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Cover: Christmas at Medmenham. This page: Poppy Silk at Remembrance Service in Hambleden photo Hilary Beck-Burridge

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Group Letter December 2021



Last year I was given an Advent book by John Pavolvitz with the surprising title: Low. John suggests that we often meet Jesus in the low and shadowy places

- like stables and animal mangers - as Jesus stoops to meet us, descending to earth to inhabit humanity. John's words give an interesting perspective on a time of year that can be too busy, too noisy or too quiet, or perhaps too isolated; many of us will have an understanding of that through our lockdown experiences last year.

But the book encourages us to explore these low places, to see Advent as the gift that makes us stop and consider where we are, what we are doing and what we are saying, wherever that may take us; to look at the gifts to be found in surprising places when our own postures are low: in humility, in forgiveness, in those times of challenge.

After last year's lockdown we have the

opportunity this year to explore Advent in a different way and there are many possibilities on offer in the Hambleden Valley Churches this December. As well as the wonderful array of carols and other services across the churches, there is also a course on Robyn Wrigley-Carr's Advent book, *Music of Eternity*, selected by the Archbishop of York as his Advent Book of the Year; there is a Wild Nativity on Northend Common on Sunday 12th November and much more besides. Do take a look inside the magazine to seek whatever God may be calling you to explore as part of your journey this year.

Our journey through Advent may help us to embrace all kinds of new places if we allow it. What we learn along the way means that we can approach that low throne of the Christ-child in the straw with new eyes and, from that lowly place, step into the New Year with renewed hope, with renewed love for others, for ourselves and for our world.

May God bless you this Christmas,

Sue Morton

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GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

St Martin's Voices in Concert Saturday 30th October



On a dark and blustery Saturday evening, concert goers were treated to the glorious sounds of St Martin's Voices at St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden. The professional vocal ensemble, made up of past and present choral scholars from London's famous St Martin-in-the-Fields gave a performance of sacred and secular music on the themes of love, hope, joy and peace.

Congregations across the Hambleden Valley and around the UK had become familiar with St Martin's Voices who had recorded music to broadcast to the nation as the country was plunged into lockdown in March 2020. In that recording the service opened with the hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness*.

Under the direction of Andrew Earis the sell-out Hambleden concert featured four selections of pieces each introduced by a verse from the hymn. Highlights included *O Radiant Dawn* by James MacMillan, the spiritual *God's Gonna Set this World on Fire* by Moses Hogan, *Ubi Caritas* by Ola Gjeilo and a poignant *The Long Day Closes* by Arthur Sullivan. The hour-long concert ended with Nils Greenhow's version of *Lord of all hopefulness*.

The quality of the singing was exquisite, as one would expect from such a prestigious choir, and the audience's appreciation was clearly visible in their expressions (above their masks). The resonance of the lower voices, the tenors and bass, combined with the rich altos and soaring soprano, particularly in Stanford's *The Blue Bird* were a delight. On leaving the church I heard a group comment they were moved to tears on occasion. My husband and I wholeheartedly agreed and reflected how fortunate we were to hear such world class singing in our local church.

An evening of light and joy as the darkness of winter sets in.

Victoria Whittle



Wild Church Remembrance at Fawley

On Sunday November 14th about 150 villagers, in addition to our Member of Parliament and his wife, Steve and Beth Baker, attended the garden of Last Cottage in Fawley to hear Rev Sue Morton conduct a Wild Church service to commemorate the lives of the crew of a Halifax bomber that crashed at that very spot in 1943.



Photos: Teresa Russ

After we were welcomed by Rev Morton, we sang the airman's hymn to the tune of 'Eternal father Strong to Save'

*O Ruler of the earth and sky,
Be with our airmen when they fly...*

The reading was taken from Micah 4:3-4

*He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;
and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks; ...*

The Last Post and Reveille were played on the trombone by Garrick Steventon. Prayers were led by Guy Andrews, and ten-year-old Hannah Hunt charmed us all with her reading of the poem called 'The Mother'.

Our final hymn was God is our Strength and Refuge, sung to the tune of the Dambusters' March.

The story of the accident is as follows:

On 14th March 1943, Halifax DG283 of 161 Squadron suffered engine failure and crashed at Last Cottage. The pilot was 21-year-old Flying Officer Geoffrey Osborn. The flight had taken off from RAF Tempsford (Bedfordshire) for a secret night-time Special Operations Executive mission to drop supplies to the Resistance near the Swiss border in France, a near 1,000-mile round trip. Its cargo included fifteen crates of homing pigeons. On crashing, the aircraft, carrying a full load of fuel

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for this incredibly long journey, skidded down the slope, hit the trees, and burst into flames. It was the scene of a quite remarkable act of bravery by F/O Osborne, as described in his citation for the George Medal:

In March, 1943, Flying Officer Osborn was captain and pilot of an aircraft which crashed shortly after taking off on an operational flight. The aircraft was soon enveloped in flames and ammunition and very lights were exploding, Flying Officer Osborn was dazed but succeeded in extricating five injured members of the crew from the wreckage. In so doing he was badly burnt about the hands, arms and face. Though in a state bordering on collapse, he did all he could to ensure that every member of his crew had been extricated before he was finally persuaded to receive attention.

His decoration was personally awarded by the King.

The members of his crew were:

F/O D Thornton – Navigator

F/Sgt Stevens - Air Gunner

Sgt R Poltock – Flight Engineer

Sgt H Shearer – Wireless Operator

Sgt B Crane – Air Gunner

Sadly, Sergeants Crane and Shearer succumbed to their injuries two days later.

A most moving and memorable occasion.

Chris Whitehead



Flying Officer Geoffrey Osborn

Coming up

Wild Church in December: Wild Nativity, **Sunday 12th December at 2pm** – Northend Common. Come along and join in an outdoor Nativity with carols and real animals - children (and adults if they wish!) are invited to dress as one of their favourite people from the Nativity story.

Wild Church at Epiphany: 9th January 2022 2pm. Join us for an Epiphany Walk, for those of us who are fit and less fit, there will be 'walks' both

outside and inside church. More details to follow!

Wild Church at St Valentines: 13th February 2022 2pm

Wild Church Lent Pilgrimage: 13th March 2022 2pm – join us, along with churches from the Wycombe Deanery and beyond, for this special pilgrimage

You are warmly welcome to join us! As always do **dress for the weather** – we will meet come rain or shine! Please bring any drinks you need

To find out more, please get in touch with one of the Wild Church Team: Mary Campbell grandma. marycampbell@googlemail.com Mardi Wilkins mardi43@btinternet.com Rev Sue Morton 01491 639286 or suemorton131@gmail.com

Wild Church takes place every second Sunday at a different outdoor venue each month

WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS



Fingest Great Barn Opera is delighted to welcome DIVA OPERA with their Christmas Show Friday 10th December at 7pm The Great

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We look forward to seeing you.

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Hambleden Valley Garden Club

Members enjoyed meeting again in November for a talk by Louise Wells. With horticultural genes inherited from her grandfather and his three

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brothers, Louise was enthusiastic about her career in gardening. She did her horticultural training at Cliveden with an inspirational Head Gardener. She then held a few posts as Head Gardener before becoming self-employed. Louise showed pictures, photographed by her husband, of a succession of gardens, to which she had organised visits for local groups. She highlighted inspirations for planting schemes and the use of colour combinations both in the garden and in pots, and the pleasure of looking round different gardens. Louise brought some plants from her nursery which sold well!

In December there will be a Gardening Quiz and a celebration for Christmas. For more information, phone Celia Warren on 01491 638691.

Lizzie Arnott

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Louise McTeague

Dairy Lane Dog Grooming (Hambleden)

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In praise of kingdom fungi



I am fortunate to be a member of the wonderful Frieth Natural History Society – do join us if you are inclined. As such, I received a golden ticket to attend a Fungal Foray in Hatchet's Wood courtesy of Lou Mallin and led by the awesome Richard Fortey, who to my mind is

Henley's answer to David Attenborough. We meandered slowly through beautiful woodland, our faces mostly inches above the leaf litter and stopping every few seconds to have a myriad of fruiting bodies named and explained by Richard. Plenty were colourful, a few had a frilly skirt (an annulus) around their stems, others he described as LBJs (little brown jobs) and required closer inspection; but he knew the names of them all. The final tally was sixty-eight species and thank you to Kate Hussey for recording them. I'm not going to list the bounty but instead use the space to pass on a few things I learnt about the magic of mycology. Mushrooms are the fruiting body of something much bigger beneath the ground called a fungus; there are 1.5 million species of fungus but only about 20,000 produce mushrooms. We passed over thousands of miles of interconnecting mycelium beneath our footsteps in only a few hours. Mycelium are very fine white filaments (in essence the roots of the fungi) and carry nutrients and messages between trees and around the subterranean wood wide web. Fungi break down and recycle the dead wood, plant and animal life in our forests and without it everything would just pile up. Mushroom rings occur because certain fungi grow outwards a bit further every year from a central point so the circle gets wider like ripples on water. The larger the 'fairy' ring, the older the fungus body is beneath it. Fungus comes from Latin and the plural can either be fungi or funguses. Shaggy inkcaps (*Coprinus comatus*) also known as Lawyer's Wig (see photo) produce useable ink which has enabled signatures on all sorts of legally binding documents including, allegedly, the Magna Carta. I have covered only a minute fraction of what is known about fungi and a minuscule fraction compared to what isn't. Human life depends on our fabulous fungi but unless we look after our planet, we all risk going up in a puff of spores.

Sarah Ronan November 2021

The image features a vibrant, abstract background composed of large, overlapping geometric shapes in shades of orange, yellow, pink, purple, and green. In the upper left, a series of four nested squares in white, yellow, and orange frames the word "savills" in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font. Below the abstract shapes, a row of colorful, stylized houses in various colors (purple, pink, orange, yellow) sits on a green hill. The overall style is modern and graphic.

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Remembrance Sunday in Hambleden



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A Combined Remembrance Service for the Parishes of Fawley, Fingest, Frieth, Hambleden, Medmenham and Turville was held at St Mary the Virgin Church Hambleden on the 14th November 2021.

The Service to a packed church was led by the Reverends Sue Lepp and Sue Morton. The theme of the poppy was central to the service: following a recent visit to the Poppy factory in Richmond, Sue Morton had been given a roll of silk from which poppies had been cut out and this was spectacularly cascaded from the pulpit. During the address we heard that the founder of the factory, Major George Howson, was local to Hambleden and was buried at Pheasants Hill and that every year a representative from the factory comes to Hambleden to lay a wreath on his grave on the anniversary of his death.

The Last Post and Reveille was played by Trumpeter Chris Preston and the Kohima Exhortation read by Peter Ward, both of whom had experienced active service. Following a poignant silence, the Rolls of Honour for the men who gave their lives for our freedom were read by representatives from the 6 parishes. Following the service, a wreath was laid at the Hambleden War Memorial.

Peter Riley

Hambleden Cinema

Hambleden Village Hall is turning into a cosy bijoux cinema once a month! The next showing is Paddington, rated PG, on Saturday 18th December, doors open at 5pm and the programme begins at 6pm. This film is ideal to bring your children or grandchildren as a Christmas treat! Our bar is stocking delicious wine, beers and soft drinks, as well as yummy snacks. It's a good opportunity to catch up socially with friends and family before and after the film. All proceeds go to maintaining The Village Hall.

Gwyneth Ashcroft



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Hambleden Carols around the Christmas Tree

These will be in the square at 7.15pm on Thursday 16th December.

Pat Eldridge

Hambleden WI – November 2021

Twenty-two members attended this month's AGM meeting. Judith Forster, the BFWI Adviser, was present to oversee the extraordinary re-election of the President and Committee for the 4 months leading up to the suspension of Hambleden WI at the end of March 2022.

The meeting opened with Jerusalem, following which Nikki Mainds reviewed the year's activities. It was pleasantly surprising to hear how much we had achieved, mostly in lockdown. Claire Wathes reported a healthy financial position with membership currently at 48. The Summer Party raffle was exceptional both in the number of prizes contributed and income generated.

Sarah Williams formally thanked the Committee for their contribution during this difficult year and gave

special thanks to Nikki for stepping up into position. She thanked Jo Martin, Mollie Carter, Christine Hatfield, Jeanne Keene and Jan Connolly for their hard work in putting together the Centenary Book. This has now been printed and members will each be receiving a copy. Sarah talked of her sadness that the WI group is to be suspended and hopes members will stay in touch.

Judith managed the re-election of the Committee, together with the election of 3 new Committee Members and confirmed Sarah as President. Following this there was the vote for suspension and Judith advised of a follow-up AGM in February 2022 to formally suspend the Group.

A limited number of members have volunteered for a Wreath Making Workshop on 2nd December, 1pm to 5pm at Hambleden Village Hall. The next member's meeting will be our Christmas Party, on 9th December at 7pm at the Leander Club. Louise reported two activities in planning for next year: A visit to Greatmore Energy Plant on 18th January at 2pm and a short story/poetry reading afternoon at Parmoor – February date to be announced.

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Nov 7	Jack Peter McGeachie	Hamblenden
Nov 7	Monty Gray	Turville
Nov 7	Rory David and Archie Edward Chavasse	Turville

Rest in Peace

Oct 30	Cyril Harding	Burial of ashes, Fingest
Nov 6	Bryan Collis	Memorial Service, Hamblenden



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Sunday Services

	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleton	Medmenham	Turville	Zoom
28th Nov Advent 1	11am Holy Communion		9am Holy Communion/Zoom	6pm Advent Candlelit Service		9.30am Holy Communion/ Naming and Blessing	9am
5th Dec Advent 2			10am Group Service				10am
12th Dec Advent 3		9am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion		2pm Wild Church Northend Common	None
Fri 17th Dec			6pm Christingle				
Sat 18th Dec						3pm Carols Churchyard	
19th Dec Advent 4	4pm Carol Service	6pm Carol Service	9am Holy Communion/Zoom	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Worship 6pm Carol Service	6pm Carol Service		9am
Tues 21st Dec					5.30pm Christingle		
Fri 24th Dec Christmas Eve				5pm Christingle 11.30pm Midnight Mass		3pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	
Sat 25th Dec Christmas Day	11am Family Communion	9am Family Communion	9am Family Communion/Zoom	11am Family Communion			9am
26th Dec	Churches open, no services but Prayer cards available						
2nd Jan					10am Group Service		None

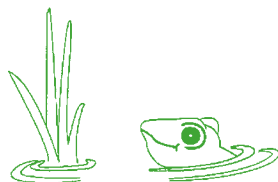
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Sally-Ann Roberts

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Harvest Time in Fawley



With just two years under our belt in the beautiful village of Fawley, we are still most definitely newcomers. Blessed with countryside all around, everything takes on a different dimension, with farming very real and close by. Whether it's meeting an enormous crop-sprayer along a single passing track, or marvelling at how often sheep are ferried from one field to another, you can't help but notice the workings of farming.

Up until now Harvest Festival didn't major in our lives, but the harvest in Fawley is very real and round every corner. Having driven past rows of tantalising vines for many months, I volunteered to pick grapes at Oaken Grove, run by Phil Rossi. In the past whole villages would be involved in bringing in a harvest, be it grape or grain. What a difference being involved makes! You get to understand what goes into being a producer – much stress, huge dedication and long

hours as far as I can see. But what an enjoyable and rewarding time the happy crew of pickers had.

During lockdown many of us benefited from the Bosley Patch veg boxes delivered to Fawley. It was a lifeline in those first difficult days, and also introduced us to freshly grown produce on our doorstep. Whether we drop by now for their famed fresh bread and doughnuts or to pick up seasonal veg and much more, we want to support their harvest for the future.

In Fawley, Harvest Festival has for many years been marked by a special tradition - a celebration service at St Mary the Virgin's Church with lunch afterwards. Beautifully bedecked in pumpkins and autumnal foliage, this elegant church was as pretty as a picture, with a chilly morning outside just adding to the atmosphere.

In praise of good produce, a band of villagers headed up by Patricia Williams have faithfully prepared a handsome harvest lunch for some years now. This year friends and families of all ages, together with a fine pack of much-loved dogs, were welcomed by Judy McAlpine at the Museum at Fawley Hill on the 17th October. The autumn sun shone through the open doorways and there was even the fling of a kilt worn handsomely by David Rodgers Sharp.

It takes some doing merging into a very established community, but these occasions, when everyone whatever their religion or background meets to celebrate, help cement new and existing friendships and getting involved even in the smallest way is really worthwhile.

Mary Forde

Fawley Halloween

The medieval village of Fawley was transformed over Halloween - welcomed by lit pumpkins, ghosts, ghouls, skeletons and witches invaded the village. An



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indication of the number of families who have moved to the village, the whole village got involved. The Pink Cottage was magically transformed into Hogwarts, with bowls of slimy spaghetti from which only the bravest trick or

treaters would retrieve treats, the seemingly benign well on the green was taken over by cobwebs and, with treasure awaiting, a spooky Halloween trail at Fawley House enticed courageous trick or treaters. In true Fawley style, no-one was left out - trick or treaters were accompanied by dogs and some were even carried on horseback. Luckily, good behaviour was maintained by all, children and animals alike, and all ended up at the spookiest of houses, Fawley Hill, where amidst scary skeletons and flying witches, Lady McAlpine (or a witch pretending to be Lady Mac) served trick or treaters with eye balls and severed fingers.

Marina Fogle

Lute Concert in Fawley Church on 13th November



The discriminating audience of music lovers packed into the chancel could never have guessed what a feast of music they were about to enjoy. We were privileged to listen to Matthew Faulk, a fine lutenist, who introduced us to compositions for this historic instrument.

He began by playing us early music, thus providing a history of

the development of this gentle-toned instrument. The excellent acoustics of the chancel provided the perfect venue. That the electric lights all fused proved a blessing rather than a disaster, because candlelight was entirely appropriate for this exquisite concert.

To our delight Matthew then introduced us to the long history of the lute in Europe, from the 14th and 15th centuries- particularly in Italy and Spain- by playing music that began with just a few strings and by the 17th century had built to ten. He celebrated an Englishman, John Dowland, acknowledged as one of the world's greatest lutenists. This encouraged us to think that even in this small island the lute was well favoured.

Our thanks also to Guy Andrews, Sarah Ronan and Christine Collas who arranged most welcome refreshments'

Alfred Waller

FRIETH

Remembrance Sunday, Frieth



In St John the Evangelist Church, Frieth we were lucky enough to be lent this wonderful poppy tapestry for our Remembrance Service today.

Andrew Green a local resident and historian told us all about George Howson who lived locally and is buried

in Pheasants Hill Graveyard. One hundred years ago he started a factory making poppies for The Royal British Legion using injured servicemen. The work continues today.

The tapestry was the idea of two fantastic women, Pat and Avril who are based in Kent and use their crafting to raise money for charities.

It is made of 1,568, 4-inch knitted and crocheted squares to represent the exact number of days of the First World War. It was made by people from all over the country throughout 2018 at craft shows and in community groups.

The tapestry measures 13ft square and was put together, finally, in their church hall in Deal. The tapestry and all those involved won a community award from the Royal British Legion and raised £4,500 for charity.

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Frieth School



It's been an extremely exciting month here at Frieth CEC School. In the last issue of the magazine, I wrote about my love of sport and how I hoped to develop this area of the curriculum at the school. I'm delighted to see this starting to come into fruition with competitive matches against other schools now commencing.

Donning their brand new school sports kits, the Year 5/6 football and netball teams both had their first games of the season at the start of this half term, and I was thrilled to see outstanding resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship amongst every player. After conceding three early goals



against a very strong Lowbrook Academy team, Frieth's netball team fought back with real determination but unfortunately couldn't quite turn it around. Our football team played their hearts out against a very tough Danesfield team but also came up just short. Both matches were excellent learning experiences for the children and we will continue to get better each week.

We have now also had our new netball posts fitted and the new football goals are on their way so we can start to enjoy hosting other schools here at Frieth. I'm thoroughly enjoying coaching our rugby team (which of course is the most important of the school teams!) and fixtures will start in December.

Last week, we held a very special Remembrance Service on the school playground. As well as some words from myself, the pupils sang beautifully and of course we honoured a two minute silence. Some children also recited poetry including, 'The Mother' by May Herschel Clarke and 'Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. It is so important that they understand the significance of this day, what we fought for and continue to fight for, and to remember those who have lost their lives. The service was then followed up in class, with children completing some artwork and poetry which is showcased below by our Year 4-6 pupils.

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places. All very Harry Potter.

But not in Turville, and ringing in the church rather than a small tower room in Covid times means a better airflow can be had, and also better accessibility for the older ringers (of which there are many hence the need for new blood).

We were fortunate to have 19 ringers from 8 different towers attending, including Hambleden with whom we often share ropes. A good two and a half hours of ringing a variety of methods (tunes) and rounds to a variety of standards was had despite freezing weather and two doors open to keep the air flowing.

We are very grateful to the villagers of Turville for sustaining this amount of sound – some of it excellent, and some not so excellent. Branch practices such as this enable us to learn and practice new methods with experienced ringers while finding out what other towers are doing.

Turville ringers practice on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Hambleden on Fridays at 6.45pm. Contact me on rachel@markjwallace if you would like to join us. We welcome new and experienced ringers from 10 years young upwards.

Rachel Wallace

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