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Cover: Wild Church bulbs flowering in Medmenham. This page: New life.

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Group Letter April 2022



I recently experienced the joy of seeing a lamb being born! There had been a time of quiet waiting in the barn - knowing that new life was on its way but had not yet arrived - followed

by the wonder and joy of watching as the lamb appeared in the world; within a short space of time, he made his wobbly way to standing on his own four feet. It felt like a celebration! This may be a familiar sight to those who are accustomed to lambing, but for someone originally from deepest, darkest Essex, it was so special to witness this new life.

New life is something that the world truly needs to witness at the moment: with the desperate news that has unfolded on our television screens from the Ukraine; the struggles that we may face both nationally and personally, searching for signs of new life - no matter how small - on a daily basis is so important.

The birth of the lamb in a Hambleton

Valley barn very much mirrors the events of Holy Week. We know that new life and hope is on its way as we prepare for Easter Day, but has not yet arrived: we have a period of quiet waiting as we move through the events that unfold in the pages of our Bibles and in our services; the desperate news as we hear the agony of Jesus' trial and crucifixion; the silence of Holy Saturday, followed by the wonder, joy and celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. We may be accustomed to the story, but to revisit each year, to see it with fresh eyes, is to witness new life all over again.

This Easter there are several opportunities to do just that, to witness the Easter story afresh. There are services on Palm Sunday - both informal and traditional - thought-provoking reflections during Holy Week including a Maundy Supper, the Last Hour at the Cross on Good Friday and finally the joy and celebration of new life on Easter Sunday! Do join us - we would love to see you.

God bless you

Sue

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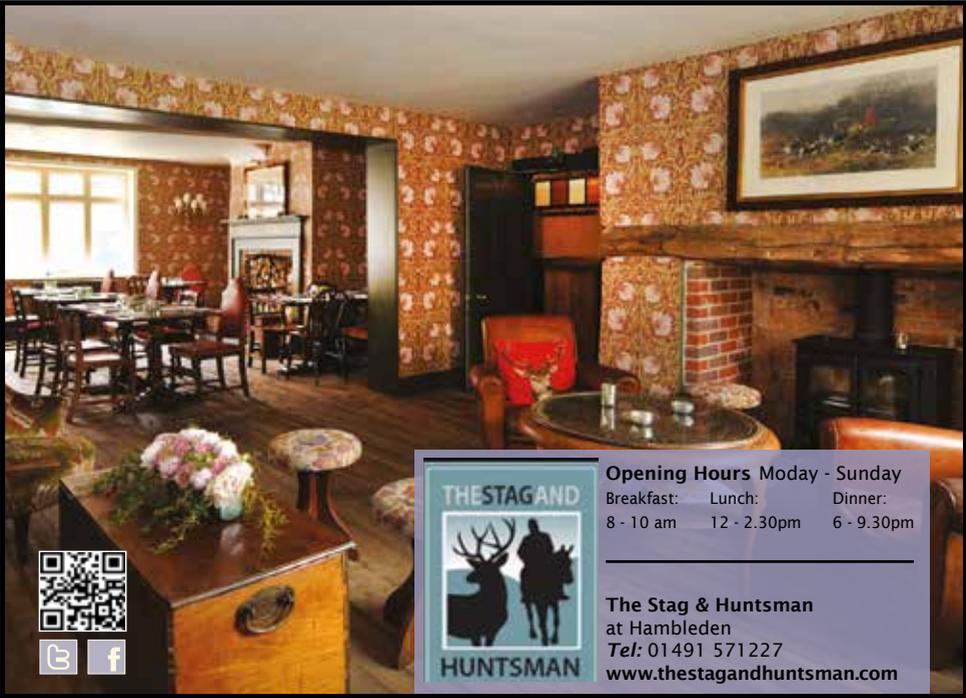
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GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

Buckinghamshire Council Civic Service



Left: Steve Baker MP, Zahir Mohammed, Chair of Buckinghamshire Council, and his wife, Greg Smith MP, and Joy Morrissey MP and her husband; **Middle:** George Anson, High Sheriff of Bucks and his wife, Zahir Mohammed and his wife and Countess Elizabeth Howe, Lord Lieutenant of Bucks, and her husband; **Right:** Zahir Mohammed and Mayors. Photos Rose Langton

It was a privilege to be able to host the Civic service for Buckinghamshire in our beautiful parish church, in Hambleden, on Sunday 6th March, as part of the group service for the Valley Group of Churches. The service was very much a multi-faith event to reflect the rich diversity of the population of Buckinghamshire.

The Civic life of the county was represented by The Lord Lieutenant, The High Sheriff, the Chairman of the Council, 8 Mayors, 5 MPs and representatives from Thames Valley Police and the RAF, who all processed into the church at the beginning of the service.

Once assembled, the congregation, official party and invited guests were welcomed by the Rev Sue Lepp who introduced the chairman of the council. Mr Zahir Mohammed opened the service with thoughtful remarks which included the three strands of thought, throughout the service. These being, our concerns and prayers for the conflict in Ukraine; the obedient service of Mary from the Annunciation onwards; and the civic duties and hard work that make for a civilised society.

The readings and choral anthem were all on the theme of the story of Mary and Elizabeth



Invited Guests, photo Rose Langton

and the annunciation. A reading from Luke including the Magnificat was read by the Lord Lieutenant, Mr Mohammed read a passage from the Koran (Surah 19) which tells of Mary and the birth of Jesus, and The Rev Sue Morton read a poem by Malcolm Guite entitled 'The Visitation'.

The choir sang the Magnificat to a setting by Walmisley. Prayers were offered by the Rev Sue Morton, and the address was given by the Rev Sue Lepp, who combined the three themes of the service into one seamless sermon.

The service closed with a blessing and

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Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and Chair of Buckinghamshire Council, photo Sarah Helweg-Larsen

singing of the National Anthem, after which the dignitaries processed out of the church and were joined by invited guests in the Village Hall for refreshments. For the first time in two years, it was with great pleasure that the congregation from the Valley churches were able to enjoy some social time over refreshments.

Sarah Helweg-Larsen

Wild Church!

Wild Church Lent Pilgrimage: 13th March 2022



photo Mark Morton

As we step further into the period of Lent, what an ideal time to pause from our busy lives, take stock and reflect on our relationship with God at this special time in the Christian calendar. The Wild Church Lent Pilgrimage certainly gave all that joined the walk this afternoon in the beautiful Hambleden Valley the time to do just that, particularly in such challenging times.

Whilst the weather was changeable it gave us all the opportunity to slow down in such wonderful surroundings to witness and take in God's creation. The wildlife, and even the



photo Mardi Wilkins

sheep felt part of this special time.

The four reflections given by Revds. Sue Morton, Sue Lepp, Paul Cudby and Keith Johnson provided an excellent time for prayer, a moment for thought about our relationship with God and consideration on how we can live our lives following God's path. The pilgrimage directed our thoughts on how we as Christians are exposed to the challenges and blessings of a relationship with God.



photo Sue Morton

When we met in Fingest each person on the pilgrimage was given a pebble. At the end of the walk, we were all encouraged to write one word at the forefront of our minds on our pebble and set it down on a windowsill in Turville church for all to see and lift-up in prayer. This really summarised our thoughts from the afternoon's fellowship and reflection in the countryside.

**Clare Maher,
St Paul's, Wooburn**

Please note: the next Wild Church will be on Sunday 8th May – look out for more details!

The AdLent Calendar Campaign: An Update from Community Matters



Community Matters has been delighted with the stream of food bags, boxes and donations that have been delivered from the Hambleton Valley in recent weeks. As they unpack our deliveries

in Holy Trinity Church, Lane End, there are exclamations of delight as Judy Taylor and the Community Matters Team discover all sorts of items that they know will be much appreciated by the families. Not only do the Hambleton Valley gifts support the families, but they encourage the helpers too.

With rising bills for the families, Community Matters is so very grateful for our generosity. Please leave any items in boxes in our churches or on The Vicarage doorstep in Turville or donate to: Barclays Bank, Account Community Matters, Account no. 53787737 Sort code 20-40-71. Thank you so much. Judy has sent an update below with details of how one family has been helped:

A Lane End family with father working full time and any extra hours he can find, needs help from Community Matters. In spite of a full-time job, it does not pay him enough to support his family and pay for items like food, utility bills, car tax and petrol (needed for his job) as well as other essential items. This family are well known to us and we know full well that they are living frugally, very much a hand to mouth existence. Community Matters has been able to help with some of the bills and continues to give them regular supplies of food.

Sue Morton/Judy Taylor

The AdLent Calendar Campaign for

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, to 17th April, Easter Day.

Why not 'take up' something for Lent! The AdLent Calendar follows on from the Reverse Advent Calendar Campaign we held a few years ago to help support our local foodbank. For the next 40 days of Lent we are asking for your help once again: to donate food items, or financially, for Community Matters the foodbank, supporting 24 families in Lane End.

DROP OFF POINTS: There is a box in each church/church porch. In Turville, please leave items on The Vicarage doorstep.

A list of items needed for Community Matters are:

FOOD ITEMS

Pasta sauces
Tins tomatoes
Baked beans
Tins hot dogs
Meatballs in tomato sauce
Coffee/ tea
Squash - any flavour
Tins/cartons custard
Microwaveable rice
Jams
Peanut butter

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Laundry powder/capsules
Washing up liquid
Shower gel
Toilet rolls
Kitchen rolls
Shampoo
Fabric conditioner
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ACCOUNT DETAILS

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Yesterday's Easter offering

Historically, impoverished curates were given the Easter services' collections in cash. Called 'the Easter Offering' it was an annual expression of gratitude laity to priest. The first curate I can remember, used the money to fund a summer camp near Minehead for the church scout group. The expedition of about 40 adults and scouts, then called a jamboree, was intentionally without vehicle, from muster at a railway station to first evening camp fire sing-song. Bell tents were transported on a hand cart in the steam train's guard's van. HMRC put paid to the cash Easter Offering.

Today's Easter offering

Warmest Easter 2022 greetings, laity to our clergy. Since March 2020, after an outrageous closure of churches by the state, every effort has been renewed even increased by our clergy to present us with an undiminished variety of traditional and innovative services throughout the Valley. The pestilence did not lessen spiritual offerings but increased them, many in fresh format. Our clergy are defying

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the national prophesy and trope of the death of active Christianity. They have been and are leading us from what might be called habitual staid services of a set menu to a range of innovative service formats alongside the traditional liturgy still favoured by silverheads.

Clergy never seek gratitude. It is incumbent (forgive the pun) on us all to express our fulsome gratitude for their extraordinary versatility, resilience and adaptability in all that they do...sick visits, bereavement counselling, arranging funerals, crematorium services, watchful welfare and telecare of the elderly, schools chaplaincy, multiple Saturday weddings, multiple Sunday and weekday services, support and encouragement of live and high quality music, all overlaid with bucket loads of planning, preparation and overbearing inescapable wearisome administration. Our clergy are up against pervasive widespread indifference in the populace. It must sap their God given enthusiasm and confidence. Let us all this Eastertide with one accord praise, thank and support our clergy for all that they do for all parishioners. We must suffuse through all our acquaintances that the church is still deeply there in the heart of our community. It is not an anthropological curiosity to be mildly patronised with ridicule. Our Hambleton valley is immensely the better for all that our clergy are doing for anyone and everyone.

Alan Armstrong

Pots and Pans

You may already know that these are not just items of kitchen equipment. They have history and meaning.

The painter William Scott used them over and over again in his work. He said they were “the symbols of the life I knew best ... Everyone had a frying pan.” Jane O’Leary, Parish Councillor, artist, weaver, gardener, vegetarian and defender of the Valley, had several. She also had one of his paintings. He was her favourite artist.

She lent me a frying pan, square-handled, stainless steel, which I failed to return before she died. It is known by her name, along with the dish she taught me: “Tomatoes

Jane O’Leary” (just put them in with olive oil and garlic, put on the lid and remember to shake the pan). I think of her whenever I use it.

Irie Ritchie had a valuable library but more precious were her cast iron blue and yellow Dutch casseroles enamelled with tulip motifs which she brought to Skirmett from America. The rest of us make do with Le Creuset.



*William Scott, RA (1913-1989) Still Life 1973
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A grieving widow once told me “I will stay here with my pots and pans”. As well as comfort, they bring joy: finding on eBay, after a hob mindlessness incident, a replacement saucepan from a long-discontinued range (Prestige “Create”) just the colour of the kitchen cupboards, was an experience approaching the sublime.

My mother’s mother told her this: a tinker knocks at the door and asks if there are any pans to mend. The lady of the house enquires: “Are you copper-bottoming ‘em, my man?” “No, I’m aluminiuming ‘em, M’am”. Now you say it.

Caroline Davis

Hambleton Valley Garden Club

Introducing her last meeting as Chairman, Celia thanked everyone for their support and made particular mention of some members, including her committee. There was a lovely tribute to, and appreciation of, all that Celia has done in her leadership of the club since she founded it 14 years ago. The future of the Club

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is assured and there will be more information about this in due course.

Members enjoyed an informative talk from Helen Moorcraft, Chairman of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Counties Group of Plant Heritage, a charity founded to conserve the diversity of plants. In 1978 Christopher Brickell and Graham Stuart Thomas recognised the need to conserve plants and in 1981 the first Plant Collections were established. There are now about 600 National Plant Collections, over 400 collection holders and 3,600 members in 33 county groups. Plants disappear because they are difficult to propagate or cultivate, through pests and diseases, loss of gardens, change of fashion and for other reasons. Collections are classified as either horticultural, historic or for reference. Some places like the Savill and Valley Gardens hold 11 Collections. Also, a threatened plant can be someone's Guardian plant, to be cared for, and for seeds or propagated cuttings to be made available. One of the present projects of this county group is the cataloguing and labelling of a collection of 230 eucalyptus trees in a 14 acre wood near Witney. Plant Heritage records plant collections and encourages holders. There are plant

exchange and sales events, talks and visits. The stand at Chelsea won a Gold Medal last year.

There will be a Plant Sale on Saturday, 14th May at 10am – 12noon at Manor Farm, Fingest, by kind invitation of Charles and Sylvia Crowther. A visit to the garden at The Grange at Chalgrove has been arranged in July.

Lizzie Arnott

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In Praise of... Our English Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

In the next few weeks, the iconic indigenous English bluebells, protected by law and forever associated with fairy gatherings will take centre stage and carpets of them will grace woodlands everywhere. Thousands of blue bells will lift our hearts even on a wet, grey day as we walk this Earth searching for answers to our worries. But take a closer look because all may not be as it should. The English are under threat from the Spanish again, this time under the leaf litter around us. Our true native species, (native to north western Europe) are in competition from the bigger, blousier (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*) AKA the Spanish bluebell, introduced into

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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.



Hamblenden 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:

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2022

Pattern of Worship April 2022

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. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information or contact Jenny Neagle on hambledenvalleyadmin@gmail.com (07769 599616).

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Sunday Services

	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleden	Medmenham	Turville	Zoom
3rd April Lent 5		10am Group Service					None
10th Apr Palm Sunday		6pm Evening Service		11am Holy Communion		9.30am Informal Service	None
Tues 12th Apr			7pm Compline				
Wed 13th April							9.30am
						10.15pm Holy Communion	
Maundy Thurs 14th April				6pm Supper in Skirmett			
Good Fri 15th April				2pm Last Hour at the Cross			
17th Apr Easter Sunday	11am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion/Zoom	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	9am
24th Apr	11am Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion/Zoom	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	9am
1st May			10am Group Service	6pm Choral Evensong			None

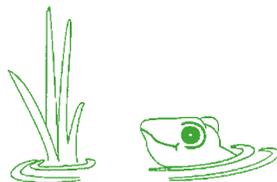
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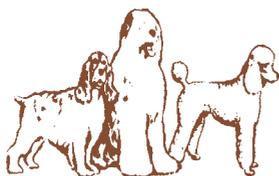
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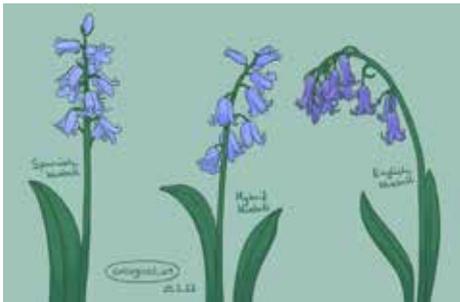
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gardens by the Victorians. The inevitable has happened, they've jumped the garden wall into the wild but worse, in my opinion, we now have swathes of fertile hybrids (*Hyacinthoides hispanica* x *non scripta*) all over the place too. A study by Plantlife found one in six of our broadleaved woodlands contains either the Spanish bluebell or a hybrid. These non-natives and resulting hybrids are stronger and more successful, leaving the more delicate English variety vulnerable. Our native bluebells have deep violet-blue, slim, tubular flowers (occasionally white) with tips that curl back and narrow leaves 1-1.5cm wide. The stems droop, and I mean droop, with the flowers hanging mostly on only one side of the stem. The bells have a sweet scent and pale cream pollen. The Spanish imposters have wider leaves 3cm or so, pale blue conical flowers (occasionally white or pink), which hang all around an upright stem, no scent and blue or pale green pollen. The hybrids have a mixture of all these characteristics but I have yet to notice a really droopy hybrid. Bluebells spread mainly by seed but bulbs can split underground and successfully propagate that way too. I inherited a small garrison of Spanish bluebells from a previous custodian of the patch of this precious planet I call my garden, which I carefully disposed of because Plantlife ask us not to plant the Spanish variety near native populations. English bluebells thrive in shaded areas where nothing much else will and are a great early source of food for pollinators.



The accompanying digital drawing was kindly created for me for this article by my daughter to illustrate the differences.

**Sarah Ronan standing with Ukraine
March 2022**

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Hambleden WI

March 2022

We held our final meeting this month and celebrated in true WI form! We began the evening with some chair-based yoga, led by Claire. It was great fun and raised many a giggle as we familiarised ourselves with various breathing exercises and chanting.

We were then joined by the Rev. Sue Morton who led us through a lovely closing thanksgiving in which we remembered past and present friends and happy times spent together. We all had individual candles lit from a larger single candle as a symbol of the unity of our WI.

Whilst there was an element of sadness and regret, we then continued the evening in party style! We raised a glass determined to keep in touch with one another and also shared an extensive buffet with food prepared by our members. There was ample time to chat and catch up on one another's news.

Sarah had prepared a slideshow of members' photographs and this was playing throughout the evening. It was great to be able to recall events we had enjoyed together.

With the Ukrainian crisis in mind, Claire Wathes suggested we hold a raffle to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee via the Red Cross and we were delighted to raise the sum of £292.14. Thank you very much to all who contributed.

We are most grateful to the PCC for agreeing to our tablecloth panels being hung in the east transept. It will be a clear reminder of the WI's close links to the village.

We plan to keep the walking and book groups going and the idea of monthly/bi-monthly lunches was discussed. The strength of friendships made and times enjoyed together was clearly evident. Almost 103 years of Hambleden WI will not disappear in an instant, of that, we are determined.

Finally, our thanks go to the Rev Sue Morton for joining us last night and to all our members for making our final official meeting such a success.

Jo Martin

FRIETH

A date for your diaries

An invitation to all those who couldn't make it to my book launch in February - I will be signing copies of my three books on:

Monday May 2nd (Bank Holiday)

At the Sports and Social Club

Between 10.00 - 14.00

There will be lashings of free tea and coffee, so please come, browse and buy!

Saints and Sinners : St Thomas de Cantilupe and Hambleden in 1320

To be a Pilgrim : The life and times of Admiral Sir Alfred Ryder (one time resident in Hambleden Cottage)

Lads, You're Wanted : The story of the Hambleden men who fell in the Great War.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Chris Whitehead

Hambleden Cinema

On Saturday 9th April Hambleden Cinema will be showing *Can You Ever Forgive Me*, rated 15. Lee Israel is a frustrated, hard-drinking author who can barely afford to pay her rent or bills in 1990s New York. Desperate for money, Israel soon hatches a scheme to forge letters by famous writers and sell them to bookstores and collectors. When the dealers start to catch on, Lee recruits a dubious friend to help her continue her self-destructive cycle of trickery and deceit. A fascinating true-crime black comedy!

Doors open 6.30pm, programme begins 7.30pm. Tickets £8 each can be bought from www.hamblenden cinema.co.uk and from Hambleden Village Stores. There will be a bar selling soft drinks, wine, beer and tempting delicious cinema snacks!

This is our last film until we start up again in the Autumn. Please come and join us to help us finish the season with a full house! In aid of raising funds for Hambleden Village Hall Registered Charity 300275

The Hambleden Cinema team



Salutations, A job well done

Congratulations to Joan (Songbird) Jackson, a Hambleden choir stalwart, for raising over £1,000 for church funds, making Seville orange marmalade in her kitchen, then selling it at the church door. Huge personal effort – a great result. Joan, if only there were more like you.

Alan Armstrong

FRIETH

Frieth School

I am thrilled to report that this term at Frieth CEC School we have reintroduced class assemblies. Developing the children's oracy and performing skills is so crucial and we have really missed out these the last two years with COVID-19 restrictions preventing them from taking place. So far Year 4, 5 and 6 have performed, and we've seen a plethora of outstanding artwork, writing, singing, poetry and much more presented to our parents. There was even a performance by the class's resident rock band, 'English Eagles'!

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What progress the football team has made since the start of the year! They earned two draws in very closely fought matches that they could have easily won.

We saw the long-awaited debut of the rugby team as they took on Lowbrook Academy and what a match it was! Despite going 3-0 down after just a couple of minutes, the team clawed their way back, eventually being defeated by a slim 10-9. Considering Lowbrook has three times the number of children we do, plus a rich history of success on the rugby pitch, this was a remarkable achievement. Below is my favourite photo from the afternoon, it demonstrates the magic of how sport brings us all together. I'm looking forward to the rematch!

I would like to acknowledge our wonderful parent community who have been giving up their weekends in order to join school working parties with a focus on developing the outdoor space behind our Foundation Stage class. I am absolutely thrilled that we are now another step closer to finishing our Early Years outdoor area.

Our PTA has also been busy organising the 'Bounce for Books' fundraising event. The children had bundles of fun bouncing around to raise money for the school which is to be spent on reading materials.

Martin Gosling
Headteacher

FINGEST

Fingest Past: Storms

The centre of Fingest has been liable to flooding after a very heavy storm. Soil, stones and debris are washed down from the fields,

roads and verges. The following is an extract from great-great-grandmother Mary Hussey's diary.

"The Old Rectory, Fingest – 5th August, 1879:

There was a very heavy tempest all night on Saturday it have washed the road all down."



The barns and farmhouse at Fingest Farm



The entrance to the Chequers Inn



By St. Bartholomew's churchyard wall, the Old Rectory is in the background

MEDMENHAM



Outside The Chequers Inn

The photographs were taken in 1924 after rainwater from a heavy thunder storm had flooded the village.

Don Boreham

MEDMENHAM

Flowering bulbs

Look at the picture on the front cover. This is for all those who planted bulbs at the riverbank with great enthusiasm and lots of fun and laughter in September during Medmenham Wild Church. If you get a chance, go and have a look. Our

thoughts and prayers are that those walking or sailing past them will be blessed.

Mary Campbell

The Last Ferryman

My grandfather, Harry Guttridge, was the last ferryman at Medmenham.

Born in Lane End, a time served carpenter and wheelwright, he moved there to work on the Medmenham Abbey estate in the first decade of the 20th century with his wife and three children. They lived in a tied house in the recently completed Abbey Cottages. His workplace was a shingle clad shed at the bottom of Ferry Lane, on the right opposite the gate through the Abbey garden wall. The shed included an extensive workshop with carpenters' benches as well as a small entrance lobby with a cast iron stove where, in later life, he would sit awaiting anyone who wanted to be rowed across the river.

His own family, the Guttridges, had originated upriver in the area between Goring and Whitchurch on Thames. But they had settled in Hambleden in the early years of the 19th century. His father was the blacksmith at Lane End foundry and his grandfather had worked as estate carpenter for the Scott Murray family at nearby Danesfield. When Harry moved to the village, his widowed step-grandmother was still living there.

He remained at Medmenham Abbey all his working life and his remaining children, my father amongst them, were born there. I remember sitting with him myself in his lobby by the ferry in the early 1950s.



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Harry Gutteridge



The ferry dinghy, around the late 1930s, with the original chain ferry

The scene then is best described in her book on Buckinghamshire by Alison Uttley, who talked of my grandfather, the ferryman, and his long shed at that time. She wrote of the shed “covered with oak shingles weathered to a rich colour” and mentioned a notice over the door recalling King Charles II crossing the ferry c.1678.

Harry died in 1957, sharing his last years between his home in Medmenham and our

smallholding near St Albans. We were very close, as the very old and the very young often are when thrown together.

Before sharing with readers what I know of his years at Medmenham and how he came to be there, I want, in the next article, to set the scene there in the years before Harry arrived in the early 1900s.

Joe Gutteridge



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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!

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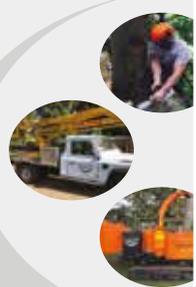
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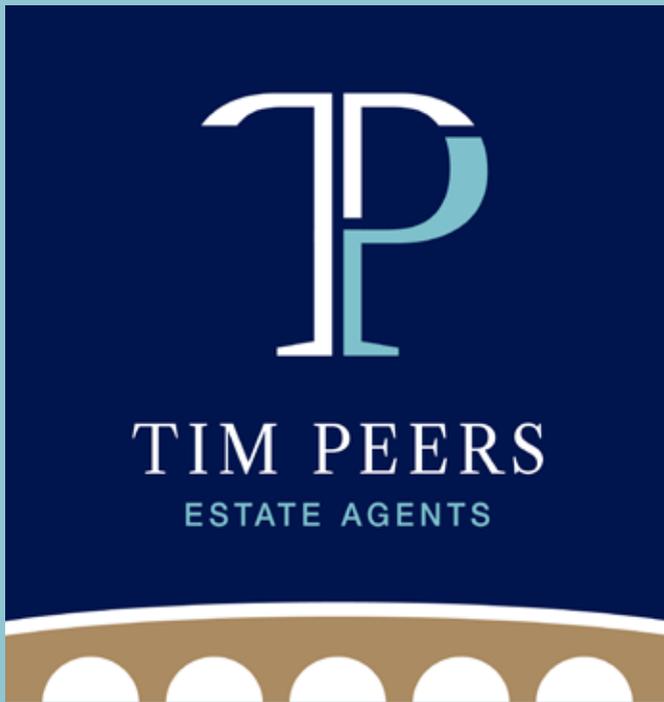
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