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Dear Friends,



I recently used the following short reflection at two PCC meetings as we are discussing future plans and activities across the Valley... *The village*

vicar couldn't sleep. As World War II raged, he'd told a small group of American soldiers they couldn't bury their fallen comrade inside the fenced cemetery next to his church. Only burials for church members were allowed. So the men buried their beloved friend just outside the fence.

The next morning, however, the soldiers couldn't find the grave. "What happened? The grave is gone," one soldier told the reverend. "Oh, it's still there," he told them. The soldier was confused, but the vicar explained. "I regretted telling you no. So, last night, I got up and I moved the fence."

This reflection is based on Isaiah 43:18-21. God was speaking via the prophet Isaiah to the downtrodden people of Israel. Life was tough and they were looking backwards to what life was. Isaiah was imploring people to look ahead, change their sightlines to see God doing new things.

Sometimes we need fresh perspectives for our

challenges and we often have to go looking for them. Instead of looking backwards or inwards we need to change our sightlines, for some people that means looking to God for direction, for others it may be seeking counsel from a wise friend or colleague. Sometimes it means standing back to see the big picture again. It might mean moving our fences.

The reference to World War II is a reminder that Remembrance Sunday is coming soon. There will be services in Frieth, Fingest and Hambleden. There is more information in the magazine about times and locations. I hope that everyone will feel welcome to attend these services. Wild Church will focus on Remembrance as Sue Morton has done extensive research into the plane that came down in Fawley in March 1943.

Beyond that, Advent and Christmas are looming! There will be carol services, Christingles, Cribbs, Midnight Masses & Christmas Day services - we are trying hard to give a full array once again this year. As always we need to balance our responsibility with Covid to keep everyone as safe as we can. While we may want things 'the way it use to be', it is good to remember that the old things were new once too and probably met with resistance! Looking ahead to the new is what we are called to do.

Sue Lepp

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The Rural Review 2021

What does it mean for us? Over the last six months, our Benefice team has been sharing a discussion with the West Wycombe and South Chilterns teams about how to strengthen the life of our churches and ensure a sustainable future for our 14 parishes e.g. What are our challenges and concerns? Our hopes and dreams? How could we support each other better? Most of our churches have a small congregation, a limited connection with younger generations and therefore - **an uncertain future.**

This worrying situation is reflected across the Diocese and Church of England nationally, and so we reviewed recent reports written by others: *The message from all of them was consistent: the future lies in connecting more with the local community and making the church, both people and buildings, relevant to modern life in all its forms - all this while treasuring and nurturing the services, congregations and activities that constitute the current life of the church. No small undertaking!*

Each parish began with a profile presentation. These showed where we were strong and could offer help to others, and where we ourselves could do with more help and resources. As a result, 7 key areas of interest emerged - Communications, Buildings and churchyards, Community engagement, Mission and church growth, Money, Services, and Schools, children, and youth.

Focus groups then developed to engage people with specialist interest from all the parishes – there were some wonderful ideas shared! The Focus Group discussions often overlapped, by topic and also as parishes shared similar experiences. However, getting to know each other better also highlighted each parish's unique character; we all agreed that we must preserve this and allow it to flourish, while also finding ways to cooperate. Working together, we could run activities and tasks more efficiently, provide critical mass for larger events such as provision for young people, and share our knowledge (or lack!) of I.T., social media and other communication channels across all our churches. We will publish the findings of some of these groups over the coming months,

starting next month with the excellent work of the Schools, children, and youth group chaired by Toby Long from Ibstone.

After 18 meetings and a weekly Prayer Group that met every Monday for six months, the Rural Review completed with an 'away day': a chance for the representatives to review everything with the core team and reflect on what the future might look like. Revd Dave Bull preached on the story from Matthew 14:22-33, with Jesus walking on the water and Peter stepping out of the boat to walk towards him. Taking such a step definitely feels risky and uncertain – however we need to be bold to avoid a bleak future for many of our rural churches. A comment made during the review sums up well the predicament: 'people want the future to be different but the present to stay the same'.

Where do we go from here? We could change nothing and carry on as we are, or we could explore new ways of working with the other parishes and benefices. There's a lot to think about! But whatever the outcome, we all agreed that it has been a joy getting to know each other better, and see trust and interaction grow. If our individual parishes can find a way to work together, we will all be stronger for it. Can we also move from asking 'What's in for us?' to 'What can we do to help?'.

The degree of involvement from across the groups was extremely encouraging, and it is now down to us as a community to decide where we go next. If you would like to know more, or share your thoughts on the way forward do get in touch with the representatives listed below who are happy to help, or email the team leading the review via Helen Chadley who has provided administrative support for the project: admin@westwycombenefice.org.uk

Hambleden: Jill Steward, Frieth: Judy Hunt, Turville: Sara Harman, Vicky Hollier, Medmenham: Dennis Harwood, Fingest: Jill Dean

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Rural Review- a reflection.

An analogy that came out of our Rural Review final afternoon was that of having been travelling on a bus together for the last six months.

At the end of the day, we were effectively left with a decision: to stay on or get off the bus. We don't know exactly where the bus is going but we know that the intentions are that it is to a good place, a place of flourishing and enrichment, filled with the presence of God.

One feature of the bus analogy was, as we looked around the room, we liked the people on the bus with us and so we want to get to know our fellow passengers better, as well as all those who will join the journey in the future.

All analogies break down somewhere. And the bus one will too. Indeed, it may even break down itself but we all felt it was worth trying. Airforce One is the code name given when a President of the USA is on board his plane. Now the most important person on Air Force One is not the president, it's the pilot.

If our bus analogy is to have any wheels then Christ is our driver, the Holy Spirit is our conductor and God the Creator made the bus. People often ask me where we are going. My reply is always the same, 'I'm going to heaven, where you going?'

One thing we will discover is that each of our 14 church families and communities has something to offer the other 13 and each of the other 13 has something to offer us. This is a shared journey, made all the more enjoyable as we learn each other's names and stories. We will laugh and cry on the journey, some may get off but we will all learn, for we need to pool our ideas, resources, gifts and talents to build God's church amongst the beautiful spaces we are so privileged to live in.

As we journey on the bus for a season or more, let's embrace the ride wherever it may take us.

Philip Smith

South Chilterns Team Ministry

Blessing of the Backpacks Service September 5th at Hambleden



This special blessing service was held as a Group Service in Hambleden, at the beginning of September to bless the school bags, work bags, phones, items for new hobbies and projects, as a new

work year begins for many children, students, and adults alike.

Revd Sue Lepp designed a simple and enjoyable service sheet, with hymns 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'He's got the whole world in His hands'. There were special prayers when everyone received a blessing for their bag or project, and each then put a luggage tag marked 'Blessed' on it – to take out in the world. I took two! One for the Hambleden Roof project and one for the work of the Rural Review. Sue talked about the fact that new starts for young and old can be both exciting and daunting, but that God is with us as we face them. There was a simple Communion service included and then we all went out into the churchyard to enjoy drinks and refreshments.

11 children came, with some families who had not attended previously; we were 40 in all.

It was unfortunate that there were unavoidable competing Valley events that day which reduced the attendance. This was service for all, not just children, we shall hold it again. I would encourage older people from all the churches to attend too, with or without grandchildren, to support these younger families, and so that they do not think our churches are normally empty. They are our future.

Jill Steward

Hambleden Valley Garden Club

The club enjoyed a visit to Turn End Garden in Haddenham in late September, the last garden visit of this year. The garden is less than an

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acre but the space is used to create an illusion of size - a house courtyard with a naturalised pool, a small woodland area around 100 year old apple trees, a curved glade leading to a series of garden rooms, sunken or raised. Mr Adlington, the owner, gave an introductory talk at the beginning of our visit and Head Gardener, Jackie, was on hand to answer our questions. The garden also contains two studios, one with an artist in residence and the other with a photographer, both displaying their works.

It was with great joy that we held our first live garden talk this October back at Skirmett Village Hall. A wait of 18 months since our last event in March 2020. We have had our Zoom lectures and they were a lifeline for many of us, but getting back together again as a group was just wonderful. This occasion was equally matched by the journalist, presenter and author, Helen Yemm, who entertained us with her stories of all things gardening and also showed us some interesting ideas on keeping colour in the garden through Autumn. We all enjoyed a glass of "fizz" to celebrate the occasion and look forward to a full winter programme of speakers.

On Tuesday 2nd November, Louise Wells is coming to suggest what to look out for when visiting other people's gardens. For more information contact Celia Warren 01491 638691.

Janet Collins



Wild Church at Fingest!

Wondering how we could best enjoy the lovely sunny afternoon of Sunday 10th October we thought about the notice given out in our church for the Wild Church

seed gathering to be held at Fingest. Sounded intriguing and it was, we sang and prayed and gathered seeds in the field it was held in, then planted them in the pots and compost provided. We enjoyed chatting to people we had never met before and watching the happiness of a good many children as they took part in all the proceedings. Very different to our usual church services, but somehow very close to God in the freedom of a different way of worshipping which closed with delicious homemade cake! Thank you Sue and all your helpers.

**Sylvia and Andy Palmer
Stokenchurch**

Wild Church at Remembrance

Sunday 14th November 3pm, the garden at Last Cottage, Fawley



Sgt R. Poltock

In this special outdoor Act of Remembrance, gather with us as we remember the crew of the Halifax aircraft that sadly came down here in Fawley on 14th March 1943, hear about this secret sortie and the courage of those who

took part.

For directions and to find out more, please get in touch with one of the Wild Church Team:

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Sue Morton

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In awe of starling murmurations

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) murmurations are considered to be the greatest wildlife spectacle in the UK and the season is from November to February. If you have never seen one live, I urge you to investigate and book accommodation for two nights as close as possible to a

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recognised roosting site. Two nights because it doubles your chances of being close up to or even right underneath the action which takes place every evening at dusk. Initially one or two flocks of starlings arrive from their daytime feeding locations but numbers quickly build up and soon hundreds are flying in from every direction until thousands of birds soar about at speed, hopefully in front of you and inches from each other, swooping and turning in split second twists and somehow avoiding collision. They create fast flowing aerial displays; shape shifting inky black forms against a backdrop of the fading hues of sunset and then quite suddenly they all descend to terra firma and seconds later it's over. I took my daughter to the RSPB Ham Wall Nature Reserve, Meare, Ashcott, Glastonbury BA6 9SX on the Somerset Levels some years ago. It was February and very cold. After walking around the reserve, we picked one of the specially built viewing platforms, secured a space on a bench, drained our hot chocolate fuelled thermoses

and chatted to others in high anticipation for the display to begin. Arriving early is essential and goodness we were grateful for our warm coats because there is a bit of hanging around. Certainly, we saw that evening's murmuration but sadly it was some distance from our chosen location so I admit a degree of luck is involved. Arising long before dawn, we drove back to the car park and with a printed map of the reserve we gingerly found our way via torchlight to a viewing platform nearer the roost. Half an hour later, thousands of starlings rose up from their reed bed posits and flew out right over our heads. It was quite extraordinary in the literal sense of that adjective. www.starlingsintheuk.co.uk records roosting sites as the season progresses and is continuously updated. They have a twitter presence too @Ukstarlings for further information. National Geographic's November 2016 video entitled 'Flight of the Starlings' and thankfully not accompanied to music is on YouTube and worth a watch.

Sarah Ronan October 2021

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Hambleden Harvest Festival



On Sunday 26th September, Harvest Festival was celebrated in our lovely Parish Church, enhanced with Dahlia (from Jill's garden) and sunflower floral arrangements.

The service commenced with the choir, lead by Jim carrying the cross, processing round the churchyard to the lych gate where they were joined by David and his team of sheaf carriers to continue, in procession, into the church where the sheaves were 'shocked-up' between the choir stalls. The Rev. Sue Morton took the service with Christine on the organ leading the choir (in good voice) aided by Frieth choir (thank you Frieth), in singing traditional hymns and anthems. Sue gave the address, then introduced Judy Taylor, a Lay-reader from Lane End, who gave some insight into the aims of the charity 'Community Matters', set up to aid several needy families in Lane End with non-perishable items and finance. The church collection was divided between RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) and the church.

J.J.

Harvest Lunch 2021

For many years the Hambleden Village Harvest celebrations were run by the Community Group. Many will remember the home-cooked 2-course meal being held in the packed Village Hall. Unfortunately, this has not happened in recent years, especially since the Covid lock-down.

This year the Church, largely at the prompting of Jill Steward, prepared an open-air picnic lunch. Fortunately, the weather was kind to the sandwiches and to the congregation! The whole thing was a reminder of the Lucullan feasts of the past. It is to be hoped that this resurrection will be continued in years to come.

Frances Cugnoni

Village Hall Quiz

Roll up! Roll up!

Tickets are now on sale in Hambleden Stores for the Village Hall Quiz on Friday November 26th at 7.30pm. £60 for a table of six. A light supper will be provided, but please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Chris Whitehead

Hambleden WI October 2021

It was wonderful to see so many members at our October meeting. Katie Alcock, a Blue Badge Guide, gave an in-depth and thoroughly enjoyable talk and slideshow taking us on a journey around a section of the city of Oxford.

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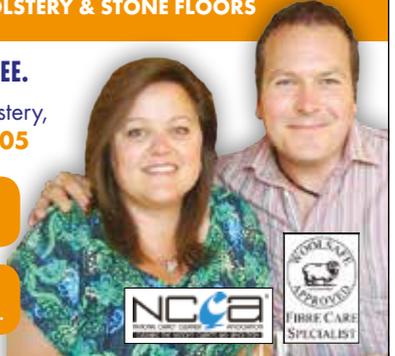
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Oct 3	Norah Ruth James Robertson	Hamblenden
Oct 10	Ava Rhiannon and Sienna Rose Fletcher Williams	Hamblenden

Holy Matrimony

Sept 18	Leslie Dodoo and Rebecca Marston-Weston	Frieth
Sept 25	David Murray and Helen Tinsley	Hamblenden

Rest in Peace

Oct 1	Jo Winter	Thanksgiving Service, Fingest
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Hamblenden Valley Prayer Group

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Pattern of Worship Nov 2021

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Sunday Services

	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleton	Medmenham	Turville	Zoom
31st Oct			8am BCP Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	3pm All Souls Service	None
7th Nov	10am Group Service			6pm Evensong			None
14th Nov Remembrance	3pm Wild Church	9am Remembrance Prayers	9am Remembrance Prayers/Zoom	10.50am Remembrance Service			9am
21st Nov		9am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion/ Zoom/Naming & Blessing	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion		9am
28th Nov Advent 1	11am Holy Communion		9am Holy Communion/ Zoom	6pm Advent Candlelit Service		9.30am Holy Communion/ Naming & Blessing	9am
5th Dec Advent 2			10am Group Service				None

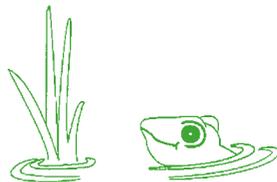
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The tour took us to some of Oxford's more notable colleges and churches including Christ Church and All Souls Colleges, Christ Church Cathedral, St Mary's on the High Street and St Michael's at the North Gate. These places were brought to life through Katie's references to well known figures such as the author Charles Ludwig Dodgson (Lewis Carroll), architect Christopher Wren, Henry VIII, Charles I and the three Oxford Martyrs – Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley.

Katie eloquently and engagingly took us around some of the more prominent buildings and institutions including the Radcliffe Camera, Bodleian Library, the Sheldonian and Blackwell's Bookshop. Characters, events and legend were carefully woven together to create a living Oxford, linking for example, the escapades of the Saxon St Frideswide to the Oxford of the 21st Century. St Frideswide was the founding saint of the city of Oxford and her shrine can be seen today in the cathedral, the site where she originally founded a priory. We learned how monasteries and priories, as places of learning and repositories of books, became educational houses and so were key to the development of colleges. This is very much so in Oxford which boasts the oldest university in the English-speaking world. Katie's combined passion for history and drama were clearly evident and she captivated us all. Her intellect, enthusiasm and sense of humour made for a truly exceptional presentation.

On a more melancholy note, Liz Jarvis then spoke about the passing earlier this month of one of our members, Eileen Collins. Liz reminded us of what a vibrant and colourful life Eileen had led. Her love of drama was well known within the WI and we all fondly

remember her modesty, mischievousness, her sense of fun, her sparkle and of course the glamour that was Eileen. Our thoughts are very much with her family at this sad time.

Our next meeting, on Thursday 11th November, is our AGM. We hope to see as many members there as possible especially given that we will be addressing the future of our WI.

Our website is www.hambleden-wi.org if any readers want more details.

Jo Martin

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Frieth School

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Frieth Church of England Combined School and would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about me.

Anyone who knows me would probably tell you about my love of sport having previously played for Windsor Rugby 1st XV for many years. Although I have long since hung up my boots, I still enjoy keeping fit and you will certainly see me competing in the Frieth Hilly next spring. It will therefore come as no surprise that providing a plethora of sporting opportunities and physical activities for the children to take part in is high up on my agenda for the pupils at Frieth and I look forward to competing against other local schools and building a reputation for excellence on the sports field.

I'm also very keen on music and the arts, and I'm thrilled that after 18 months of not being allowed to sing due to COVID-19, the school choir has restarted and is once again thriving!



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FINGEST

Of course I also want the very best academic outcomes for our pupils but the single most important thing for me is that the children are happy and want to come to school. In my experience, if we achieve this, the rest follows. In the classroom, I believe there should be plenty of awe and wonder and lessons should have discussion and discovery at the heart of them to excite the children's imaginations. For me, education is about guiding the children to meet their full potential and meeting their individual needs so that they become the very best versions of themselves. I believe in taking learning beyond the classroom and providing as many opportunities as possible so that all children have the chance to 'Let Their Light Shine'.

I have had the most wonderful welcome to Frieth; it has been great to get to know the whole community and I am extremely excited about the future of the school.

Martin Gosling
Headteacher, Frieth C.E.C. School
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Fred Simmons Article 1

It was said on Facebook that there were more people in the Frieth group than lived in the village. I'm one of the extras. I joined the group because I thought that I might find some connection with my father who was born there. It has now found me writing about some members of my family with their connections as well as finding out about Wild Church and being able to attend one of the services which was held at Medmenham.

Local historians have written a great deal about Frieth, so, with great delight, I was able to find the description of my grandfather riding his penny-farthing bicycle to work with his terrier dog with him draped round the neck and balanced on his shoulder'. He worked for the Firm, West and Collier, as a carpenter.

So, the first introduction of my family into Frieth must have been when Charles Simmons rode from his family home in Ibstone to start work at 'the Firm' as a carpenter. He would have been in his early twenties then. I assume that he did not make his home there until he married. Charles Simmons and Annie Lovell were married in 1893 at Ibstone church. Charles was 27 years old and Annie was 25. Later that year their first child, Hilda, was born and in 1895 Walter John was born. Both these two children were born at Wheeler End probably at their grandmother's home at Frog Island.

My father, Frederick Victor Simmons, was the first child to be born at Frieth and presumably at The Gables, which the family rented. His second name of Victor was because he was born in 1897, which was Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee year. Next came Beatrice in 1899. A school report of 1900 from Frieth School, which was next door said "Hilda and Walter continue to be kept at home on alternate Monday mornings to mind the baby on washday". Was the baby my father, Fred or Beatrice?

More to follow as the new century opened!

Margaret Gutteridge

FINGEST

Harvest Festival at St Bartholomew's

It was a joy to gather with many Fingest families and friends to celebrate the harvest. The Church was resplendent with flowers,

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fruit and vegetables filling every vase and basket and a beautiful harvest loaf generously given by Burgers of Marlow. Tins and packets were piled high, destined for the cupboards of Community Matters, and we learnt about the work of the Charity from its founder, Judy Taylor. Sue Morton led the service incorporating her now legendary props, the relevance of which was duly revealed with the help of the children. As is our tradition, the collection supports the work of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) and a generous of £250 has been sent.

After the service we crossed over to the Chequers for a fabulous supper and to enjoy, sadly for the last time, the hospitality of Emma and Jaxon.

There are so many people who give their time and talents to making our harvest festival so special. So very many thanks to all those who decorate the Church, who bring flowers and produce, who clean brass, clear up and clean, the cooks who bring fabulous food, Gill our organist, Jaxon, Emma, their girls and the lovely staff who looked after us in the Chequers, and of course Sue Morton for her uplifting service. Finally, a very special thanks to Sue Dawkes who took over the organisation this year and did a fantastic job. All yours next year Sue!

Jill Dean

Fingest Past



Fingest Farm Photos (2) – Before the tractor came to Fingest Farm – horsepower at harvest time.

Albert Prince working the binder in Hespers.



Thomas Prince with his team of three horses, “Dick, Captain and Colonel”, being used to pull the binder, a “New Century”, purchased new by Thomas in 1907. It was made in USA by Walter A. Wood and was assembled by Maurice Keen of the Lane End Foundry.



Albert and Jessie Prince carting sheaves with two horses pulling the Oxford wagon

Don Boreham

TURVILLE

Turville Harvest Festival

All was safely gathered in! We celebrated harvest on Sunday 19th September with a service in the church. At 3pm this year, after many months of lockdown and the door firmly shut because of Coronavirus, a simple set service was held in the afternoon, with some lovely flower arrangements and one basket of vegetables, bread and grapes.



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Everyone else brought cans and household goods to give to Judy Taylor who came to talk to us about Lane End Community Matters which helps families on the breadline. Simon Larter Evans played the trumpet to our harvest hymns,

which was nice. We expected to be outside not inside but it rained a little. Teacakes, sausage rolls and the harvest loaf was cut up and shared out after the service. A big thanks goes to everybody for coming and for making it all possible, it was lovely.

Pam Harper

Animal Blessing

The beautiful goats, which have been coming for the last sixteen years with coats so sleek and shiny, were there along with a 150-year-old



Photo Mark Morton

tortoise and a hamster. A clucking hen, one pony and dogs of all shapes and sizes, meant the two Sues had their work cut out blessing them all. Many thanks to Graham, Suzannah and Dave for the music and Rosie for the electricity.

Harry, our famous parrot from Stokenchuch, sent his regrets for not being at the service but this year his transport cage was broken so he sent a few tail feathers and a picture of himself instead, we missed him.

Pam Harper

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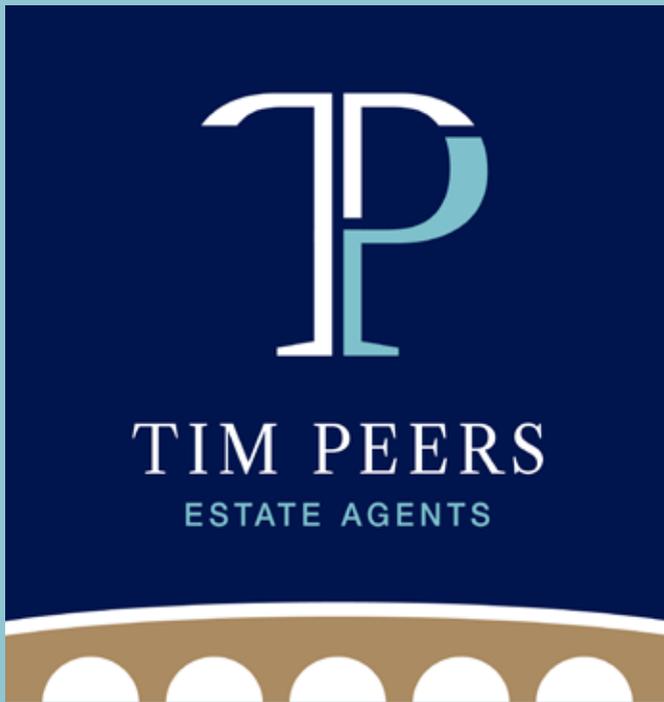
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