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### Group Letter - May 2022



#### Dear Friends,

What an Easter season it has been! Thank you to everyone who joined us online and in person at the variety of services this year.

Easter is always a highlight in the church calendar but this year it felt much more poignant with all that is going in the world. The even better news is that the season is not over! The creme eggs might have all been eaten but we are not finished with Easter yet. The Easter season carries on through May and officially ends at Pentecost (June 5th).

After the first Easter, the early Christians set to work on building the church. They met in small groups, shared whatever resources they had, made sure that the widows and orphans got fed, that strangers were welcomed and the Good News of Jesus was shared. We revisit many of these stories through the Book of Acts in our Sunday services through May. Over and over again it becomes clear that as Christians come together there will be a place for everyone.

In the coming months we will be welcoming families from Ukraine into the Hambleden Valley, especially in Frieth/Lane End. We have a large number of weddings, baptisms and memorial services in the next few months too. People are coming here for different reasons, for different lengths of time and with different needs. Some are coming to celebrate, others to remember and grieve, and some to escape the horrors of war.

Whatever the reason, I trust that there will be a place for everyone and all will be made welcome in the Hambleden Valley. The churches are open and ready to host all who come in celebration or in bereavement, who come looking for the Good News of the Risen Jesus. We are so privileged to live in this beautiful area, a gift to be shared.

#### A Collect from Easter Season:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked,  
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that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and  
peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**Sue Lepp**

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## GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

### Footprints Service



On the 20th March we attended the Footprints Service at St Mary the Virgin Church in Hambleden. This was started by the Rev Sue Morton 8 years ago. The service is for anyone who has lost a child during pregnancy or at any stage of life.

It is named after the famous poet Mary Stevenson about a dream in which the person was walking along a sandy beach with the Lord and there were 2 sets of footprints in the sand: but sometimes there was only one set of footprints and the Lord explained "that was when I carried you". The service has a great team and there is music, hymns, candles to light and a paper footprint on which to write your child's name and take to the altar. To share memories and to help each other is so special.

Our daughter Zoe died when she was 13 in 1985. One of the team knew her and said how she remembered her hair. Zoe had long dark wavy hair. It was so good to hear that and afterwards we told her brother and sister.

During the service we were told a story of a grieving mother who broke a precious bowl, but did not throw the shattered pieces away. She kept them and, following the Japanese Kintsugi tradition, she began to repair the bowl, mending the cracks in the bowl and highlighting them with gold leaf paint. Every crack, every chip is beautifully emphasised in gold - not hidden or masked, but made to stand out. The repaired bowl was not the same as it was before, but still beautiful. The process of repairing the bowl began a process in the mother, on her own journey. She realised that both the bowl and the journey required time and patience.

At the end of the service, we were invited to take away some small pieces of pottery to keep as a symbol of hope. After the service there were refreshments and a chance to talk to others. At the back of the church there was a plate, for anyone to donate to Child Bereavement UK

and Compassionate Friends, who were a great support to us

Thanks to all who helped to make the service so special and thanks to Sue Morton for starting Footprints.

### Jean and David Denham

### Community Matters Update – May 2022



Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to Community Matters during our AdLent Calendar Campaign! Each week, boxes from the Hambleden Valley have been delivered to Holy Trinity Church in Lane End and our donations have been delightedly received.

Although our AdLent Calendar Campaign was set up for the season Lent, if you would like to continue to support Community Matters all donations will be welcome; with rising bills, the families on very low incomes are struggling. Should you wish to continue, the usual drop-off points will be in churches/church porches or Turville Vicarage doorstep or: Barclays Bank, Account Community Matters, Account no. 53787737 Sort code 20-40-71.

Once again, this month Judy Taylor from Holy Trinity has given us an update with details of how one person has been helped over the winter:

*A man unable to work for over a year because of chronic arthritis has recently been referred to Community Matters. When fit he was working as a painter and decorator and totally self-sufficient. This last year has seen him trying to manage on sickness benefit alone which does not even cover the bare essentials. His heating*

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is limited to a log fire and when he cannot afford to buy logs, he goes to bed to keep warm.

Community Matters has been able to provide food and pay for a delivery of logs which will last several weeks. We are also looking into finding out what, if any, further benefits he may be entitled to. This man who is quite private and proud has also found it very hard to accept help. It is something we always respect and are aware of for all our families, but by building a safe and trusting relationship we are able to support them with a good dose of love and humour!

**Sue Morton/Judy Taylor**



## **Wild Church Birthday and Rogation!**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm**

Come and celebrate Wild Church's first birthday and the ancient tradition of Rogation Sunday when we bless the land!

David Emmett's field, Rockwell End RG9 6NF (follow the signs from the farm) There will be cake!

There will be **no Wild Church in June.**

## **Wild Church Litter Pick**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 3pm**

Join us at Wild Church for some Wombling (litter clearing!) in Hambleden as we support the campaign (please see Kate Hussey's article in this magazine) to look after God's world by keeping our countryside litter free and safe for animals. Meet initially at Hambleden Churchyard – please bring gloves and pickers if you have them.

At Wild Church we will sing a couple of well-known hymns, hear a Bible reading and simple prayer. As always do **dress for the weather** –we will meet come rain or shine! \*\*To find out more, please get in touch with one of the Wild Church Team: Mary Campbell grandma. [marycampbell@googlemail.com](mailto:marycampbell@googlemail.com) Mardi Wilkins mardi43@btinternet.com Rev Sue Morton 01491 639286 or [suemorton131@gmail.com](mailto:suemorton131@gmail.com)

## **Jubilee Concert**

We are extremely fortunate that The Queen's Six from St. George's Chapel Windsor, three of whom sang at HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's funeral, are able to give a concert in Hambleden Church on Saturday June 11th so close to HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The concert is entitled 'From Windsor with love' and is at 7.30pm. The first half of the programme includes music associated with Royalty by Tudor composers and the second half is light with songs by Tom Lehrer, Ben. E. King etc. Tickets can be obtained at Hambleden Village Store at £15 each, under 18s free.

**Christine Wells**

## **A call for help with our magazine postal service!**

Each month 33 copies of our magazine are posted to subscribers who are dotted around the country. Most, if not all, will have lived among us in the past and value keeping in touch and hearing of news from the "Valley" villages. We seek a volunteer to give a little time each month to the posting of the latest edition. The related cost of stamps and envelopes is met by the Group and can be claimed from the Group treasurer. After printing by Higgs in Henley all our magazines are delivered to Christine Wells who then telephones our distributors to announce their arrival. The magazines can then be collected from Christine and the distribution begins.

At the start of each year, you are asked to attach a note to each magazine that is being posted out indicating the required payment for that year and giving your address in case the recipient wishes to pay by cheque. The amount is a total of the magazine subscription (currently £16 per annum) plus the stationery and postage. At the moment the total figure is £27 per annum. A list of these subscribers and their addresses will be provided. Ideally, we hope that subscribers will pay their subscription by bank transfer directly into the Group bank account. However, there will be some who still prefer to send you a cheque and these are then passed on to the treasurer. Where a subscriber does pay directly into the Group bank account the treasurer will

let you know of this.

The contact with our villages is much appreciated by our wider readership and we hope that enabling this service to continue will appeal to you our reader or perhaps to someone you know who can offer a few hours each month.

### **David Napier, Group Treasurer**

### **Churchyard Reminders**

As we come into spring and summer, our churchyards (we have 7 in the Hambleden Valley) receive more visitors who come to pay their respect to those whom we love but see no longer. This is a beautiful thing to do. In the wake of Covid, we are also finding that we are interring more ashes of people who died, often without funerals or had very limited numbers of people in attendance. Our churchyards are beautifully maintained and we take pride in the care that goes into making sure that they are peaceful. In order to maintain such standards, I am taking the opportunity to remind people of a few of the Churchyard Regulations set by the Diocese of Oxford which apply to us:

-Individual gardens (including the planting of shrubs) are not permitted. This includes any planters or tubs, candle holders, statues, knick knacks, decorations

-A small number of bulbs may be planted

-We aim to be plastic free so please do not leave plastic flowers or wreaths at any time of the year (the exception is artificial poppies to commemorate those who have died in the service of their country)

-Cut flowers and silk flowers (not in plastic wrapping) may be left but removed when they have decayed or become faded

-3 toys or similar objects may be left at the place of burial for period of up to 12 months from the date of burial and then removed

We do try to keep our churchyards looking the best that we can. In order to do this, I can remove objects & flowers which are not permitted or past their sell by date. This is not to be uncaring or unkind but to maintain a sense of reverence and peace for all visitors. Please do contact me if you have any questions:

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### **Caroline Wilcock**

### **From the Parish Council – help keep the Valley clear of litter**

#### Calling on all residents

The additional volume of visitors in past months has resulted in increased litter throughout the Valley.

The Parish Council would like to invite local people to help address this problem **and can provide the necessary equipment on long-term loan and free of charge (high visibility vests/sleeves, fork pick-ups, gloves and bags)**. The regular collection and disposal of the litter picked will also be attended to.

Interested parties will be welcome to litter-pick as frequently or infrequently as they wish and can, according to preference, make their contributions singly, with friends and neighbours, or whilst dog-walking. Advance notice of occasional larger-scale community litter-picking events may also be given.

If you would like to participate in safeguarding the beauty of our surroundings in this way, please contact Kate Hussey: [kmh4000@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kmh4000@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Lorna Coldwell, Clerk to Hambleden Parish Council**

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### In praise of ponds large and very small



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of frogspawn for the first time ever in pond number two alongside the trails of toad spawn. I hope the goldfish won't eat the former and I wonder how they tell the difference? Swallows love garden ponds and my anticipation has reached fever pitch that a pair of these beautiful birds may return to breed here following an unexplained absence of three years after a continuous run for decades. I envy any of you, enjoying swallows flitting at speed across your ponds, drinking, bathing or simply catching a snack. I miss this spectacle and if none appear over my horizon, any invitations to watch yours will be readily accepted!

**Sarah Ronan**

## HAMBLEDEN

### Celebrating 65 years as Organist!



In May 1957, a young girl of 20 arrived at Hambleden for an interview with the then Rector, Wilfred Watts. She convinced him that what Hambleden wanted was Christine Wells and, with some trepidation, the two

agreed that she would commence her duties as Hambleden's organist. Christine, our Director of Music, has been the organist at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hambleden for 65 years. There is no other person who has contributed so much to so many for so long in the cultural life of our community. Her efforts touch three generations already – she has played the organ for weddings of grandchildren, for whose grandparents' weddings she also played the organ – and it is difficult to imagine life in our community without her. Our lives would be substantially impoverished without her talents, hard work and reliability.

Christine is unmarried, and music is her life. She is superbly well qualified. She has a Bachelor of Music degree from Durham University; is a fellow of the Royal College of Organists; a Licentiate of

the Royal Academy of Music; and an Associate of the Royal College of Music. She has played many organs and her cello all over the country and could probably have had a brilliant career in the wider music world, but she has chosen to devote her life to music in the Hambleden Valley. In doing so she has made an enormous contribution to the musical life of the community.

In Hambleden, Christine has played the organ at almost all the church services for 65 years, including innumerable weddings and funerals. She has trained the choir over all those years with practices taking place often in her house and also in the church. In 1984 the Church of England requested a group of six parishes, including Hambleden, to work together with only one or two priests. Since then, Christine has taken on the training of another Valley choir, in Frieth. She also plays the organ at Frieth and in many group services at the other four churches in the Valley.

In addition, Christine has initiated and puts on a series of five or six professional concerts each year in Hambleden Church. She has organized and built up an increasing group of "friends", whose generosity allows Christine to attract some of the finest musical talent to Hambleden, thereby enriching the musical life of the community. These concerts have been taking place for more than 30 years. If the concerts make a loss, Christine dips into her own pocket, if they make a profit, she makes a donation to the Parochial Church Council.

More recently, Christine has started a series of Tea Concerts which take place on three or four Sundays a year. These concerts are free to those visiting, who can drop in and out as they wish, picking up a cup of tea and a cake in the porch. For these concerts Christine persuades friends and colleagues to give their services for free, and often she is part of the team performing.

At Christmas, in addition to the Nine Lessons and Carols and all the Christmas church services, Christine takes the choir around the villages, to houses and other establishments to sing carols. In this way she has raised more than £25,000 over the years, mainly for her favourite charity, Sightsavers.

Her choirs have visited cathedrals and other churches to take the services when the incumbent

choir is having a week's break, often on Low Sunday. This is an excellent opportunity for the choir to gain wider experience. From time to time, Christine will take on a major work which is beyond the scope of the Valley choirs. In these instances, such as Handel's Messiah, Verdi's Requiem or Vivaldi's Gloria, she will put together an orchestra and bring in high quality professional soloists and reinforcements from other local choirs of repute.

But Christine's work in the community is much wider than this. She has taught cello and organ all her life, sometimes privately and in the past at Wycombe High School for Girls. She is always very happy when she hears that one of her former pupils has won a place at the Academy or at the College or has obtained some kind of distinction in music. She is called upon by the community for all sorts of events. It is often said "When you need something done quickly or well, ask a busy person". This is true of Christine. Standards are always kept high. Christine expects everyone to give of their best for the best music. One of our past priests, rather disparagingly, suggested that Christine had cathedral pretensions. Hooray for that, say I! Her contribution has been recognized nationally by Christine receiving the British Empire Medal for her services to music and the community.

Christine has always said that music was her life. Happily, she is not thinking about retirement. With the limited resources of a rural community to draw from, she and we can be truly proud of her achievements, and I cannot think of anyone who has made a bigger contribution over their lifetime to the cultural life in our community.

### **Ben Allen**

### **Mothering Sunday**



The Mothering Sunday service at Hambleden was a time for reflection – for those whose mothers are no longer with us, for those who may have lost a child, for those who are unable to have children, for those who are separated

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## From The Registers

### Rest in Peace

Mar 20	Stuart Wright
Mar 25	Jennifer (Jenny) Edmonds
April 13	Caroline Steventon

Burial of Ashes, Hambleden  
Cremation in Oxford  
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## Hambleden Valley Prayer Group

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### Pattern of Worship May 2022

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### Sunday Services

	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleden	Medmenham	Turville	Zoom
1st May			10am Group Service	6pm Choral Evensong			None
8th May	11am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion 2pm Wild Church – Rockwell End			9.30am
15th May			9am Holy Communion/Zoom	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion		9am
22nd May	11am Holy Communion	6pm Evening Service	9am Holy Communion/Zoom	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	9am
29th May			8am, BCP Holy Communion, Frieth		11am Holy Communion		None
5th June Pentecost	10am Group Service						None

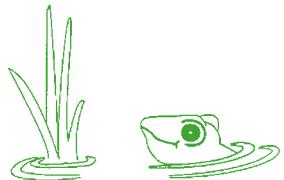
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from mothers and children - and in these particularly troubled times, may not know their whereabouts. However, the joy of celebrating what we do have was illustrated delightfully by the children (it was a real joy witnessing their wonderful enthusiasm!) assisting Sue Lepp with the distribution of a posy to every lady. Thank you to those responsible for preparing such beautiful posies.

### **Sharon Smith**

### **Hambleden during recent filming of Disney's 'Enchanted'**

Photos Penny Wright



### **Church Teas**

The rota is now up in the church porch waiting for all you kind people to fill it in. Please do consider taking a Sunday so that we can keep this much loved and long running Hambleden tradition going.

If there are any weekends that are not covered, we may consider offering them up to any charitable organisations in the Valley for them to raise funds for their own individual needs. It would be an excellent way to ensure we can provide teas every Sunday between 5th June and 25th September.

We are still looking for a new volunteer to run the teas, though a couple of volunteers have come forward to help. So, there is still a vacancy if anyone out there would like to fill it!

If you like baking cakes, but are unable to help on a Sunday afternoon, we would love to hear from you. It would be lovely to have a stock of cakes in the freezer in church so that the Sunday teams do not have to do all the baking themselves.

### **Penny Wright**

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### **Quiz for Ukraine**

As a way of helping those poor souls in Ukraine, we are holding a quiz in the Village Hall on June 10th. All food for the supper has been generously donated, so every penny raised will be given to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Appeal.

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We do hope that you will support this most worthy cause – and enjoy yourselves too! Instead of a raffle we will hold an auction of goodies – so bring deep pockets!

The date is June 10th. Start 7.30pm. £15 a head – tables of 6. Light supper will be provided, but bring your own drink, glasses and nibbles.

Tickets on sale in Hambleden Stores from May 1st.

### Chris Whitehead

### Hambleden Cinema

This year's Hambleden Cinema season has come to an end. It was a great selection of films starting with St Trinian's and an entertaining introduction by Russell Brand. A huge thank you goes to all the wonderful audience who turned up over the five screenings thereby turning it into a viable event. Another huge thank you goes to the group of people who volunteer their time each month setting the equipment up and turning the hall into a very cosy bijou cinema and bar, along with all the marketing efforts to ensure there was a good attendance each time. The profit from each event goes to the village hall to keep it in

good repair. The cinema will be returning in the autumn with a very exciting programme!

### Helen Turner



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### Frieth School



It was an eventful last week as we welcomed OFSTED to our school. Two Ofsted inspectors spent a full day on site and left on Wednesday 6th April confirming that their report should be realised in approximately 30 days from the date of inspection.

I'm thrilled to report Science Week did not disappoint! The children absolutely loved the range of inspiring activities on offer. As with Maths Week, I would like to thank our wonderful parent community. We were very fortunate to welcome in mums and dads who delivered a range of different sessions all related to science, from solar power to solar systems. The children also got to see birds of prey; had a visit from a beekeeper and enjoyed some honey tasting; went on a trip to a local farm and witnessed some lambs being born and much more! The week culminated in a visit from our very own mad scientist, Boffin John, who ran sessions throughout the day and then set off a rocket to mark the end of a fun-packed week!



It has been an outstanding couple of weeks for our sports teams: Our rugby team



produced an emphatic performance in notching up a 12 – 6 win against Holy Trinity, Cookham. The team is really coming together and produced some exceptional rugby. We look forward to hopefully testing ourselves in some tournaments next term.

The netball team continues to 'let its light shine' and goes from strength to strength with two dominant league victories 12-2 and 13-1. The children's success is a result of consistent practice and learning from the matches we've been defeated in. Most importantly, everyone plays with a smile!

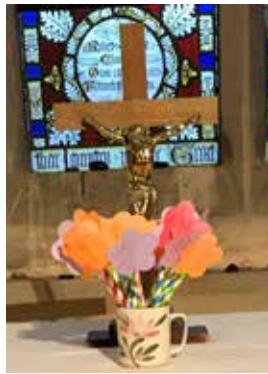
Not to be outdone, our fantastic PTA mums netball team took centre stage a couple of weeks ago as they competed against 11 other PTA teams at Braywick and were nothing short of spectacular! Having watched them, it's clear to see where the children get their talent from as the skill, determination and teamwork on show was superb. In the end they finished an extremely commendable 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**Martin Gosling  
Headteacher**

## TURVILLE

### Mothering Sunday

Our Mothering Sunday service on March 27th surprised us all, I think, for as soon as we sat in our pews we were asked if we would like tea or coffee and given pastries. Then, with The Rev Sue Morton standing by the tea urn in mufti (no robes), began the service and



with John at the organ we sang two lively hymns and prayers. Different and delightful. We all were given a pot of daffodils to take home afterwards. Not sure what my mother would have thought of our modern-day services though.

**Pam Harper**

### **Churchyard hosts Sunny Saturday in the build up to Easter**

On Saturday 9th April, local residents worked together to have a fun-filled morning and raise money. The churchyard was packed with interested people wanting to see what was going on and if they could join in.

Me and my friend Audrey Bilson, set up a stall with teddies, aprons, fresh eggs and many more handmade goods. We were raising money for those less fortunate and facing difficult times in Ukraine. Audrey said, 'We were surprised at how many people walking past wanted to support us. We raised £130 in

total and even the Reverend, Sue, bought a teddy for a close relative.'

Before the excitement began, Sue, along with several of her local friends, arrived to spruce up the churchyard and give the land some much-needed attention.

Facing the sun, Kay was the leader of an art stall, where children could draw around their hands and decorate them to put up on the



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church board. Why not come into the church and gaze upon the masterpieces?

Anne took charge of the food and drink table: there were cakes, teas and coffees to consume. We thought this was a successful day for all.

**Bronwen Harman and Audrey Bilson**

## **NORTHEND**

### **Northend Concerts**



Last summer I moved, with my family, to Northend after living in London for 37 years. I'm a composer and the head of composition at the Royal Academy of Music and witnessed, at first hand, the devastating effect the pandemic had on live music throughout lockdown. So, establishing a new concert series at a local, grassroots level seems more vital and important than ever and I'm setting up Northend Concerts which will bring will bring the very best chamber music performed by some of the country's finest musicians to the local community in south Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

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The Edenis String Quartet will give the inaugural concert on 22nd May, followed by a further eight concerts later this year and into 2023. Artists who have agreed to perform include Huw Watkins, Foyle-Stsura Duo, Tabea Debus, Robin Michael, Sing Healthy Choirs, George Fu, Trio Mazzolini and CHROMA. However, for the first season to go ahead, we need your help. Please consider making a donation on our GoFundMe page.

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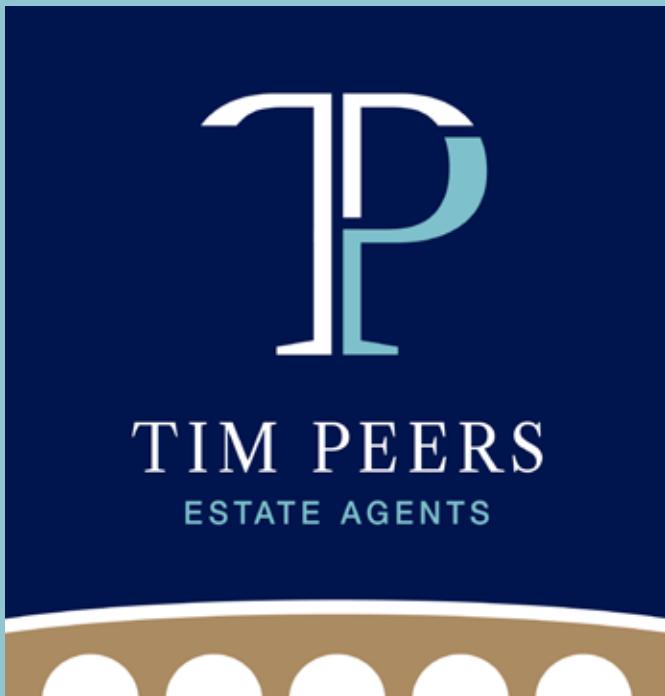
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