals, keep it simple and let's keep it fun for everyone involved.

These last four seasons, under David's stewardship, have been as entertaining as any competitive football match. He got the tactics right, delivered many team talks along the way, lifted morale, gave support to where it was needed and has led by example. He is now leading Hughenden Valley FC into its 50th Anniversary season a remarkable achievement and recognition of all those that have gone before and hopefully those that will continue the history of grassroots football in Hughenden Valley.

Of course, David can't take all the praise for what he has done over his tenure as Chairperson, because his lovely family have supported him every step of the way and deserve recognition and credit for their

involvement at every event too.

David has said it is an honour and a privilege to be a part of Hughenden Valley FC. As he takes his final lap of honour and walks off the pitch down the tunnel, he can do so in the knowledge that he is now a part of our Club's history and it has been an

honour and privilege to work with him. Thank you for all your hard work and constant enthusiasm over the years from all of us at Hughenden Valley FC.

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Following the Christmas break, all our interest Groups are back to normal with excellent attendance in both Halls, including Naphill Village Hall where Quiz, Discovering Art, Computer and Rummikub meet, and in private homes where smaller Groups such as German Conversation and Music get together once a month. At Hughenden Village Hall our Antiques and Collectibles were still talking about their Christmas lunch whilst the Art members were viewing and enjoying each-others' latest creations.

Our upcoming programme at the monthly General Meetings (at Lacey Green Hall, third Wednesday of the month at 2.15 p.m.) includes talks on M19: The British Secret Service, Homeward Bound – Railway Stations, and Coffee from Tree to Cup. Do come along if you are interested, you will be very welcome.

In January we held our annual Group Convenors meeting where we reviewed progress made in 2023, especially the successful introduction of Psychology, Geology and Local History. We continue to canvas for

ideas for new Groups. We plan to hold a New Members Day in the spring. Non-members would also be very welcome.



We intend to continue our exhibition at Wycombe Library (2nd floor) and attendance at other local events in the coming year. To find out more about what we offer you can follow us on Facebook. A full list of all our Groups, meeting dates, times and topics, as well as events can be found on our brand-new website [highwycombe.u3asite.uk](http://highwycombe.u3asite.uk).

Please remember that provided you are not in full-time employment, people of any age are welcome to join us. Your first visit is free.

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## Press Releases from Buckinghamshire Council

As usual here are some recent notices from BC that may be of interest. All their press releases are at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/>

\* **Buckinghamshire Council is seeking residents' views on governance arrangements for High Wycombe.** Residents can respond to the survey to tell the council if they would prefer to keep arrangements in High Wycombe as they are, or whether a town council should be created. The consultation is open until 11.59pm on Sunday 7 April 2024 and can also be accessed online at Your Voice Bucks.

• **Communities should prepare for groundwater flooding.** Residents can check their risk on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/groundwater-flooding>. Buckinghamshire Council have produced groundwater flood maps of the likely locations for groundwater flooding, where it is most likely to emerge and what locations it will impact. These are available for Chesham, Marlow, Hambleden, Wycombe and West Wycombe. If you are experiencing flooding, you can call Floodline for advice at 0345 9881188. You should report flooding to Buckinghamshire Council. Groundwater can infiltrate the sewage system. If you have problems flushing your toilet or sewage is

emerging, contact Thames Water on 0800 316 9800.

• **Buckinghamshire Council sets budget for next three years.** <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/buckinghamshire-council-sets-budget-for-next-three-years/> Councillors in Buckinghamshire have approved the council's Medium Term Financial Plan, which sets out its spending plans and how these are budgeted for over the next three years. The costs of providing some of these services have also risen well above already high inflation rates, for example, a 20-30% increase in road construction and repairs costs. With council tax funding 80% of the council's net operating budget needed to pay for these services, councillors have agreed to raise the base rate of council tax by 2.99% with a further 2% increase in the adult social care precept. This means an overall rise of 4.99% in council tax bills, or an extra £1.69 per week for the average Band D household.

Councillors agreed to make an extra £5 million from Reserves available directly to address the deterioration of local roads caused by the severe weather conditions in recent weeks. It means a total of £110 million is now set aside for roads repairs and improvements over the next four years.

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#### **DEADLINES**

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Remember that late copy delays the production of the magazine as we may miss our 'slot' with the printer. Thus late copy may not be accepted.

Articles can be a report of events, describe planned events, your views, club or society events, your hobbies, etc.

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Email address for submissions:  
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## For your Diary

6th Apr 2024	The Potter Quiz, for details see the advert in this edition.
29th May, 7.30 p.m.	The AGM of the HVRA. The Large Village Hall. Papers in this edition.
Usually 1st Monday in June each year	Village Hall walk around the conservation area -
29th June 2024 (provisional)	Hughenden Valley Summer Fete

## Regular events

1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, 7.30p.m. (not Jan or Aug)	HVRA committee meetings, Small Hall, papers for meetings are at <a href="https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/">https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/</a>
Last Friday each month (not Jun or Dec).	HAGA, Large Hall, dates and topics can be found at <a href="https://hughendenresidents.org/calendar/">https://hughendenresidents.org/calendar/</a>

## Hughenden News - Publication Dates

### Schedule for Summer Edition 2024

Fri 14th June	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts
Fri 12th/ Sat 13th July	Delivery of Magazines to Residents

### Schedule for Winter Edition 2024

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