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### Weddings in the Hambleton Valley

For the September magazine, as we continue our series of Group Letters written by some of the many people who support the Hambleton Valley Churches, I have invited Paul and Lynda Marston-Weston, our wedding co-ordinators, to write this month's Letter. Sue Morton

With six such beautiful and historic churches in the Hambleton Valley, many couples wish to get married here. Some have a clear connection with family living



in the Valley or parents or grandparents being married in the church, others have just enjoyed the countryside and our churches which have a special meaning for them.

We live in Frieth, worship at St John the Evangelist and attend the first Sunday services throughout the Valley. Recently, through necessity, 'zoom' church has been a wonderful addition and provided the opportunity to see many friends and pray together during difficult times. However, we also look forward to normal church services resuming in the future.

Some five years ago Sue explained that it would be helpful if we could take on some of the initial administration for wedding couples. We are the first point of contact

and help with identifying potential wedding dates. The first challenge for any couple is to find a date which suits family, friends, church, a reception venue and the caterers (not to mention all the other arrangements). Once this is identified and they have completed an application form, one of the clergy arranges a face to face interview and the date is reserved for them. We also provide helpful information relating to the church and other useful contact details to assist with their wedding day arrangements.

We help Sue with the wedding preparation days, an important day for anyone getting married in the Valley. The preparation includes practical tips and hints for the actual wedding day, their lives together as well as God's place, not just during the ceremony, but alongside them throughout their lives.

This year, as a result of Covid 19, most couples have had to move their wedding to 2021. This has been a difficult time as the attempt to rearrange their special day, whilst keeping as many of their original suppliers as possible, has not been easy. For many, it has involved making tough decisions and making changes to plans made many months or even well over a year ago but all are now in the 2021 church diary.

Next year the Valley churches will hopefully be full of weddings but until that time, please keep all the couples in your prayers as they wait patiently for restrictions to be eased.

**Paul and Lynda Marston-Weston**

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# GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

## Stephen and Annie

Stephen and Annie have arrived safely at the Vicarage in Ripponden and send their love to all their friends in the Valley.

## Penny McLeish

### Brightening up their Summer

A very big, 'Thank You' to all the Hambleden Valley residents who generously donated items for the children of the Turville Trust.

As the Trust was unable to provide a holiday for the children this year the idea of a Summer Box came about. People were invited to provide art and craft materials, books, toys, games, simple toiletries and a few sweets all packed up in a shoebox.

Hannah MacDiarmid, Oxford City groups coordinator to the Trust said, "The boxes will mean so much to children in Oxford who will be spending the summer at home after a long time out of school. Coming on the Trust holidays is a highlight of the year for us and especially for the kids who won't be able to come out and visit this summer, it will be great for them to know that they are being thought of and not forgotten."

Henley's excellent shops; The Bell Bookshop, W.H.Smith, Bagatelle, Cara, Fluidity and Superdrug also generously supported the initiative.

Organisers gratefully thanked everyone's kindness, 'It is wonderful that so many have understood the needs of these children at this challenging time.'

## Julia Lacey

*Rachel Wigram - whom many of us may remember - has a wonderful gift for writing and creativity. Rachel has ME and, inspired by her own day-to-day life and lockdown, has written some reflections on self-isolation which she has kindly agreed to share with us.*

### Thankfulness

When life is tough going it is very natural for the problems and difficulties to take all our attention and block out everything else. I find the pain and extreme fatigue I have been living with day by day very demanding. Fatigue makes every

thinking process and every task a huge challenge. Working out how I'm going to get from my chair to the bathroom can feel like planning an ascent of Everest. It needs to be this way but I have been aware that it would be all too easy to be so absorbed by the struggles that I miss the good things.

I remember, as a child, being told to count my blessings. At the time I found it very annoying, especially if I was in a bad mood and wanting to indulge in a satisfying sulk. However, now I am discovering more than ever the importance of noticing the good things that I'm receiving and the good things that are happening around me. So, I have been developing a discipline of thankfulness. Most days I write down something that I'm thankful for. I do what I can to express that thankfulness in conversation and communication and prayer. I'm thankful for food and drink, for breath and life, for birdsong and daffodils, for a doggy head on my lap with big brown eyes looking up at me, for crochet yarn and creative possibilities, for signs of love and grace around me, for all the everyday blessings of our everyday God.

Maybe it sounds trite or a bit forced, but I have found it to be profound. The more I have done it, the more I discover there is to be thankful for. Sometimes I am utterly overwhelmed by how much I am receiving in each moment, and the best thing for me about thankfulness is that it seems to be the gateway to joy and I wholeheartedly commend a discipline of thankfulness to you!

*We will hear more from Rachel next month*

### Science and Nature

When taking part in a good old-fashioned quiz, I wonder how extensive everyone's knowledge is on the subject of 'Science and Nature?'

Until a few years ago my knowledge was fairly basic but all that changed after seeing David Attenborough's programme, 'Climate Change, The Facts'.

As a short quiz now, can you answer the following:

1. What is the measurement of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today?

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2. What happens if we hit an increase in the global temperature of 2 degrees or 5 degrees?

3. How many species are (conservatively) made extinct every day?

(You can check the answers on page 22)

Now that I'm familiar with; feedback loops, tipping points, acidification of oceans, deforestation and the melting of arctic permafrost, I realise that we are living at a time of huge change, an emergency situation, or as I prefer to reframe it, 'the greatest challenge of all time'. As a result, I made a personal decision to try to reduce my carbon footprint as much as possible, scaling back or selecting green options where possible for; heating, transport, general consumption and food choices for everyday life. A single household effort is all very well but the current outlook will only change if communities, from the very small like our beautiful Hambleton Valley, to the very largest in our global village make essential changes together.

As one young person said, 'The future of all coming generations rests on your shoulders, what you do now we children can't undo in the future, so please treat this crisis as a crisis and give us a future!'

**Julia Lacey**

### **A whole and wonderful life in the Turville valley.**

I was born near Speen, not far away, but not a local of Turville. My father was a Stained Glass



Artist. I was the youngest of 12, many of my siblings had left home and I was rather left to my own devices. I was keen on self-sufficiency so as soon as I was able, I had a small farm including a house cow.

I was managing a livery yard at Chequers Manor, when I met Mark Harman in 1987, I had picked up a friend Anne, who lived on the Wormsley Estate to see a band called Gypsy Jazz, in the Bull and Butcher. Mark had huge ginger sideburns and he was wearing an old Tweed jacket, his look was unusual but quite attractive, we got into conversation and hit it off quite well, later he told me that what attracted him to me was that I owned a cow and he had never met a lady that owned a cow, he was impressed!

We arranged for me to come down to Idlescombe Farm to pick up some chickens the following week and our relationship blossomed. My cow came to the Farm and he called her Alice! We had loads in common, music, farm animals, dogs and basically a very strong love of the Countryside. He had a very dry sense of humour, he called himself a peasant but he was far from it in reality. The sideburns came off!

Living conditions were not easy in a mobile home that had seen better days and he had allowed the vermin to get a bit out of control in the barns. My dog had a wonderful time sorting them, including killing the piano rat which was living in an old piano in the barn. From the Turville Folk Club Days, Mark named it Russ Conway.

I got to know Mark's relatives, Uncle Dicker, of Turville Heath Farm, Uncle Cecil and Auntie Nan Langford, who lived in Turville all their lives, Aunt Jess of Fingest Farm, Aunt Chick who was so supportive of Mark and myself and of course Margot Harman, his mother, who was a flamboyant character and an excellent painter, who welcomed me into this unusual but whole life.

With Mark's support and the need to bring some better income into the Farm, I trained as a Saddler and went to Cordwainers College in Hackney! I travelled there every day, for 2 years, it was hard but so worthwhile. I had a very artistic upbringing and working with leather was second nature to me, I loved it and at last I could

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earn an income from home.

We lived a very full and happy life, despite illness and tragedy, until Mark died suddenly in 2002, He left me a legacy to live on, on Idlecombe Farm for as long as I wished. His character, his strength, his friendship with others and his family, helped me to survive and run the Farm.

I am still here 18 years on.

**Alice Nuttgens**

### **Ride and Stride for Churches Saturday 12th September 2020**

During the weeks and months of lockdown, many people have been enjoying the beauty of the Hambleden Valley by walking parts of the extensive network of footpaths, by cycling the local lanes and roads, or by horse-riding along the bridleways. On Saturday 12th September the Bucks Historic Churches Trust will be holding their usual fundraising event, and they hope that you will ask people to sponsor you to ride, stride or use any unmotorized method of propulsion (but mobility scooters are allowed) to visit some of the many churches and chapels of all denominations in Bucks. Half of the money you raise will go to the Trust and the other half will go to a church that you nominate. One aspect of the day will be a little different this year; as many churches may be closed, each participating church has been asked to nominate an external feature and you are asked to submit a photo of yourself incorporating this feature and send it to the organisers. There will be a prize for the best photo, and further details about this competition will be provided nearer the time.

As the organisers say, Ride + Stride could have been invented to meet Covid-19 regulations - an outdoor event with no mass start or finish, many, many different destinations and lots of space to enable social distancing.

More information and forms can be found on the BHCT website <https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride-organisers-resources/> You will find a regularly updated list of all the churches (Form E) which should help you plan your routes. It is assumed that generally neither loos nor refreshments will be available; participants should carry their own hand sanitiser and refreshments. It is hoped that participants will make use of Just

Giving to collect sponsorship, but cash can be used instead. Sponsorship forms are available to download from the website. (Form B) This form also explains how to use Just Giving.

Posters should be up in all Valley churches giving details of your local organiser, but if you want more information either check on the BHCT website or contact me on 01494 882261 or [merelina\\_t@hotmail.com](mailto:merelina_t@hotmail.com).

**Merelina Tebbot**

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### **In praise of... Social wasps**

The two most common social wasps found here are Common Wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*) and German Wasp (*Vespula germanica*). They build nests either underground or around our buildings or attics. The largest wasp nest in the UK on record was discovered in a pub loft in Southampton measuring 5ft by 6ft.

Social wasps live in colonies headed by a queen. She emerges from hibernation in Spring and starts to build herself a small paper nest by chewing wood pulp from garden furniture or other wooden structures. She lays forty or so eggs, which she feeds and cares for until they develop into workers. The queen then remains in the nest producing more and more eggs, these workers build extensions, tend to the larvae and so the colony expands.

The workers collect thousands of aphids, caterpillars and other insects from our gardens, which they don't eat themselves but bring back to feed the larvae. In return, the larvae produce a sugary secretion as a thank you, which the workers need to sustain themselves but they also like so much that the process is repeated over and over. Herein lies the problem with social wasps on our food, particularly during late summer, when the colony is coming to the end of its life. At this point, there are fewer larvae to feed but thousands of workers with a sugar addiction flying around frantically searching for a fix before eventually dying off. It is only next year's queens, which survive the winter.

A wasp sting causes a lot of pain and can be fatal. An unhappy wasp releases a pheromone which has others flying to its aid in seconds and exacerbates

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a situation very quickly. Praise for social wasps is not plentiful. However, their prey can be found on flowers so they are useful pollinators and also, they dramatically reduce the need for gardeners to use pesticides. Lastly, it is believed we have wasps to thank for paper. A Chinese eunuch called Cai Lun of the Han Dynasty supposedly watched a wasp using wood pulp to build a nest in his garden, set about replicating the process and is credited as the inventor of paper.

**Sarah Ronan**

### **The Butterfly Isles – Episode 3**

I hope you have been enjoying the missives gleaned from Patrick Barkhams book "The Butterfly Isles" in previous Valley magazines. Butterflies are fascinating creatures, always a pleasure to see.

Of the butterflies we are most likely to see in the garden the first to arrive is often the Brimstone, appearing around mid March. They are described as a perfect blend of daffodil and early spring leaves with a floppy careless flight. They never spread their wings wide open to bask in the sun and blend perfectly with the primroses. The female is white.

The next for me is the Orange Tip whose female is also white. The Orange Tip lays only one egg on each plant as its caterpillars are cannibals and would eat each other given the chance.

During mid March to mid April several species appear. Seeing two small brownish butterflies spiralling into the sky I realized they were Small Tortoiseshells, apparently the Large Tortoiseshell became extinct in England some time ago.

I'm always delighted to see the Holly Blue, the smallest of the blues, flitting over the grass and into the trees. The first Peacocks come out of hibernation with tattered pale wings, they must wait a while for the stinging nettles to grow ready for their eggs. By the way they only lay on plants in full sun not in the shade.

Still in March come the Commas. These declined in the mid 1800s with the reduction in commercial hop fields, one of their main food plants, but unexplainedly made a comeback around 1914. The raggedy edges to their wings resemble a dead leaf at rest. Look out for the perfect C or comma on the under wing.

Several white butterflies arrive about this time. The Large White has wide black edges to its upper wing and the Small White a black spot on each wing. Or they maybe a Green-veined White or a female Brimstone and Orange Tip.

This year we have seen more Red Admirals than usual, four at one time last week. Those that hibernate are seen some time in April and the ones that migrate are more likely to come in May. We see them right through to the autumn. These butterflies also lay their eggs on stinging nettles.

Spotted Woods, Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers are often seen in the garden and I'm sure I saw a Painted Lady, but too quick to confirm.

We get Garden Tiger Moths in the summer and even, once, a Hummingbird Hawk Moth.

Have a good summer butterfly spotting, I'm looking forward to reading about your sightings!

**Jo Tilbury**

### **HAMBLEDEN**

#### **One Can Trust**

Thank you so much who ever you are, the blue bin keeps filling! In these times it really helps families in Wycombe who have hit rock bottom. Very kindly, a lovely chap who lives in Medmenham is collecting the donations currently - thank you Carl!

Urgent needs are; soap, sanitary products, size 4+ nappies, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned halal meat and poultry and cooking sauces.

**Gwyneth Ashcroft**

#### **Verging on.....like at this moment in time**

Hiya auuh,

Yay, my Outlook screen, set for other purposes, reveals two welcome in-mails a week as being from Rev Zoom Church. Honestly. From like the outset of lockdown our beloved pastor has led two zoom services a week. Yeah so? Well, it shows that our group of churches is like at the cutting edge innit.

The regular twenty five zoomers on screen so reminds me like of a page from a stamp album. We are all there but we aint doin nuffin. Hey- look at you! The demographic has a like gray bias. So, we see the congers from the pulpit preacher's eyes,

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## New Pattern of Worship August/September 2020....

As we find ways to gather together and worship God together across the Hambleden Valley, we are introducing a pattern of services which will run from Sunday 30th August through September. We will be carefully following the guidelines of the Oxford Diocese in order to worship safely together.

Many of us value our services of Holy Communion and there will be a sacramental service in one of the larger Valley churches each Sunday at 11am where you will be warmly welcome. As we gather to worship God together, you will find that the Holy Communion service is currently rather different, in line with the guidance we have received: services are to take place within half an hour; I'm afraid, for safety reasons, singing is not yet permitted; there will be a few words or a reflective silence after the readings in place of a sermon and masks will need to be worn throughout the service. Communion will be received in one kind. Services in church will be limited to 30 people and at present, sadly, **we will have to ask you to book in advance** via our administrator Jenny Neagle 01491 638433 or [hambledenvalleyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hambledenvalleyoffice@gmail.com) from the Monday before the Sunday service. If a service becomes overbooked, those names can be transferred to the following service. Unfortunately, priests are currently unable to take multiple services in church or travel from one indoor service to another.

In the meantime, Zoom services will continue in their usual format with hymns and a sermon on Sundays, but will move to **9.30am** on Wednesdays and Sundays **from Sunday 30th August**. You are all much-loved people; we want you to look after yourselves and if you are happy to stay on Zoom then please do not feel that it is any less 'Church.' God is with us on Zoom, in church, in churchyard prayers or wherever we are.

We are continuing to use our churchyards and each church across the Valley will hold its own Harvest Prayers and Picnic in their churchyard in September/October.

This Pattern of Worship will continue throughout September and will remain under review and will be subject to change should that be required.

The Pattern of Worship may not be perfect – there is no perfect pattern – but, as are many churches nationwide, we are starting with small steps. Thank you for your support and please do keep the churchwardens and me in your prayers as we make the considerable necessary preparations required. We very much look forward to seeing you at one of our services either in church, on Zoom or in the churchyard as we continue together to build community here in the Hambleden Valley with God at the centre.



## 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](mailto:hambledenvalleyprayergroup@gmail.com)

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	11:00	Holy Communion	Hambleden
<b>Wed 2 Sep</b>	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom
<b>Fri 4 Sep</b>	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleden
<b>Sun 6 Sep</b>	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Hambleden
	19:30	Service of Compline	Medmenham
<b>Wed 9 Sep</b>	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom
<b>Fri 11 Sep</b>	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleden
<b>Sun 13 Sep</b>	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Fawley
<b>Wed 16 Sep</b>	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom
<b>Fri 18 Sep</b>	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleden
<b>Sun 20 Sep</b>	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Frieth
	15:00	Harvest Prayers and Picnic	Medmenham
	19:30	Service of Compline	Fingest
<b>Wed 23 Sep</b>	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Turville
<b>Fri 25 Sep</b>	09:00	Morning Prayer	Hambleden
<b>Sun 27 Sep</b>	09:30	Sunday Zoom	Zoom
	11:00	Holy Communion	Frieth
	12:00	Harvest Prayers and Picnic	Hambleden
	15:00	Harvest Prayers and Picnic	Turville
<b>Wed 30 Sep</b>	09:30	Daily Prayer	Zoom

### LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Sat 3 Oct</b>	15:00	Animal Blessing	Turville
<b>Sun 4 Oct</b>	16:00	Harvest Prayers and Picnic	Fingest
<b>Sun 11 Oct</b>	12:00	Harvest Prayers and Picnic	Fawley
	15:00	Harvest Prayers and Picnic	Frieth
<b>Sun 1 Nov</b>	15:00	All Souls' Service	Turville

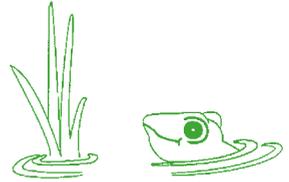
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and what a sepulchral lot we are. So, to be honest it must be tough on the Muddy Curate (for this is our pastor's nom de plume and my nickname for her) to stay positive before so impassive a medley. So, full marks to her from everyone, for such an efficient and welcome innovation to counter the existential crisis situation. Full marks like to all us grayzooming crusties who master the tech streaming on all channels. So, no worries. Aiding the Muddy Curate is a furtive husband who can sometimes be seen for like a millisecond: whatever. His role seems to be technical n stuff. So, after a risk assessment, I was sat watching on Sunday and I'm sure that unseen he plays like the organ intro to each hymn. Watch and see if you like agree wiv me.

Some old church protocols prevail. Grayzoomers are muted for fear of interrupting the sermonette. Others are like new protocols. Exchanging the 'peace' in like a coordinated way in English sign language is a wiz aurite! So, we have become a bit more like RCs with people like wandering in and out during the service, perhaps to waker the terracotta. Zoom church, like ironing, clearly requires like a premade accompanying cuppa.

So, to be honest, like personally, I am guilty of financially contributing like nothing to my parish church for months past. This I will rectify on Trinity 15, September 20th. So, watching the 10am Zoom service I will like observe and note how many grayzoomers, including the Muddy Curate and her furtive domestic unpaid assistant curate, like drink from a mug during the service. So, for each grayzoomer who does, I will donate like £5 to the PCC. It just needs one sip, not hundreds. Yas friends, lessdo it. Enjoy. This will not affect the reverential nature of grayzoomers' devotions . So, I will attend lawnworship at noon that day when

my full attention will be on our pastor's liturgical ministrations. No problem. Like back of the net.

So, I can't think why, but your columnist is like frequently in trouble with the editor and with the ecclesiastical standards censor, cos of bad taste and like inappropriateness. So, it will be like a miracle if this contribution like reaches print. Perhaps it might, given an ardent disclaimer from the Diocese's local representative ere in the amulden valley.

So, enjoy. Ave a gud rest of the day goin 4ward. No worries. U no wha I meen. Definitely!

**Alan Armstrong**

## **Hambleden WI July 2020**

As with many other groups, lockdown has seriously curtailed our activities. However, the committee all met via Zoom in May to catch up and discuss the best way forward. Walking through the village, the only real signs of anything amiss are occasional queues outside the village shop. People are still to be seen standing and chatting (perhaps with facemasks at their side) but, thankfully, everyone is adapting to a new way of living and working.

Denman College, the WI centre of learning near Oxford, has increased its range of on-line courses and Hambleden WI's own website continues to keep everyone informed. It is worth taking a look at them.

Whilst we were forced to cancel our monthly meetings including our July summer party, we are happy to announce that the walking group has started up again. July's walk near Nettlebed was followed by lunch at The White Hart. We look forward to this becoming a regular activity once again.

Unfortunately, to ensure the safety of our members

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and to comply with the new rules in place in respect of the village hall, we have decided not to go ahead with the September meeting. Keeping well and staying safe is the main priority. Do take care and we look forward to all meeting up just as soon as we are able.

For those of you who are not members, if you are interested in finding out more about Hambleden WI, you are most welcome to join us on one of our monthly walks. Alternatively, come along for (a socially distanced!) lunch afterwards. All details are on our website [www.hambleden-wi.org](http://www.hambleden-wi.org) or contact either Jan Connelly (Secretary) on 01628 486344 or Sarah Williams (President) on 07817 120339 for more details.

**Jo Martin**

## Church Teas

It has been a very strange summer without holding our church teas and the church itself has lost a considerable income.

We have been given the go ahead to hold the teas in September, social distancing will be easy and if the volunteers wish to wear masks it will be up to the individual. It would be wonderful if we could start on Sunday 30 August, which is the Bank Holiday weekend. Although there will be no car wash this year, could the gentlemen of this Parish step forward and do the teas in the afternoon of Monday 31 August? (Bart could you possibly rally the male population?)

The list is still up in the Church porch and with only six sessions to cover I do hope we will be able to manage it, we could raise anything between £1,000 and £2,000 which the church desperately needs. The freezer is switched on and in its usual position in the North Trancept, although it will be moving shortly to a new position in the Belfry area nearer to the tea cupboard.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

**Penny Hurlley**

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## Hambleden Harvest Festival

There will be a Harvest Festival celebration at

Hambleden Church, to take place after the 12pm churchyard service on Sunday 27th September. It is open to anyone and everyone in the valley.

The event will be a 'bring your own food, drink, cutlery, glasses and picnic rug' and get ready to celebrate with others in the churchyard.

**Gareth Morris**

## FRIETH

*The next two articles are continuing the thoughts and feelings of children at Frieth School as they reached the end of their time there before moving to secondary school.*

### Lockdown

The days are short,  
The weeks are long,  
Lockdown is easing,  
Everything has gone wrong.

The French trip was cancelled,  
Transitions postponed,  
The staff is all different,  
Resources are owned.

The summer queen isn't happening,  
Sports day is no more,  
Distance is key,  
There's sanitizer galore.

We work in the hall,  
With all the year six,  
Two lessons a day,  
No classes can mix.

Some lessons aren't covered,  
What's round the bend,  
Playtime is different,  
Oh, when will it end?

### What's it like being back at school?

For me, overall, I like being back at school.

Lockdown was tough, boring, learning wasn't great as we didn't have teachers or books and I guess we all started missing our school friends. We got through it and now we are starting to get used to a 'new' normal.

Now that we are back at school, our class (year 6) is fortunate enough to have the same teacher and one of our T.A.s. Eagles (our class) gets 15 minutes of break everyday like normal. We don't get lunch

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or all three topics covered in school because we are only in school for 3 hours. Therefore we have an extra bit of work to do in the afternoons, at home, after school. I enjoy seeing and chatting with my friends again and even playing football, although we still have to keep distanced.

Being at school helps with work because there is a school atmosphere. When I am at home doing work it feels weird and not right. I feel it makes it harder to concentrate and there is this sense of unfairness of doing the work at home even though if I did the work at school it would seem fair enough. So, being back at school is a positive and even though I thought I would never say/think it, I was longing to go back to school! Now that we are back, I feel no regret of thinking that. Wearing mufti is also a bonus. It is nicer to wear whatever you want. Well, that's what I think anyway...

## FINGEST

### **Fingest Outdoor Service and Gate Blessing 16th August 2020.**

The weather held out as about 45 people from all the Valley churches attended this picnic and Sue blessed the two new gates.



*photos Brian Barnes*

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