# Hambleden VALLEY Group Magazine



**Annual Subscription £15** 

Findest Medmenhan TurVille

£2.00 Sep 2021



The Hambleden Valley Group of Churches "To see our lives and communities transformed by the love of God"



In This Issue	
Group Letter	1
Group Notes and News	4
Wildlife	12
Hambleden	12
Calendar	15
Fawley	18
Medmenham	22
From the Registers	22
Classified Advertisements	24
Church and Village Activities	

26

### **Weekday Services**

and Contacts

Wednesday - 9.30am, Zoom
Daily Prayer - 10.15am, Holy
Communion, Turville

### **Emergencies:**

If you are unable to contact the Group Priests, please get in touch with your churchwarden.

All contributions are welcome, to the Editor, Penny McLeish hambledenvalleyeditor@gmail.com (please note change of email address)
3 Abbey Cottages, Ferry Lane, Medmenham SL7 2HB
Telephone 01491 571288

Please keep articles within 350 words. Copy deadline is 15th of the month.

Printed by Higgs and Co., Henley. Tel. 01491 419429

### **GROUP LETTER**

### Happy New Year!



It might seem a bit strange to say that in September, however I think there is more change in

the autumn than at the end of the calendar year. The children go back to school, previous activities resume after the summer holidays, new ones are often started and some people start new jobs. Life can take on a fresh look and feel and it should be celebrated.

God is always doing new things. Sometimes we miss it though. In Isaiah 43:19, God is asking the people of Israel to wake up to what he is doing, 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.' I appreciate that it has

been difficult to start new 'things' with all the uncertainty we have been living with. New things also bring anticipation and trepidation in equal measure. Together we can help each other see and experience new things, sharing the uncertainty as a community. I hope that we can inspire and encourage each other to find new activities and experiences in the Hambleden Valley.

On that note I would love to invite one and all to the 1st 'Blessing of the Backpack' service in Hambleden on September 5th at 10 am. All are welcome to come and bring along an item or symbol of the new things they might be doing: children with their school bags (regardless if it is for reception or for uni), work bags, briefcases, laptops bags, paint brushes, phones, tablets, books. These items will be blessed during the service for the season ahead.

Sue Lepp

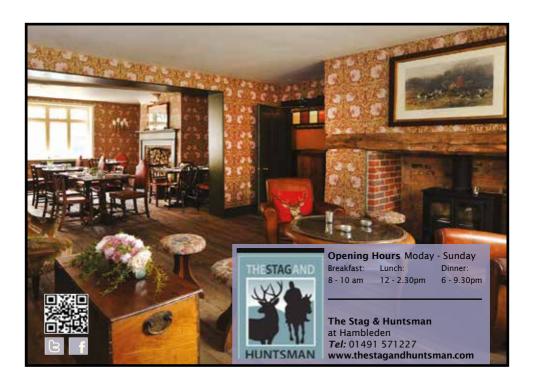
# HIGGS GROUP

Design • Print • Copying • Office Supplies • Publishing

Publishers of the *Henley Standard* 

Printers of the Hambleden Valley Group Magazine

Caxton House, 1 Station Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AD
T: 01491 419429 E: henley@higgsgroup.co.uk W: www.higgsprinting.co.uk



# CLIVEDEN CONSERVATION



The 17th Century Church of St Peter & St Paul, Coleshill.

Conservation work carried out on four medieval tombs, effigies of knights and monuments.

FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF
STATUARY,
MASONRY, MOSAICS,
MONUMENTS,
PLASTERWORK &
DECORATIVE ARTS

With offices at:

Clivedon Estate, near Maidenhead 1. 01628 604721 Ammerdoven Estate, near Bath 1. 01761 420300 Houghton, Norfolk 1. 01485 528970

www.clivedenconservation.com

By appointment walpture conservators to THE NATIONAL TRUST



facebook.com/blockedear instagram.com/blocked\_ear

HCPC registered Registered NHS Audiologist Professional indemnity insurance Hearing Screening and Testing Limited. Registered in England No.07810066



### **GROUP NOTES AND NEWS**

### Farewell service for Carol and John Kimberley



was great pleasure for the Valley congregation, choir and clergy to be able to meet together on 25th July to celebrate everything that Carol and John have given to the church and community in the Hambleden Valleu and to say farewell

as they embark a new stage of life and retirement in their new home near Oxford.

The church was prepared in advance having been thoroughly cleaned after two large services in the days before this occasion. Everyone observed suitable precautions to be 'Covid safe' with socially distanced seating and the wearing of masks.

We were treated to the whole clergy experience with both the Sues, Carol and John. The Sues shared the leading of the service and the reading of 8 sets of wedding Banns, Carol presided at communion, and the sermon was given by John. A real family affair with their daughter, Katherine, reading the lesson.

Jill Steward presented Carol and John with a leaving present of a beautiful engraved garden pot as a token of our appreciation. Jill gave an excellent resumé of the service they have both given to the valley over 43 years. She reminded us that Carol was amongst the first cohort of women to be ordained as priest. She was a deacon for several years in the '80s, before full ordination was possible, working in the Valley churches. Later on John was licensed as a Lay Minister. What a team!

The choir treated us to two beautiful

anthems composed by John Rutter, the second one being a wonderful musical form of blessing. After the service we all enjoyed refreshments outside and the weather helpfully remained dry while we were catching up with one another.

It was a joyous occasion tinged with sadness. We all wish Carol and John every happiness in their new home. We will miss them and look forward to hearing their news from time to time.

### Sarah Helweg-Larsen

#### What a wonderful send-off

It really was a wonderful service and so good to see so many old friends. Thank you so much to everyone who played a part, especially Christine and the choir and all those who did the refreshments after the service. We have our new flower pot planted up in our garden now and the words on it will be a reminder of our time in the Valley.

Things are now just about sorted out in our new home and if you are ever are in Oxford or feel like a trip out, please let us know and do come and see us. You would be most welcome.

### Carol & John Kimberley



### Sunday 12th September, 3pm Wild Gardening in Medmenham!

Wild Gardening is the theme for September's Wild Church! Do join us by the River Thames in Medmenham, at the bottom of Ferry Lane. We will meet by the Ferry Memorial where, as part of our gathering and with the kind permission

Continued on page 7



The perfect venue in the middle of the beautiful village of Hambleden.

Large hall, full kitchen facilities, patio, WiFi, hearing loop, free parking. Hire by the hour or by session.



For more details and prices contact Jamie Baker on 01491 410669 or email: enquiries@hambledenvillagehall.org visit www.hambledenvillagehall.org





Henley-on-Thames' auctioneers with world class expertise, local and international reach we offer a calendar of specialist and single owner auctions as well as our 24/7 online Shop

### Inviting Consignments for the forthcoming auction

### Design For Living

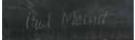
21st October 2021



From the forthcoming auction: **Paul Mount**.

'Three Pieces Suite', 1976 A contemporary patinated bronze three part abstract sculpture on rectangular patinated bronze base, signed Paul Mount on the base, 31cm wide, 23cm deep, 17cm high.

Est. £6,000-8,000 (+fees)
Provenance: The Penwith
Society of Arts in Cornwall,
Penwith Spring Exhibition,
13 April-12 May 1979



Featuring works from the key movements of applied arts from 1860 to the present day and offering good quality, decorative, functional and unique items ranging from furniture and objects, to carpets and rugs, lighting, mirrors, prints and paintings

#### Contact us to arrange an auction valuation:

Guy Savill or Sally Stratton MRICS on: +44 (0)1491 522733 or email: info@thepedestal.com

#### Auction venue:

The Dairy, Stonor Park, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 6HF

www.thepedestal.com

of the Parish Council, we will be planting bulbs. Through Wild Gardening we will have the opportunity to bless all those who pass by - or sail by - as our bulbs grow and blossom as a reminder of God's beautiful creation. All are welcome to join us!

Please bring a trowel or similar for bulb planting, blanket/chairs to sit on and any drinks you may need. As always please dress for the weather – we will meet come rain or shine!

Parking will be arranged; do look out for more details in the group emails or get in touch with one of the Wild Church Team: Mary Campbell grandma.marycampbell@googlemail.com Mardi Wilkins mardi43@btinternet.com Sue Morton 01491 639286 or suemorton 131@gmail.com.

And Wild Church dates coming up...

Wild Church in October: Celebrating Seedgathering Sunday - Sunday 10th October



3pm in Jill and Phil Dean's field, Chequers Lane, Fingest.

Wild Church in November: Wild Church Remembrance, Sunday 14th November 3pm gather to create a natural Field of Remembrance\*\* venue tbc

Wild Church in December: Wild Christmas, Sunday 12th December 3pm – look out for more details!

\*\*Can you help? We are looking for a place to gather in November, within the boundaries of the Hambleden Valley, that has a significant link with World War I or II. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

### **Revd Sue Morton**

### Harvest: Neighbours in need - a plea for help from Lane End

As we prepare to celebrate Harvest, to thank God for his abundant provision for us, our friends from Holy Trinity Church in Lane End have asked if we in the Hambleden Valley can help them to support some of their families in need over the next few weeks.

Judy Taylor, whom many of us will know from helping us out with services here in the Valley in the past, set up Community Matters in 2011 to help families in difficulty in Lane End and they currently provide food and support for 22 families in need. Unfortunately, their usual food suppliers – who send 10-15 boxes per week - are not currently able to help them out and Community Matters is quite desperate; they have turned to us, their neighbours.

We will be holding each of our six Harvest Services through September and October and it has been our tradition over the last few years to bring food and donations for the foodbank in High Wycombe. This year the need is even closer to home: please to support Community Matters by bringing food, household needs or donations (please see the list below) as Harvest gifts to help the families in Lane End while Judy finds extra support. Thank you so much.

#### **Revd Sue Morton**

### **Food Items for Community Matters**

Pasta sauces

Tins tomatoes and baked beans
Tins hot dogs and meatballs in tomato
sauce

Coffee/ tea/ squash - any flavour Tins/cartons custard Microwaveable rice Jams and peanut butter

### Household items for Community Matters

Laundry powder/capsules and washing up liquid
Toilet rolls and kitchen rolls

Shampoo and shower gel Fabric conditioner and cleaning products

### The End of the Journey

1063 miles on my bike from the furthest point South, to the top of Great Britain. It took me 19 days (plus a welcome day off in Moffat) to cycle from Lands' End to John O'Groats, commonly known as LEJOG. How hard can it be, I asked myself, it's



only about 60 miles a day? The answer is of course very hard. Our island is beautiful with much to see and marvel at but there are so many hills. I am afraid I missed out on some of the beauty, as I spent most of my time concentrating on the 3 feet of tarmac in front of me and trying not to fall off! It was a wonderful adventure and I am so lucky to have the time to take on the challenge. I had truly amazing support from friends and family along the way and I raised, through many people's generosity, £1,500 for the One Can Trust. The money

Continued on page 11



### **Hambleden Village Stores & Post Office**

Visit our friendly store for your "One Stop Shop & Post Office Services". Open 7 Days a Week



We stock a wide variety of daily delivered locally sourced fresh meat, game and "award winning pies" from the well-established award winning butcher, Vicars Game; buy in-store or next day delivery available.

We sell a wide range of produce from daily essentials to artisan cheeses, speciality Scotch Eggs, Laceys Farm dairy produce, fresh bread, homemade filled rolls which are made in our own kitchen, fresh fruit & veg and a large selection of quality fine wines from local suppliers. Join us for freshly brewed teas, coffee, cakes - Free Parking - Full banking facilities at the Post Office - Euros - Travel/Home/Pet Insurance

Open Monday - Saturday 8:00am - 17:00pm and Sunday 8:30am -13:00pm (in line with daylight saving hours - winter months)

58 The Village, Hambleden, Henley On Thames, RG9 6RT 01491 571201 - info@hambledenvillagestores.com



EAGER TO GET MOVING?

DON'T RELY ON LUCK, RELY ON SAVILLS

SAVILLS HENLEY | 01491 843000

### Midway Chimney Sweeps and Linings

Chimney Sweeping and Boiler Cleaning

Member of National Association of Chimney Sweeps Recommended by Coal, S.F.A.S. and Gas Board ESTABLISHED OVER 30 YEARS

TELEPHONE: HIGH WYCOMBE (01494) 564321 Mobile 07850 196616

### Peter the Painter T/A Ideal Decorations

**Interior and Exterior Decoration** 32 Green Dragon Lane, Flackwell Heath, Bucks HP10 9JZ Telephone: 01628 527865 Mobile: 07976 513652 peterthepainter@live.co.uk



### **Picture Framing** For all your framing and mirror needs.

Come to the workshop that deals in traditional framing techniques and contemporary mouldings, offering a wide selection of samples, mounts and specialist glass to choose from.

Damaged frames? Ornate or simple these can often be repaired. Located at Watercroft Farm, Cadmore End Common, HP14 3PS

Telephone 01494 881527

### Graham Blake soft furnishing

- Loose Covers Curtains •
- Re-Upholstery Tracks and Poles •

TEN YEAR GUARANTEE

For personal, helpful service, please call

Tel: 01844 261769 • Mob: 0780 1182 400

grahamblake123@btconnect.com

www.grahamblake.com

is safely in their bank account and I am going to pop in and say hello to some of the marvellous volunteers who make such a difference to local families during difficult times.

### **Maddy Field**

### Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

On Thursday 15th July several members of the Hambleden Valley Garden Club visited the garden of Jonathon Hogarth in Wokingham – a relatively small garden holding the National Collection of Small and Miniature Hostas. Jonathon is a celebrated grower of Miniature Hostas and had exhibited at this year's Hampton Court Flower Festival, winning a Silver Guilt medal. Having built up the collection from just one hosta in the garden, when he

moved in, Jonathon has numerous plants and a wealth of knowledge. This was soon evident in the detail he told us and in the greenhouses in which he grew the plants. It was quite reassuring to find that slugs and snails are just as rampant in Wokingham. Jonathon practises hydroponics – growing cuttings in water in enclosed heated containers. In this way they take more quickly and there is a higher success rate.

Our next visit is to Turn End, Haddenham in September. We plan to start our Autumn/Winter programme of speakers in October. New members welcome. Come and expand, and share your gardening knowledge.

For details contact me, Celia Warren 01491 638691



### WILDLIFE AND HAMBLEDEN

#### WILDLIFE

### In praise of RAGWORT (jacobaea vulgaris)



Ragwort is a much-maligned but stunning native wild flower and needs more cheerleaders! Its rich yellow flowers and dark green leaves are beautiful and brighten up any grey day.

Many bees, hoverflies, butterflies, beetles and moths adore ragwort. Over thirty insects entirely depend on it for survival and over eighty are recorded as using it for a food source. I recently watched an enormous buff tailed bumble bee queen, newly emerged from an underground nest, gorge herself on a single ragwort plant (see photo). For thirteen minutes she manoeuvred herself to each and every flower with the stalk swaying back and forth under her weight before she buzzed off in search of another. In August you may find black and orange cinnabar moth caterpillars eating the poisonous leaves and in turn making themselves sufficiently toxic no predator takes the risk. These stripey caterpillars depend on ragwort, are ferocious eaters and strip a plant of leaves and buds quickly before turning into chrysalises. I do think that the national scourge on ragwort has got out of hand. We are amidst an Insectageddon and we need our native weeds like never before. Even Sarah Raven unhelpfully advocates in her Wild Flowers manual 'you should pull this out by the roots whenever you see it' which is an alarming instruction and ought to be ignored unless you happen to be standing in a hav field. Ragwort is poisonous to

animals but they know not to eat it in its living glory; the danger lies if it is caught up in haybales, invisible but still retaining its toxins. My daughter has 'rehomed' over fifty cinnabar moth caterpillars from ragwort in a hay field she's helping to clear locally, to the ragwort in our garden. I am delighted to report they are all thriving. Please be happy to see those tall, erect beacons of gold around the place and leave them in peace wherever you can. I give you Cicely Mary Barker's poem for the Ragwort Fairy:

Now is the prime of summer past, Farewell she soon must say; But yet my gold you may behold By every grassy way. And what though autumn comes apace, And brings a shorter day? Still stand I here, your eyes to cheer, In gallant gold array.

### Sarah Ronan August 2021

### HAMBLEDEN Geoffrey Stuart Hearne



Geoff and Joan Hearne at the Royal Oak on his 90th birthday

Geoff sadly passed away at home in Woodend on the 5th July 2021, age 90.

Continued on page 17

### **Absolutely Fabulous**

CARPET, RUGS, UPHOLSTERY & STONE FLOOR CLEANING

**EXTENDING THE LIFE OF YOUR CARPETS, RUGS, UPHOLSTERY & STONE FLOORS** 

The most thorough cleaning you've ever seen... or it's FREE.

For Absolutely Fabulous cleaning of your carpets, upholstery, rugs or stone floors, give us a call today **01491 540005** 



We have our own dedicated rug wash facility Free collection and delivery of all rugs.



All floor tiles and grout cleaned, full restoration of all natural stone floors (incl. marble floor polishing)





"Excellent time keeping, very courteous, excellent workmanship" ★★★★★
"Honest, friendly, efficient and reliable" ★★★★★
"Thorough, prompt, friendly, knowledgeable" ★★★★★
"I would definitely recommend this company to all my friends and family." ★★★★

www.abfab.uk.com



### **Church Services and Events**

### www.hambleden-valley-churches.org.uk

### **Church Legacy**

A lasting gift to your church Wording for your Will



If you would like to leave a gift to the work of your parish church, please see the example wording Will Clauses below.

You are strongly advised to seek a solicitor when making or revising your Will.

### To leave a share of your estate:

"I give.......% of my residuary estate free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of...... in the Diocese of Oxford for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees".

### To leave a fixed sum of money:

"I give the sum of  $\mathfrak{L}$ ......... (pounds only) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of ............................... in the Diocese of Oxford for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees".

The Valley Group of churches and their PCC's are regularly seeking to raise funds for the repair and maintenance of our churches and to meet their day to day upkeep and operational costs. A gift in your Will helps to ensure the continuing life and activity of your parish church in the years ahead.



### 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:

hamble den valley prayer group @gmail.com

### **CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

### Pattern of Worship Sept 2021

Please see below for Sunday services. There will also be Zoom services at 9:30am and the 10.15am midweek Holy Communion at Turville on Wednesdays. The calendar here is subject to change. The wellbeing of staff and members can cause last minute adjustments to our scheduled services. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information or contact Jenny Neagle on hambledenvalleyadmin@gmail.com (07769 599616).

	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleden	Medmenham	Turville	Zoom
5th Sept				10am Group Service - 'Blessing of the Backpack'			None
12th Sept	11am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	3pm Wild Church		9.30am
19th Sept	11am Holy Communion		9am Holy Communion	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion	3pm Harvest Celebration and Tea	9.30am
26th Sept		6pm Harvest Service and Supper	9am Combined Service/Zoom	11am Harvest Service and Refreshments		9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am

Hambleden Valley Harvest Dates 2021		
Sunday 19th Sept	3pm at Turville:	Harvest Celebration and Tea
Sunday 26th Sept	11am at Hambleden:	Harvest Service and Refreshments
	6pm at Fingest:	Harvest Service and Supper
Sunday 3rd Oct	3pm at Frieth:	Family Harvest Celebration
Sunday 17th Oct	11am at Fawley:	Harvest Service
	11am at Medmenham:	Harvest Service

### The Frog at Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames

(Closed Sunday Evening — November to May)
Non-smoking Restaurant with an unusual selection of New English,
French and Mediterranean style food.

Food is served for LUNCH and DINNER 7 days a week, May to November Family room for children. En-suite accommodation. 36 seat function room





Tel: 01491 638996 Fax: 01491 638045



### Arnold Funeral Service

www.arnold-funerals.co.uk

21-23 Little Marlow Road **Marlow** 01628 898866

891 London Road, **High Wycombe** 01494 472572

- Traditional and Alternative Funerals
- 24 Hour Attendance
- Pre-Payment Plan
- · Home visits by appointment



COAT&TAILS

All breeds of Dogs and Cats • Long Coats a speciality
Collection or home service by arrangement

MAIDENHEAD-MARLOW-HENLEY PROFESSIONAL & CARING With 35 Years' Experience Clipping/Hand Stripping

Rotten Row Farm • Hambleden Henley-on-Thames • Oxon Tel: 01491 636140 www.coatandtails-Hambleden.co.uk

### Whatever you want to store...

...for whatever reason - house sale and purchase not coinciding, travelling, house building work, paperwork overload or even "de-cluttering" to sell your house more quickly - we offer a friendly and flexible local service.

With competitive rates, secure storage and hassle free 24/7 access, contact us now!

01189 404163 www.barn-store.co.uk



He was the loving husband of Joan for 64 years, father of Carolyn and Andrew, and brother of Dotsy and Judy.

Born at Hazelmere, Bucks in 1931, Geoff spent his working life with Nat West Bank finally retiring as Manager of the Chalfont St. Giles branch in 1996.

He was organist and choirmaster at various local churches over the decades, and later a key member of the Hambleden choir, with a great knowledge and love of choral and organ music.

A talented artist, he was the only man in the Hambleden Art Group, where he was a loyal, stalwart member always ready to move and lift things for his girlfriends. Together they helped to raise thousands for charity through the regular art exhibitions. (The Editor has a lovely river scene painted by Geoff on her kitchen wall).

Always happiest in his garden at Woodend, Geoff was well known for his Auriculas and Cosmos. But, he was also an ingenious repair man and sewing machine and clock engineer.

He was a true gentleman in the best sense of the word, always caring and concerned for others more than himself. He had plenty of stories to tell, especially of his youth and his travels with Joan.

His funeral has taken place at The Chiltern Crematorium and his Thanksgiving Service, attended by many friends and family, was on Monday 16th August 2021 at St.Mary the Virgin Church, Hambleden.

### **Andy Hearne**

### **Annual Village Hall Quiz**

We're back!

After far too long, it's that time of the year again, folks, when your wits need to be at their sharpest, and your competitive juices need to be flowing at full throttle!

The Quiz this year is on Friday November 26th in Hambleden Village Hall. We have

### Danesfield Gardens

Henley Road, Medmenham, Near Marlow, SL7 2EU

Your local nursery for bedding and patio plants for spring and autumn Baskets filled, compost, chimney pots and ornaments

Phone: 01628 484509 Betty Ryan and Isabel McCrindle



### Skirmett Village Hall

A bright lovely hall with fully equipped kitchen in the Hambleden Valley available for meetings, workshops classes and parties. Website: Skirmettvillagehall.org. For bookings Contact Mandy Heller 01491638355

### **FAWLEY**

a new Quizmeister this year who, as I write, is locked away in a dark place thinking up evil questions!

As usual, teams of six, so now is the time to gather your cohort. Tickets will be on sale from November 1st in Hambleden Stores. £10 each – all proceeds to the Village Hall Repairs Fund.

#### Chris Whitehead

### FAWLEY Fawley Almshouses 1953





Little is known about these before this date, other than they were about 500 years old. They are marked (Fawley poor) on the Fawley Court Estate map of 1790. They

were a terrace of 3 small cottages near the bottom of Church Hill, above the quarry, where No 38, a cedar clad bungalow, was built on the site in the 1960's for Mr and Mrs Juda who owned 'The Ambassador', a glossy British export magazine with subscribers in 90 countries.

### Taken from the Memoirs of Airini Florence Gedge 'There & Then Where'

A missionary couple, Lloyd and Airini Gedge, with their 3 small girls, Pauline, Anne and Elizabeth, came from New Zealand in 1953 as Lloyd wanted to study for a BA in Divinity in England. Their parents went to NZ, escaping the devastating bush fires around Perth.

They came to Henley looking for accommodation and heard about the terraced almshouses at Fawley Bottom which were condemned, despite two still being inhabited by two brothers and their wives, over eighty years old. The other was empty but in a terrible state. The rent

Continued on page 21

### G M PAGE FURNITURE RESTORATION

ALL ASPECTS OF FURNITURE RESTORATION UNDERTAKEN, BOTH ANTIQUE AND MODERN

DINING TABLES REFINISHED
FRENCH POLISHING AND MODERN FINISHES
RE-UPHOLSTERY
CANE AND RUSH WORK
SPECIALIST VENEER REPAIRS
DESKS RE-LEATHERED

INSURANCE WORK UNDERTAKEN

TELEPHONE: 01494 511234 MOBILE: 07754533128 EMAIL: page1830@aol.com WEBSITE: gmpagerestoration.co.uk

EST. 1988





### A Family Run Independent Funeral Service

24 hours service | Private client parking | Private chapel of rest Free home visits | Pre-paid funeral plans | Full written estimate

Tel: (01491) 573370

www.tomalins.co.uk tomalin@btconnect.com Anderson House, 38 Reading Road, Henley-On-Thames, RG9 1AG



### J. A. Brakspear Plumbing & Heating LTD

TEL/FAX: 01491 575428

E-MAIL: JOHNBRAKSPEAR@GMAIL.COM



Bathroom renovations • Boilers Replaced Heating system Maintenance and Installation Free Estimates • No Job Too Small

### Selwyn Palmer Architects

Chartered Architects

Personal, friendly service from experienced practice with several Local Design Awards

Houses/Extensions/Alterations/Listed Buildings/Conservation

Frieth tel: 01494 881273 Henley-on-Thames

# 44D. J. Macleod44

Tree Surgery, Felling, Planting and Hedge Cutting Fencing and Gates Supplied and Erected

### **Quality Firewood for Sale**

Producer and Supplier of Wood Chips
Cedar Cottage, Parmoor, Henley-on-Thames RG9 6NN
Mobile 07850 724023

01494 882901

www.donlogs.com

e-mail: donlogs@hotmail.com





### Turville Northend Village Hall

Large Hall, Committee Room, Kitchen, Private Terrace, Parking. Available for: Meetings, Workshops, Parties, Weddings, Classes.

For further information & bookings visit: www.thevillagehall.co.uk
Turville Northend Village Hall, Northend, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 6LJ

### 9 & D Mooney

YOUR "CLEAN" RELIABLE QUALITY PAINTER & DECORATORS — DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL — Family run business for over 30 years!

> Telephone 0118 934 4230 Mobile: 07961 366535

darrenjomooney@hotmail.com henleyschicdecor.co.uk

- N.V.Q. Qualified
- Many references available in and around Henley ho
- · No job too small!!!
- Interior and Exterior work done!
- Free Competitive Quotes! No Obligation
- Prompt and Friendly Service!
- · C.I.S. Registered Business
- Full Public Liability Insurance
- Specialist in Rural run down property



### W. J. Webb & Son Ltd.



(Established 1968)

# BUILDERS and DECORATORS CONVERSIONS and GENERAL REPAIRS

Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames Tel: 01491 571366

e-mail: wjwebbandson@googlemail.com

used to be a shilling a week. Having very little money and virtually no possessions, they were allowed to live there free until Mr Walton, a shipping broker in London who owned Jackson's Farm at Fawley Bottom, demolished the terrace. The cottage had no electricity or sewage and one cold water tap indoors. Outside there was a small washhouse with a copper, a tin bath and privy.

Life was hard and food scarce apart from rabbits and what could be grown in their vegetable garden. The farm manager, Bob Neighbour, was very helpful, lending his gun and letting them pick up potatoes and beet from the fields as well as gleaning wheat. Farm labourers used to earn 2 shillings and sixpence per hour. For families earning less than £200 per year, the government provided milk, orange juice and a free school dinner. One shilling

bought 2 cartridges for shooting rabbits. Their girls used to play with John (the artist) and Mfanwy (the librettist) Piper's children, who lived in the big flint and brick house below the cottages. The family worshipped at St Mary's. Their local pub was the Rainbow, Middle Assendon where the farm labourers drank. Occasionally they visited the Drovers at Southend, now a private house.

In 1956, they moved to Wheatley as the almshouses were to be demolished, while Lloyd studied at Cuddesdon College. He was ordained and they moved to Manitoba, Canada in 1960. Airini died in 2003.

Throughout the latter part of the book, reference kept being made to Fawley Bottom where they found such happiness and kindness.

Bob Neighbour inherited a small farm with

### Protecting your wealth and loved ones

- Everyone should have a Will, but 2 out of 3 people have not yet made one, and those that have may not have the correct Will in place.
- If you own a business or a share of a business, your spouse/partner and children may not necessarily inherit your share.
- $\bullet~$  An estimated 70,000 people per year have to sell their homes to  $\boldsymbol{pay}$  for  $\boldsymbol{care}.$
- Effective planning can also protect the inheritance of future generations from divorce or separation settlements.
- By setting up **lasting powers of attorney** you can rest assured that your finances and personal welfare are in safe hands.

In association with Countrywide Tax & Trust Corporation Limited, I provide a professional, tailor-made service to help individuals to safeguard assets, regardless of their value and protect their loved ones.

My decision to get involved in Wills and Estate Planning was a result of personal experience. I learnt first-hand how unpreparedness adds to the stress of dealing with long-term illness and death. Get in touch for advice that can guide you to make informed decisions that suit your needs.

Visit www.personalestateplanning.co.uk for further information.

Judy Bonfanti, FCCA, STEP Affiliate judy.bonfanti@hotmail.com 0781 0642 505

### **MEDMENHAM**

5 acres of apple trees, now 26 Benhams Lane and Oakengrove vineyard (ex snail farm). He was the Standard Bearer for the British Legion and famous for his runner beans.

### Hilary Beck-Burridge

#### **MEDMENHAM**

### Medmenham Village Sign is back!

You may have noticed that the old Village sign had disappeared. The post completely disintegrated due to rot and it fell over in a wind breaking the sign. The Parish Council commissioned a new sign, recently installed, with a chamfered oak post, repaired metalwork, new frame and hand-painted sign by Trevor Scott of Right Signs, Wooburn Green and installed by Andy Hamilton of Structural Joinery, Lacey Green. It is now standing tall again on the corner of the churchyard.



### From The Registers

### **Holy Baptism**

Conan McKenzie-Smith	Turville
Bea Wynter Lovell	Hambleden
Sienna Ivermee-Woods	Medmenham
Oliver Arlo Macbeth	Medmenham
	Bea Wynter Lovell Sienna Ivermee-Woods

### **Holy Matrimony**

T 1 04		77 11 1
July 24	Benjamin Henderson and Catherine Anderson	Hambleden
July 30	Hamilton Gaul and Arabella Boardman	Turville
July 31	James Freeman and Georgina Bakes	Medmenham
Aug 6	Mark Cosgrove-Smith and Leonora Smee	Hambleden
Aug 7	Christopher Davidson and Charlotte Tullett	Frieth
Aug 14	Christopher Allan and Katie Brooks	Turville
Aug 14	Adam Gayton and Rosie Ives	Hambleden

#### Rest in Peace

July 23	Rosamund Starmer	-Smith Cremation and Memorial Service, Hambleden
July 27	Geoffrey Hearne	Cremation and Thanksgiving Service on Aug 16, Hambleden
Aug 7	Hilda Austin	Burial of ashes, Hambleden
Aug 12	Diane Goddard	Burial of ashes, Fingest



### Professional Oven Cleaning Services A CLEAN OVEN IS A HAPPY OVEN!

Healthy, Happy Ovens In A Jiffy Get Your Oven Cleaned TODAY!

\$\( \) 01491 714012 \( \) info@healthyovens.co.uk



### Edward Briscoe MIPW

### LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY



£250\* per person

Covers Health & Finance 2 home visits, advice and certification \* OPG charges of £82 per application are extra

#### WILLS IN ENGLISH

Turning your Will into your Deed

Wills from £100 if you don't have one - Compliant with the IPW code of practice Bakery Lodge Skirmett RG9 6TD \* Phone: 07962 157843 01491 638075 \* Email: edward@willsinenglish.com



Denning Montessori Nursery and Forest School - Fawley www.DenningMontessoriSchool.com - Tel: Jenny 07982 620710



#### ADVERTISEMENTS

Corfu — comfortable sea-edge villa in Durrell country to let privately. Between Kassiopi and St Stefanos. Direct BA flights from LHR Ter.5. www.corfubeachhouse.co.uk Armstrong 01491 571324

#### North Cornwall,

Harlyn Bay Padstow 4 miles. Family cottage with garden. Sleeps 6. Quiet lane with footpath leading to huge sandy beach. Excellent surfing, walking, golf. Very reasonable rents. Beck- Burridge 01491 413171.

#### **Computer Problems?**

Local help in fixing problems, selecting systems and personal tuition including email/internet. Contact Matt on 01491 575998 or 07821 592928.

#### Mulberry Flooring.

Specialists in wood floor restoration. Please call for free quote 01494 535348.

Bed and Breakfast in a period farmhouse in Skirmett. Spacious double en-suite bedroom. Peaceful location and beautiful views. Tel. 01491 638355 or visit poynattscottage.com

**Rock, North Cornwall**. Old cottage by the beach, newly refurbished,

sleeps 8. Available for holiday lets. Contact Mandy Heller on 01491 638355 or johnheller@poynattscottage.com

Salcombe, South Devon. Three bedroom cottage, recent refurb, stunning estuary views, quiet & close to town centre, sleeps six,easy access beaches/walks, holiday lets throughout year, 01491 577344

The Pet Feeders - We look after your pets when you can't. Local firm, insured/CRB checked. www.thepetfeeders.com. Mobile: 0753 100 7419. Email: info@thepetfeeders.com

Valencia Large Luxury
Family Villa with Pool and
Tennis Court. 15 mins from the City
Centre, 10 mins from the Airport.
Sleeps 14
comfortably, 6 bedrooms /
4 bathrooms. Visit www.
homeaway.co.uk/p1029900 to see
our reviews. Contact Virginia or Andy
Coombes for more information on
01491639419/ 07860847256

**Snowdonian Cottage.** Cosy and comfortable traditional 3 bed stone cottages sleeps 6, wood burner and wi-fi, in coastal village, Llwyngwril on the Welsh Coastal Path. An ideal base to enjoy and explore 'the most dramatic and alluring region in

Wales'. Beaches, mountains, River Mawdach and Dyfi Estuaries, lakes and so much more. Dog Friendly.

Contact Euan McCrindle 07713 952495 / 01628 475644 or email euanmccrindle@hotmail.com for more information and detail.

Music Teacher! - Qualified musician offering great value Piano and Vocal lessons. 5 Years Experience, Fun and engaging lessons for all ages and abilities. Contact Sasha Steventon (BMus) on 07740 289467 or bluemicmusic@outlook.com

**Professional Dog Walking** 

**Service.** Group or individual dog walks; home visit (feed & fuss) service; Day boarding also available. Jo Walker 01491 638775 / 07768 327128 jo@purelana.com. For rates go to:

www.walkies-with-jo.weebly.com

Isle of Mull. The Bothy sleeps 4, available for weekly holiday lets, and The Studio sleeps 2, available for 2-5 nights. An ideal peaceful location for exploring this beautiful island. Wonderful panoramic views, walks, beaches, wildlife. Visit www. thesmithymull.co.uk for more information.

## A Foot in the Chilterns 🤼

Local Accredited 'Nordic Walking UK' instructor/occupational therapist (HCPC registered) offering Covid secure Nordic Walking lessons and guided walks for rehabilitation, fitness or just exploring the local countryside in small groups or 1:1.

### Please contact Anthea on 07966 245264 or email info@afootinthechilterns.co.uk

for more information on walking or for advice on equipment and home adaptations for independent living.











# HAMBLEDEN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



### Have you ever ventured inside the Hambleden Social Club?

**Hambleden Sports and Social Club** is a community organisation providing sporting facilities on the Dene in Hambleden, as well as a Social Club in the village centre. The current sporting sections are cricket, tennis, football and pool.

Take a look at our website at hambledenssc.co.uk for more information.

The **Social Club** is situated in the centre of Hambleden Village, to the left of the Post Office/Shop. The club is a members club which allows us to provide alcohol and soft drinks at low prices, for consumption by our members and their guests. The Social Club offers fruit machines, pool table, darts, TV, comfortable seating and a friendly atmosphere!

**Membership:-** £25 per year or £13 for OAPs and Students **Opening hours:-** 8pm - 11pm (Tuesday – Saturday)

You can also hire the Social Club for meetings during the day and functions in the evening. Please contact **Pat Eldridge 01491 576067** for more information.

We are lucky to have this facility in our wonderful valley, please do pop in and take a look for yourself!



### CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

### **Hambleden Valley Group of Churches**

**Priest-in-Charge:** The Revd. Sue Lepp, 07930 520562, revdsuelepp@gmail.com

**Associate Priest**: The Revd Sue Morton, 01491 639286, suemorton131@gmail.com

### **Director of Music and Choir:**

Christine Wells BEM, 01491 571588, c@wells.vnworks.net

**Group Treasurer**: David Napier, 01491 574230, david\_napier@btopenworld.com

**Group Administrator**: Jenny Neagle, 07769 599616.

hambledenvalleyoffice@gmail.com

**Baptisms**: Vicky Hollier, 01491 638760, vickyhollier@aol.com

Weddings and Blessings: Paul and Lynda Marston-Weston 01494 883188 hambledenvalleyweddings@gmail.com

**Tea Club**: St. Katharine's, Parmoor, Tuesdays, 3 - 4.30pm Sue Brice, 01494 882084, sue.brice@btconnect.com or Gillian Loveridge,

Barney's Toddler Group: Frieth Village Hall, Usually 2nd Fridays during term time 1.30-3pm with Café in last half hour. Revd Sue Morton 01491 639286 or

01491 638895, mail@dandgloveridge.plus.com

#### Website:

www.hambleden-valley-churches.org.uk

Sarah Hunt sarahhunt 76@hotmail.co.uk

### Fawley (St Mary the Virgin)

**Churchwarden**: David Napier, 01491 574230, david napier@btopenworld.com

### Clerk to Fawley Parish Meeting and Village Hall booking:

David Burton - davidburtn83@hotmail.co.uk

### Fingest (St Bartholomew)

#### Churchwardens:

Brian Barnes, 01494 882613, brianbarnes346@gmail.com

Jill Dean, 01491 638678, iill@sundawn.uk.com

### Frieth (St John the Evangelist)

**Churchwarden**: Judy Hunt, 01494 882227, ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com

#### Village Hall Bookings:

website www.friethvillagehall.org email friethvillagehall@gmail.com Tel 01494 880737

#### Brownies:

Jennie Batt leads Frieth Brownies. Brownies meet on a Monday evening from 5.30 - 7.00pm at Frieth Village Hall. Friethbrownies@hotmail.com, 07422 377858

### **Frieth Natural History Society**: Alan Gudge, 01494 881464

**Frieth Village Society**: Caroline Walker 01494 882333

### Frieth Cricket Club:

Ben Smiley friethcricket@btinternet.com

**Frieth Lunch Club**: meets on last Thursday of the month at the Yew Tree Pub. Judy Hunt, 01494 882227 ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com

### Hambleden (St Mary the Virgin)

#### Churchwarden:

Jill Steward 01491 571320 iillsteward@hambleden.com

**Bell Ringing**: Fri 7.45pm practice, Helen or Karen, hambledenbells@mycomputer.email

Village Hall Bookings: Jamie Baker, 01491 410669, www.hambledenvillagehall.org

#### Women's Institute:

Sarah Williams, 07817 120339

**Pilates**: Mondays 11 – 12 Fran Presho, 07951 019594

**Bridge Club**: Fridays 1.30 – 4.30 Frances Cugnoni, 01491 576409

**Hambleden Social and Sports Club**: Open daily from 8 pm Pat Eldridge, 01491 576067

**Tennis Club**: Heather Symons, 01491 577344, heathersymons16@hotmail.com

Tennis Coaching: Chris Marshall. 07801 999230, chrismarshall20@hotmail.com

Yoga: Monday 7pm-8.30pm Debbie Flavell, 01491 414403, debby@debbyflavell.com

Indoor Market: Hambleden, 2nd Saturday in Month (except January)

**Circle Dance** Thursday 7pm – 8.30pm Debby Flavell 01491 414403 debbu@debbuflavell.com

#### Medmenham (St Peter and St Paul)

**Churchwardens**: Dennis Harwood, 01628 810143. dennis.harwood411@btinternet.com Angela Magee, 01628 484043. angela.magee@yahoo.co.uk

Village Hall Bookings: Emma Tentori, 07759 014396

Uniformed organisations: 1st Danesfield Scouts, Cubs and Beavers: leader Nick Currie, enquiries@danesfieldscouts.org.uk

Medmenham News: medmenhamnews@icloud.com

#### Skirmett

Village Hall Bookings: Mandy Heller, 01491 638355 www.skirmettvillagehall.org

**Pilates**: Mon 11.15am – 12.15 pm Julia Farey, 07747 825 830

Hambleden Valley Garden Club: Meetings Oct-Mar on first Tuesday each month at Skirmett Village Hall 7.30. Contact Celia Warren, 01491 638691.

### **Turville (St Mary the Virgin)** Church Warden:

Anne Jones, 01491 639344. annejones.tur@btopenworld.com

**Bell Ringing**: Sat 4pm practice, Ann Lazur, 01491 638039 Sunday School: Sara Harman, 01491 639211

### **Turville Northend** Village Hall Bookings:

David & Susan Faragher 01491 638960 or 07563 903678, davidfaragher@fastmail.fm smfaragher@fastmail.fm

**Pilates:** Tues 5.55pm - 6.55pm & 7pm - 8pm.

www.pilat-ease.co.uk

Yoga: Saturday 8.45-9.45am, Tiffany 07785 615583

#### **Parish Council Contacts**

Hambleden: Parish Clerk Lorna Coldwell 01494 881483, clerk@hambleden.org.uk, www.hambleden.org.uk

Medmenham: Parish Clerk Carole Burslem 01494 449215, mpc.clerk@gmail.com Turville: Parish Clerk Lorna Coldwell, 01494 881483, turvilleparishcouncil@gmail. com, www.turvilleparishcouncil.org.uk **Fawley**: Clerk to Fawley Parish Meeting Mr Ross McDonald, 07769 971252 r.mcdonald2007@yahoo.co.uk

### Magazine details

**Editor**: Penny McLeish, 01491 571288. hambledenvalleyeditor@gmail.com

**New subscriptions**: Penny McLeish, 01491 571288, penny mcleish@hotmail.com

**Advertising Manager**: David Napier, 01491 574230, david napier@btopenworld. com

#### Distributors:

Fawley: Hilary Beck-Burridge, 01491 413171; Fingest: Brian Barnes, 01494 882613; Frieth: Tony Parkins, 01494 882170; Hambleden: Samantha Webb, 01491 414418; Medmenham: Jim Tilbury, 01628 487135; Mill End: Robert Spicer, 01491 577747; Northend: Susie Phillips, 01491639584; Elizabeth Arnott, 01491 638337, Sarah Evans, 01491 639240; Pheasants Hill: Kate Hussey, 01491 576913; Skirmett: Bessie Webb, 01491 638574; Southend: Valmai Pickett 01491 638523: Turville: Christine Massey, 01491 638679; Woodend: Helen Balkwell, 01628 471403. Postal Distributor: Charles and Kate

Hussev. 01491 576913



### CREATIVE LANDSCAPE GARDENING

- Patios & paths
   Brickwork
   Planting
   hedging
  - · Fencing · Driveways · Wildflower meadows
  - Lawns Garden maintenance Tree surgery
  - · Woodland management · Agricultural fencing

Telephone: 01844 351919 Mobile: 07718 257104

Email: rowlandscapes@googlemail.com Website: www.rowlandscapes.com

Telephone 01491 574644



Established 1906

FAMILY RUN INDEPENDENT MEMORIAL MASONS

### 36 READING ROAD, HENLEY ON THAMES, RG9 1AG

www.etsheppard.co.uk info@etsheppard.co.uk Private Car Parking



### TOTAL TREE CARE and FOREST MANAGEMENT

- Arboricultural tree climbing
- Dangerous tree removal
- Woodland thinning
- Directional winch felling
- Building site tree clearance
- Eco friendly material disposal NPTC
- qualified and Fully insured
- Competitive pricing with free quotations
- 24/7 EMERGENCY CALL OUT



### SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE

COMPETITIVE PRICING AND GENEROUS LOADS

TO BEAT THE WINTER RUSH CALL NOW!

T 07951 274 259

E troy@twiggertrees.co.uk

W twiggertrees.co.uk

### Peter Freebody & Co

BOATBUILDERS OF THE THAMES EST® OVER 300 YEARS



BOATBUILDERS RESTORERS BROKERS

TELEPHONE: 01628 824382 WWW.PETERFREEBODY.COM THAMES BOATHOUSES, MILL LANE, HURLEY, BERKSHIRE, SL6 5ND

### Your local experts.





If you are thinking of selling your home, or would like some advice on the current market in the Hambleden Valley, please contact the Henley office.

Nick Warner Office Head, Partner nick.warner@knightfrank.com

Matt Davies
Associate
matt.davies@knightfrank.com

Alexander Risdon
Partner
alexander.risdon@knightfrank.com

#### **Knight Frank Henley**

Knight Frank LLP 20 Thameside, Henley-on-Thames RG9 2LJ

01491738098

Connecting people & property, perfectly.



Advice you can trust, experience you can depend on.

Local people, looking after Local people.

Tel: 01491 411066

sales@timpeers.com lettings@timpeers.com

Tim Peers Estate Agents | 19 Duke Street Henley-on-Thames | Oxfordshire | RG9 1UR

