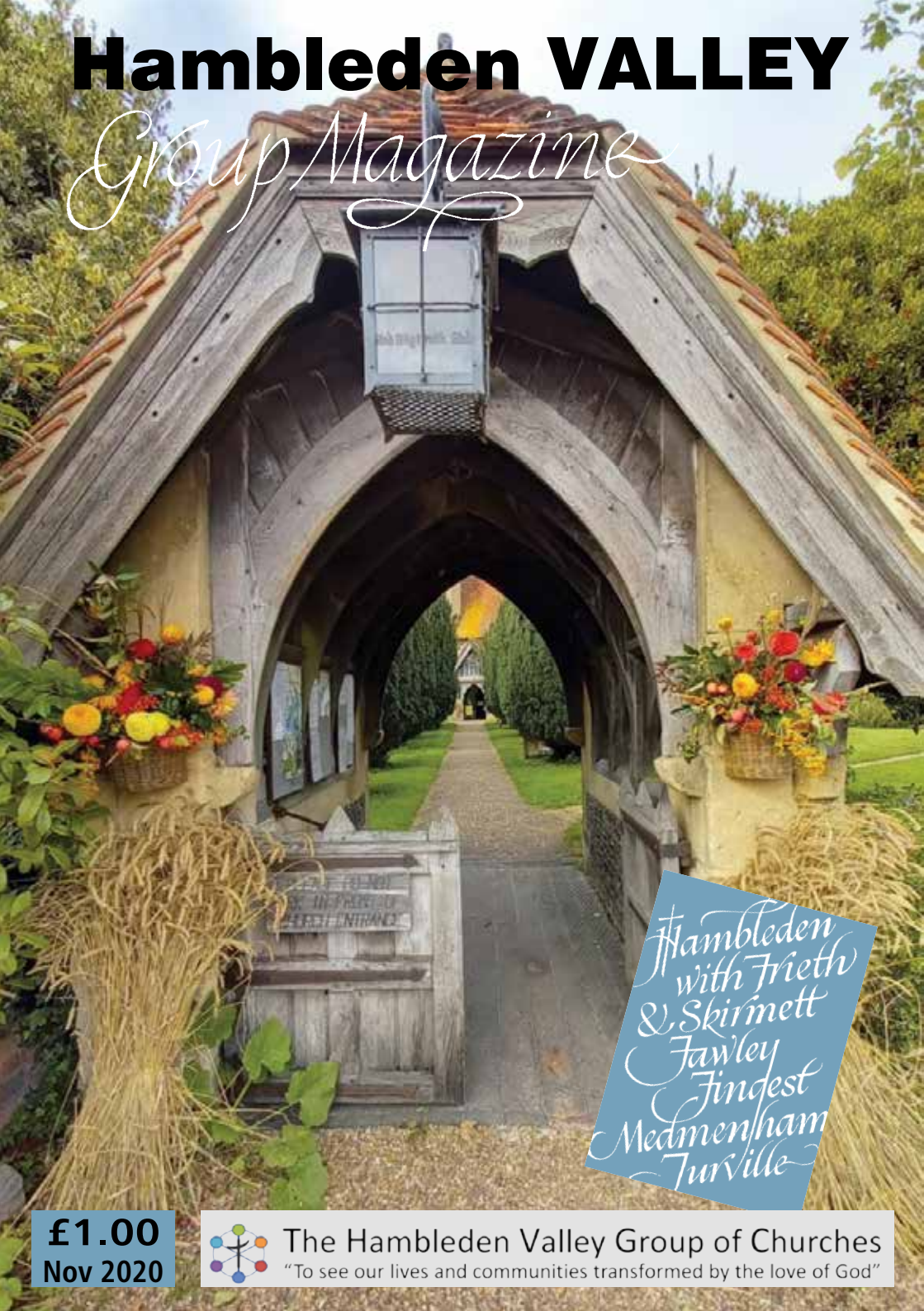


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Father Forgive

Thank you to the Revd Sue Morton for inviting me to offer you a few thoughts this month from the Vicarage here in Stokenchurch as Revd Sue and



I continue to mutually support each other in our ministries, something which I hope will be of benefit not only to the Parish of the South Chilterns but also the Hambleden Valley Group of Churches.

As I looked through my calendar for this month the Sunday that immediately stood out for me was the 8th November which I am sure you all know is Remembrance Sunday. It will be hugely different this year with all the complexities of coronavirus guidelines and procedures at the various outdoor services at our war memorials. But this does not stop us commemorating this traumatic and unenviable part of our history as we rightly gather to remember those whose lives were lost or shattered by conflicts of the past and pray for peace in our world today.

But let us just for a moment put aside the worries of coronavirus and remember that if we profess ourselves to be Christian, we are also called to be peacemakers.

One of our neighbouring dioceses that of Coventry is at the forefront of 'peace making' in our world, with its Cathedral's ministry of reconciliation. Behind the high altar of the bombed out remains of the medieval cathedral

are inscribed the words 'Father Forgive'. These words are used as the response in the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation which is said daily in the new cathedral, I commend them to you as we remember all wars and conflicts that have taken place and continue to rage in our world and I invite you to join with peace makers throughout the world, in praying this litany of reconciliation:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

Father Forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

Father Forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father Forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Father Forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

Father Forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father Forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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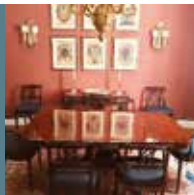
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GROUP NOTES AND NEWS / WILDLIFE

Rachel Wigram continues her reflections on self-isolation on the topic of Facing Fear

Facing Fear

Fear rises up in us when we feel threatened. At its best, it warns us of danger and keeps us safe. To a certain extent, fear is very good for us. But, it can also take hold of us and paralyse us so that we can hardly breathe or think or function.

I have been afraid at times over the last couple of years. Afraid of not being able to cope. Afraid of losing my support network. Afraid about the outcome of medical tests and so on. Sometimes I have felt like I am in the grip of an almighty storm of threat and fear, with dark clouds massing overhead, rain lashing down on me and tumultuous waves surrounding me.

In such times it has encouraged me enormously to know that God understands my fearfulness. The Bible is full of encouragements not to be afraid and to receive peace.

I am reminded of Jesus' disciples on the Sea of Galilee as the wind whipped up the waves around their small boat and the well-founded fear of seasoned fishermen rose up within them. And, suddenly, they saw the figure of Jesus walking on the water. When Peter took courage from Jesus' invitation to come to him on the waves, he kept his poise and balance whilst Jesus filled his gaze.

However, when Peter shifted his focus to the wind and the waves, he plunged into the depths of fear and doubt. Jesus was Peter's still point – the constant, steadying, enabling presence within and beyond the swell and the storm.

There is a lot of fear around at the moment in response to the coronavirus threat. When that fear threatens to overwhelm us, I am praying that we will know first and foremost that God understands. I am praying, too, that we will hear Jesus' invitation to fix our eyes on him and we will discover that God is both with us in the storm and far bigger than any storm – constant, faithful and true.

Hambleton Valley Garden Club

We are pleased to report that the Garden Club is able to resume its winter programme 20/21 in the virtual world. With thanks to Gill Groombridge of the Plant Heritage Society for hosting a zoom

meeting for us, 23 members were able to enjoy a very interesting talk on Miniature and Small Hostas by Jonathan Hogarth. Jonathan holds the National Collection of these hostas and he exhibits at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows. A small blue hosta with round leaves like a mouse's ear – hence the name Mouse-Ears for these varieties – was found in Japan. Different markings were found in hybrids and sports of the plant and propagation by tissue culture produced alterations and the possibility for design of this hosta. Jonathan showed a delightful array of photos of many different Mouse-Ears hostas, with informative comments, and gave useful tips on the cultivation and over-wintering of these plants.

On Tuesday, 3rd November, Timothy Walker, former head of The Oxford Botanic Garden will give a talk titled 'Paradise Lost and Restored' via zoom. Timothy has visited us at Skirmett twice and is an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker.

New members are most welcome to be included in the invitation to join this zoom meeting. For more information please telephone Celia Warren, tel. 01491 638691.

Lizzie Arnott

WILDLIFE

A nest box with a chime?

November is the perfect time to clear out and clean or put up new nest boxes. I am always delighted to find they have been used to raise the next generation. Empty the contents, pour boiling water inside to kill the mites, turn upside down and leave them to dry outside on a windy day. If you have any wood shavings, I love to throw a handful in before returning the boxes to their East or North East facing locations so any birds using them overnight have something to snuggle into. Nest boxes hung close to feeders are never used, too little privacy and particularly if there are Greater Spotted Woodpeckers around. Supporting our beautiful birds, both native and visitors, through the winter months with food definitely increases their survival rate. A squirrel proof peanut feeder such as 'Squirrel Buster' (there are other designs available) is worth the

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Sarah Ronan

Aerial Ballet

As the Frieth Village Society representative on the Wycombe Air Park JCC, I am ever casting my eyes skywards to follow the local light aircraft and gliders as they take off and land at Booker and fly their training circuits over our beautiful countryside.

Earlier this year, during lockdown, there was virtually no flying at all and my eyes became inexorably drawn to a somewhat smaller, quieter and more feathered variety of aeronautical activity. This in turn inspired me to write the following poem.

Their shadows are more fleeting
Than the fleetest fleet of foot
And criss-cross all across
The canopy of leaves.

Pitching and spiralling
Round the gables, over eaves
Sudden swoop and looping
Traversing lawns they weave.

Dipping and diving
Stalling and stuttering

Fluttering and drifting
Up into the sky.

Of pirouetting
But rarely duetting
Sideslipping joyfully
Targeting a fly.

Preparing, training,
Tiny muscles straining.
Tacking and gybing
To feed on the wing.

Swirling, birling
Climbing, skirling
Gracefully manoeuvring
Close together safely.

Feathers preened and optimum
Overshoots and buffeting
Squadron massed and ready
Tight formation flying.

Learnt by rote their parents' ways
To make the southern journey
Sensing the currents
And the continents ahead.

Surfing all the elements
Vast oceans to be crossed
Sunshine on their wingtips
Fleeting shadows fastly cast.

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Big Butterfly Count 2020 sees lowest numbers of butterflies recorded in 11 years

Wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation has released data about the number of butterflies counted in this year's Big Butterfly Count (17th July – 9th August 2020). Worryingly this summer's Count has seen a reduction in the average number of butterflies logged per count of - 34% in comparison with 2019 and the lowest average number of butterflies logged overall since the event began eleven years ago. In all, during this year's Big Butterfly Count, over 1.4 million butterflies were counted across the UK.

In decreasing order of abundance the top 10 butterflies were: Large and Small Whites,

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Gatekeeper, Peacock, Meadow Brown, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Common Blue, Ringlet and Comma (see photo).



Late Comma butterfly feeding on ivy flowers. If you look closely, you can see a hornet at the bottom of the photo

The fall in butterfly numbers this summer may be due to a number of factors. An unusually warm spring led many species to emerge earlier than usual so the Count may have only caught the tail-end of the flight period for many species. Encouragingly, 2020 also saw the highest number of butterfly sightings ever submitted by the general public. It seems that, in a very dark and challenging year, the opportunity for getting out into nature and helping as citizen scientists was very welcome to people who were able to participate in the Count this year.

Butterflies and moths are incredibly valuable indicators of the health of our environment. Their declines show not only the effects of human behaviour on the world around us but also the changing patterns of our weather. As well as being important and beautiful creatures in themselves, they play key roles in the ecosystems of birds, mammals, invertebrates and plants as food, population controllers and pollinators. Their conservation is vitally important.

Taken from Butterfly Conservation

Penny McLeish

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One Can Trust

Just wow! Some very very kind and thoughtful people just keep filling the blue boxes in the church porch with goodies! It's keeping me and Carl (actually more Carl!) on our toes! THANK YOU to the very generous people, who ever you are! It is greatly appreciated by One Can Trust and the people who are so pleased to receive the grocery and toiletry supplies. Thank you to Carl too.

The items currently most needed are tinned vegetables, cooking sauce, biscuits, deodorant and laundry detergent.

Thank you again,

Gwyneth

Choir Returns!

On the 4th October we were treated to Christine and her choir singing, for the first time since lockdown, a very uplifting hymn to start the service which was certainly a wonderful experience for all of those fortunate to be in St Mary's Hambleden.

Mardi Wilkins

FAWLEY

Fawley Past

Alfred Waller's description was so interesting, how he landed up in Fawley to spend 44 years. However, I'm afraid I must put right a couple of things.

I am the only one left of that era to be born there as both dear Harry Sloper and Oliver Cheriton weren't though I grew up with them. The Cheriton family came first, in the 1930s, to Crockmore Farm. Ross, Oliver's dad, used to ride a big brown horse and his brothers were Pat and Joe, and I think a daughter, Maisie. Then there was Major and Mrs Bird with sons Edward and Tommie who lived at Crockmore House, they were very fine cricketers. Sadly, Edward was killed early on in the war. My mother was the village Post Mistress, prior to Mrs Burroughs, on the green for over 40 years. Harry came with his parents somewhere around 1939-1940. His Dad was chauffeur to Lady McAlpine when they bought the house, Benhams. At first they were frowned upon by the local aristocracy as

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they were "In Trade" but they brought life into the Village, and they brought over their Irish labour and built new houses. Harry and my brother, Michael, became great friends but Harry lost a shine for me when the land girls arrived. The School re-opened, when the war started, to take in evacuees, and my mother, though a busy person, took in two; I don't know where we put them but we must have had room. She got up petitions to get a weekly bus, before that we biked everywhere. We sold sweets and cigarettes and later on in the war we entertained POWs as they helped on the land. We held whist drives and dances in the Village Hall for the war effort. We dug for Victory, grew all our own fruit and vegetables of course. I suppose the icing on the cake was being successful in getting the Walnut Tree built. Generations of my father's people lie in the Churchyard, the Rixons and the Peads where one day a little bit of me will be as well. My father was famous for his rose gardens reaching all the way to the front gate, I'm afraid the war didn't affect me a lot - I was young and it always seemed to be summer.

Pam Harper, née Rixon

FRIETH

William John Harris

I am sorry to report of the death of William 'John' Harris on 9th September 2020 aged 92.

John and twin sister Margaret were born in Princes Risborough to police officer and primary school teacher parents. The family moved to Lacey Green, where his brother Dick was born, then to the Police House in Lane End.

John trained to become a telephone engineer and loved climbing poles and digging holes! His national service was deferred until he was 19 to let him complete his apprenticeship. He was then sent to Singapore where he worked on aircraft radios, he might well have been tempted to stay in the RAF but for his sweetheart Joan.

On the bus to school John met Joan Latham, who lived at the top of Frieth hill. They were married at Frieth church in 1952, and lived at Frieth Post Office with Joan's widowed father, where they raised their three daughters. Pauline, the eldest daughter, married Cliff, middle son



of Jean Pearce; and when Joan sadly died in 1984 John developed a loving relationship with Jean and they married shortly afterwards. John was a lucky man to find love a second time.

John travelled extensively with Joan and with Jean, visiting South America, South Africa, India, Singapore, Bali, Borneo and many other destinations, returning with videos, photographs and memories.

John had a passion for wildlife and gardening. Anyone who he spoke to soon learned of his early morning walks and sightings of barn owls and deer. He was very proud of his garden and was generous with the produce. Few visitors left empty handed. He was chair of the local Show committee, and holder of 'best in show' many times.

John loved his extended family dearly and teased all the children, delighting in capturing them on film.

Life became less social when Joan sadly passed away in 2019, and after being diagnosed with leukaemia earlier this year John still remained cheerful and loved getting out for a walk.

He was a wonderful man and we will miss him dearly.

Angela Horton

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Pattern of Worship November 2020

Services in church are limited to 30 people and at present **we will have to ask you to book in advance** via our administrator Jenny Neagle 01491 638433 or hambledenvalleyoffice@gmail.com from the Monday before the Sunday service. Zoom services will continue in their usual format with hymns and a sermon on Sundays, but are now at **9.30am** on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Vacancy Prayer

Loving God

During this time of vacancy, we pray that you will lead us and guide us:

growing us in faith,

helping us to love and care for others,

uniting us to work together

to see our lives and communities transformed by the love of God.

We pray that you are already preparing for us in the Hambleden Valley

a priest with a deep sense of calling to follow where you lead.

We pray for wisdom and courage for all those involved in the appointment process

and all who support us at this time.

We offer you these prayers in Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



Hambleden Valley Prayer Group

We have formed a contemplative listening and confidential prayer group, forming a circle round the valley with God at the centre. If you would like prayer please send a request to the email below: hambledenvalleyprayergroup@gmail.com

From The Registers

Rest in Peace

September 25	Mary Davies	Ashes Burial, Fingest
September 29	Simon Matchett	Funeral, Frieth
October 9	William John Harris	Funeral and Burial, Frieth
October 9	Jennie (Jean) Harris	Ashes Burial, Frieth

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2020

New Pattern of Worship October/November 2020

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Sun 25 Oct	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Frieth
Wed 28 Oct	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Turville
Fri 30 Oct	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleton
Sun 1 Nov	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Hambleton
	15:00	All Souls' Service	Turville Churchyard
Wed 4 Nov	09:00	Daily Prayer	Zoom
Fri 6 Nov	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleton
Sun 8 Nov	09:00	Remembrance Prayers	Fingest
	09:00	Remembrance Prayers	Frieth
	09:30	Remembrance	Zoom
	10.55	Service of Remembrance	Medmenham Churchyard
Wed 11 Nov	09:00	Daily Prayer	Zoom
Fri 13 Nov	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleton
Sun 15 Nov	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Fawley
	19:30	Service of Compline	Fingest
Wed 18 Nov	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom
Fri 20 Nov	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleton
Sun 22 Nov	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Hambleton
Wed 25 Nov	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Turville
Fri 27 Nov	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleton
Sun 29 Nov	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Frieth
	18.00	Advent Candlelit Service	Hambleton
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	12:00	Fridays	Fawley

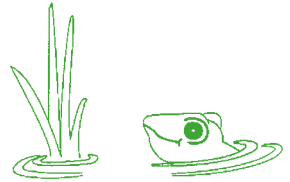
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Frieth School



It has been a strange month for the staff and children of Frieth CEC Primary School as they have tried to continue delivering a high quality education whilst observing the restrictions of the Coronavirus guidelines to keep everybody safe. The recent Harvest Festival went ahead in the church, but sadly without parents, who had to be content with watching the video footage sent to them afterwards.



Classes entered the church one class at a time to share in the celebrations. The school were delighted to be joined by Reverend Sue and their chair of governors, Merelina Tebbot, who joined

the children in offering prayers and blessings.



Parents were generous with their donations of foodstuffs for the 'One Can Trust' and the display centrepiece was a Harvest loaf in the shape of a wheat sheaf, prepared by the Year 3 children with governor volunteers.

The school have recently begun a project to give their Early Years area a much needed lift and are appealing to businesses and individuals in the local community to make a donation from the prepared 'Wish List' for the school's youngest children, which has items ranging from £5000 to less than £50. If you feel you can help in any way, please do contact the school on office@friethschool.co.uk for a copy of the list and a donation form.

Tina Nowell

FINGEST Fingest Past

Fingest Farmers in the 1800s (4) – David Hussey's* daughter, great-grandmother Sarah Frances, married Thomas Prince in 1857. The couple lived at The Old Rectory with Sarah's parents and farmed a smallholding of twenty-four acres in Fingest, selling their produce locally. Sadly, Thomas died, when their

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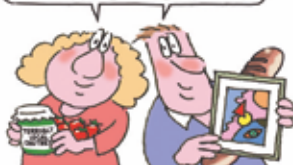
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children were still very young, aged 33 years. Sarah continued farming with help, as they grew older, from her sons. The boys, William Walter, Amos and Thomas, also sold their labour to local farmers, e.g. William Nash**. William Prince worked a garden and sold the produce, e.g. cucumbers, at Marlow and Henley markets. Sarah's youngest son Thomas was married in 1894 and with his wife, Annie, became a tenant farmer of the Parmoor Estate at the newly created Fingest Farm. *Fingest Past, April 2020, **March 2020



Sarah Frances Prince, 1835-1915

Extracts from Great-great-grandmother Mary Hussey's Diary

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Note: Shows the type of jobs carried out for local farmers by William Prince aged 18 years.

Cucumbers sold by William Walter Prince, August 1871

Don Boreham

TURVILLE

Harvest Festival

On the 27th September, at 3 o'clock, about 30 of us stood in the Churchyard, standing no more than six in a group and as far apart as possible, while Rev. Sue Morton conducted the Harvest service. We left tins for the One Can charity at the church door. Prayers and lessons were read and we were allowed one person, Jim Tilbury, to sing, 'We plough the fields and scatter' accompanied by Christine Wells on Jim's keyboard. It was a bit chilly but it didn't rain and it was definitely better than nothing, after almost a year of no services except for Zoom. We are extremely grateful for our Zoom services and many thanks for Sue and team for setting them up. If you haven't tried Zoom yet then beg, borrow or.....no perhaps not, get an ipad. It's the only way we can keep in touch to meet up in this coronavirus life. Sadly, our Animal Blessing had to be cancelled owing to the rain, there was a lot of it that weekend. But, it is lovely to hear the bells again and I hope, soon, we will be allowed a full ringing team, even though we still can't go to Church. So 'Thank You' Ann, to you all for the ringing of the bells, and we can pretend it's a normal Sunday morning, dashing off not to be late.

Pam Harper

MEDMENHAM

Reminiscences of Medmenham Post Office

I have lived in Medmenham since 1946, but the family connection goes further back. My Grandfather, Ernest Sartin, a stonemason, came

up from Dorset to help build Danesfield Mansion in the 1890s, while his wife – a local woman – took over the management of the village post office and shop. Ernest died young leaving three small daughters, the youngest my mother Olive, but Charlotte bravely continued the business for more than forty years, her retirement eventually hastened by a German bomb falling at the back of the cottage in October 1940, where the large crater could be seen for many years. The village lost a memorable character in Mrs Sartin, famed locally for her racing tips, and for helping some villagers – who had ‘left their glasses behind’ – in reading and replying to telegrams.



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For a few years the business was taken over by Harold and Sadie Morris, the latter remaining active in village affairs for several decades. However, in the 1950s a purpose built post office and shop was opened in Ferry Lane under the ownership of Pamela Plaisted, daughter of the last resident vicar. For many years this venture was run by delightful Scottish sisters, Nessie and Amy Lawson, but a

tragedy befell them when the latter was fatally injured in a domestic fire.

Now marked only by a postbox the business was closed in the early 1970s and, one suspects it had never been profitable. The post office was a godsend to the village, but the shop was too small to stock a wide range of goods and the prices were a bit higher than their equivalents in town. Perhaps more could have been done to exploit the seasonal requirements of summer visitors from the river, but the fatal obstacle was the rapid development of car ownership in the village.

As a schoolboy in the late 1940s and early 1950s I can remember that only about six households in Ferry Lane owned a car; even the vicar depended on a bicycle, and this was true of all the working class villagers, including my parents. However, by the early 1970s, when few truly working class villagers remained, most households had at least one car and some more than one. Long distance travel was now commonplace, including easy day visits to London and commuting to work, so shopping in Marlow, Henley and further afield became the norm.

The reader may well query why the post office and village stores in nearby Hambleden has not only survived but prospered. A full sociological answer cannot be attempted here, but suffice it to say that Hambleden is not on a major bus route and, more importantly, it has historically been a larger and more concentrated village with its own butcher, baker, builder and garage.

Nevertheless, the failure to sustain a post office and shop business in Medmenham must be viewed as a serious loss to the village's character, not only for urgent necessities but also as an invaluable social asset where local people could exchange news and gossip. This deficiency is even more obvious and regrettable during the present crisis of restricted travel and lockdown.

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