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Dear Friends,

As I have been preparing for Holy Week and Easter Sunday this year, I have been getting a bit excited about the singing of one of my favourite hymns. Okay - maybe a bit lame - but you can only really sing it on one day a year! This hymn was originally written in the 14th century as a Bohemian Latin hymn and has been subsequently translated into what we know today as 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'. Charles Wesley, the great founder of the Methodist Church, wrote it for Easter Sunday in 1739 for the very first service at The Foundery Meeting House in Moorfields, London.

This hymn captures, in a few short verses (it was much longer), the joyous Easter message of Jesus' rising and triumph over death to save and redeem us. Despite the suffering and terror of the cross, Jesus endured for God's great love for us all. Love comes at a high price. We are reminded of this on Good Friday when we contemplate

the cross, as we languish through Easter Saturday and finally celebrate love's win on Sunday. All 6 churches (provided St John's Frieth is operational again!) will have services on Easter Sunday. Please join us!

We continue to pray for the search process for the next Rector. It is moving in the right direction! If you have any comments on the next Rector, please send them to hambledenvalleyrector@gmail.com

Tea with the Vicar... 2 more Saturday mornings (April 1st and 8th) in St Mary's Hambleden from 9.30-11.30am. I would actually like to make tea for someone!! All are welcome.

Looking a little further ahead, it has been great fun being involved with the Hambleden Coronation Committee planning the festivities for May 7th! Keep your eye out for the posters coming soon!

Church Teas in Hambleden are starting again on May 28th - with some new and exciting additions for the 2023 season.

Easter Blessings to you all! Jesus has Risen! Alleluia!

Yours faithfully,

Revd Sue Lepp

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Take a look at our website at www.hambledenssc.co.uk for more information.



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!

Membership:- £25 per year or £13 for OAPs and Students

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HIRE the Social Club for meetings during the day and functions in the evening

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER SKIRMETT VILLAGE HALL

Join us on Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7pm
to share a meal and hear from the point of view of the disciples
how that last meal with Jesus was.

We shall take Communion then leave in silence to reflect .

There will be a small charge for supper
Please contact Sue Dawkes on dawkesue@gmail.com or 01491 638211
if you would like to come or can help in any way.

Royal British Legion Henley & Peppard Branch

The Henley & Peppard Branch of the Royal British Legion hold monthly lunches on the third Tuesday of each month at the Henley Rugby Club. There is always a guest speaker followed by a 2-course lunch and coffee for £18. Non-members are very welcome.

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 18th April, when the speaker will be Yanto Evans, a veteran of the Falklands War and Close Protection in Afghanistan and Iraq, who will give a talk on his Falklands War Experience with 3rd Battalion, Parachute Regiment.

Full details of all forthcoming lunches can be found on the RBL webpage rbl-henley.org and bookings can be made at henleyonthames.secretary@rbl.community or on 07990833241.

Karen Grieve



Footprints

A service of remembrance for the loss of a child:

Friday 2nd June 2023 at 7.30pm

St John the Evangelist, Frieth

On Friday 2nd June at 7.30pm, we will be holding our annual Footprints Service at St John the Evangelist Church, Frieth, RG9 6PR. Usually held just before Mother's Day, this year Footprints will take place in the lead-up to Father's Day. At these particular times of year, the loss of a child can be particularly hard. They may be times of year when the pain of losing a child is difficult to bear, whether that loss is recent or many years ago. It may also be a time when remembering is important and a significant part of the pathway through grief.

The Footprints Service is a service for anyone who has lost a child during pregnancy or at any age or stage of life or has been affected by such a loss, whether parent, grandparent, teacher, friend or family member. All are welcome.

Footprints will offer space to remember your child or children and the opportunity to light a candle in their memory if you wish. There will be music, readings and prayers included as part of our time of remembering. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The Footprints Team

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‘Hidden Hands: Women and work in the Chilterns’ exhibition & events at Wycombe Museum



Historically, women’s paid work has often been belittled and forgotten. This exhibition hunts down the hidden women’s work in Chilterns villages that formed a crucial part of the local economy during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Discover how the luxury goods made by these highly skilled workers contrast with the harsh reality of working long and poorly paid hours from their homes.

Hear stories of straw plaiting in Buckland; caning and rushing chair seats in West Wycombe; lace making in Great Hampden; and braiding and beading in Holmer Green. Come to learn more about the crafts, women’s lives and their impact on the Chilterns.

The six-month long exhibition opened at Wycombe Museum on 7th March, and has been curated by the Woodlanders’ Lives and Landscapes project team in partnership with Wycombe Museum and Buckinghamshire New University, and forms the museum’s Summer Exhibition. A series of events including Discover and Make sessions, a family day, lacemaking workshop, Bodgers Pub Tour and a ‘memory day’ will take place alongside the exhibition.

Exhibition opened Tuesday 7th March, and runs until Sunday 10th September 2023. See opening times etc at wycombemuseum.org.uk/visit

Free entry, all welcome, no need to book. A series of events will run alongside the exhibition

Vicki Pearce
Communications Manager

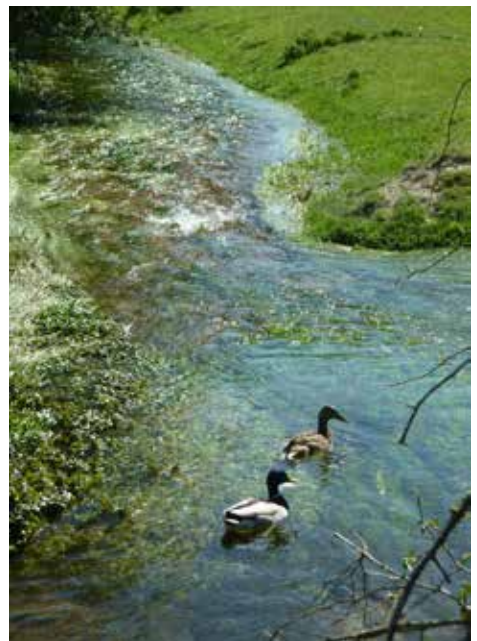
WILDLIFE

April Walk

Frieth Natural History Society’s April Walk will be on the morning of Tuesday 14th April. There will be a short walk from Cadmore End taking in both woodland and open countryside. Anyone is welcome, but for further details and to book your place please make contact. Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586, FNHS2023@gmail.com

Mary Webb

In praise of restoring the Hamble Brook, our chalk stream



Hamble Brook in April 2021

A chalk stream should be a flowing course of pure, clear, sometimes but not always constant water from underground aquifers and springs meandering across flinty gravel beds supporting native aquatic plants, fish, insects, birds such as kingfishers and mammals for

example otters. The Hamble Brook has been assessed by chalk stream experts as being of poor ecological status due to a scarcity of the aforementioned but the exciting news is changes are underway to reverse its fortunes. I attended the public meeting in Hambleden village hall on March 7th where plans were unveiled to restore three reaches of the brook totalling a kilometre to improve its natural function to better support all sorts of wildlife, us included. Chalk streams occur where chalk lies on the bedrock and globally, 85% are in southern England. The Hamble has been recorded as being a winterbourne brook since the 1930s which means it is expected dry up for parts of the year. However, abstraction or perhaps more accurately over-abstraction is a cause for concern and research is ongoing to establish if there is a connection between our ever-increasing need for water in our homes combined with reduced annual rainfall and consecutive dry years for the brook. During the Hamble's expected dry periods when the ground water isn't high enough, the stream bed provides a habitat for rare species that are adapted to living in temporary water environments, many of which require the drying phase to complete their life cycle. Over the years the Hamble has been modified, straightened, restricted and even widened in places. Trees creating an overhead canopy have been lost and not replaced and if there is no shade anywhere during hot periods the water temperature rises, oxygen is lost and living organisms die. It is an ambitious undertaking by The Chiltern Chalk Streams Project and it is only possible because of the support of the landowners of the first three reaches proposed for restoration this year. The silt will be removed to uncover the gravel, widened sections will be narrowed, semi-circular shores will be built along the stream bed on alternate sides to make the water course sinuous again and improve flow. Finally, a diverse and ecologically valuable riparian habitat will be developed on the banks to stabilise them and keep out the silt but in very high groundwater situations, allow excessive water to flood

creating small but valuable marshy habitats. All three reaches were surveyed last summer and many of us have signed up for some instruction on correctly recording our finds this year after the restoration is complete. Pond dipping in the name of citizen science in a gently babbling brook with a picnic lunch on standby – what a delightful prospect.

Sarah Ronan

Fawley Green's New Hedge



Last month Sarah Ronan described the hedge at Colstrope, this is another.

Fawley Green has a beautiful newly laid hedge in the Southern England style, crafted by Clive Leek and his team, from an old hedge which had been neglected for many decades. Clive has laid many hedges in Fawley and the surrounding area, including my own about 20 years ago.

This is a countryside skill practised for centuries with many regional varieties in style and technique. The stems of a line of shrubs or small trees are partially cut through and bent near ground level, to encourage new growth from the base. It is then capped by weaving long hazel sticks between stakes driven into the ground at intervals along the

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Doors open 7pm, programme begins 8pm. Tickets £8 each can be bought from www.hambledencinema.co.uk and from Hambleden Village Stores.

There will be a bar selling soft drinks, wine, beer and tempting delicious cinema snacks! In aid of raising funds for Hambleden Village Hall Registered Charity 30027

The Hambleden Cinema Team



Village Hall Quiz

As some of you may know, we had to cancel our regular November Village Hall quiz because of the indisposition of one of the organisers. Now that he is back in the land of the able bodied, the event is rescheduled for Friday, May 5th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, as part of the Coronation celebrations. Naturally, November tickets are still valid. Those with November tickets that are unable to make the new date will, of course, get a refund. Other tickets are available from Hambleden Stores price £12.

Chris Whitehead



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It's now that time of year when the schedule for Church Teas 2023 is being organised. The schedule will be in the Church Porch at the end of March. If you would like to run a Tea this year then please just add your name to the schedule. If you would like to donate cakes for the Teas, there is a freezer in the Church which can be used to store these. Please ask if you need further information.

The first Tea for 2023 will be on Sunday 28th May, then every Sunday until the 24th September. We will continue with the tradition of having a Tea on Bank Holiday Mondays, 29th May and 28th August.

For 2023 we are introducing several 'musical afternoons' into the schedule, with a variety of performers, on several of the Sundays.

We always need willing volunteers so if you can help in any way - running a Tea afternoon, helping run a Tea, donating cakes etc. please contact me. Otherwise just come along and join us for tea, cake and maybe some music.

Email me or telephone me if you have any questions. k.botanical.10@gmail.com or 01491 572993

Karen Musgrave Hill

Teas in the Churchyard

Come and join us for Tea and Cake in Hambleton Churchyard every Bank Holiday Monday and Sunday afternoons 14:00 to 17:00 from Sunday 28th May until the Sunday 24th September. If it's raining we will still be there but inside the Church.

Cakes will range from tasty Lemon Drizzle, traditional Fruit Cake, gooey Chocolate Cake, divine Coffee and Walnut Cake, scented Pear Pistachio and Rosewater Cake, sticky Flapjacks, chocolatey chocolate Brownies and many many more tempting flavours.

Each Sunday is run by a group of local people who give their time and make most of the cakes and delicacies. On a rare occasion a bought cake appears! Some weeks we even have wonderful homemade savoury cakes and quiche/flans. It all depends on who is running Teas that Sunday.

On some Sundays there will be live music. Violinists, a Ukulele group or even a choir or two will surprise you by performing in the church/churchyard....but not every week.

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SUNDAY 7th MAY

Hambleton's Celebration of the Coronation

Please come and join us to start the celebrations with a church service at midday, followed by a 'Ring for the King'.

Then it's all off to the Dene to enjoy your picnic. There will be plenty of tables in the marquee, or you can bring a gazebo or just picnic on the grass. (It would be helpful if you are bringing a gazebo to let us know on 01491 571135) There will not be a bar so please bring your own refreshments.

There will be bouncy castles (adults and children!), a raffle and music between 3 – 6pm. There will also be prizes for the best dressed gazebo and table in the marquee.

NB Dogs will be allowed but kept strictly on a lead and not in the marquee.

See poster p17

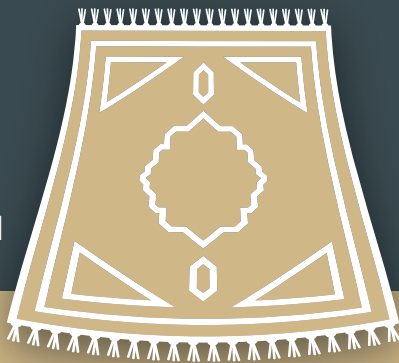
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From The Registers

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Feb 26 Rafe William Stirling Gayton Hambleton

Rest in Peace

Feb 27 Dale Dickins Graveside Burial, Fingest

Feb 27 Madeleine Bond Graveside Burial, Medmenham

March 3 Ann Taylor Burial of Ashes, Medmenham



Hambleton Valley Prayer Group

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2023

Sunday Services

Pattern of Worship April 2023

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 and 12noon Prayers at Fawley on Fridays. Currently, the calendar is subject to change, especially at Frieth due to renovation work, so please check our website www.hambleton-valley-churches.org.uk for latest updates or contact our administrator Jenny Neagle on 07769 599616 – hambledenvalleyoffice@gmail.com with any query

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	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleton	Medmenham	Turville	Zoom
2nd April Palm Sunday			10am Group Service in the Village Hall with Procession				?10am
Fri 7th April Good Friday	12am Friday Prayers			2pm Hour at the Cross			
9th April Easter Sunday	11am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	? 9am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	? 9am
16th April			? 9am Holy Communion/Zoom	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion		? 9am
23rd April	11am Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	? 9am Holy Communion/Zoom	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	? 9am
30th April			? 8am BCP Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion		none
7th May				12pm Coronation Service		10am Group Service	none

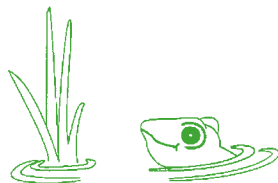
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Hambleden Church

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Fawley Bottom farmhouse © The Piper Estate

FAWLEY

Shining a light on John Piper (part 1)



*Piper by Ida Kar, 1954
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John Piper lived at Fawley Bottom, down the road from my family in Fawley village. He moved to an abandoned old house in 1934. He was pretty ascetic and not too fussed about comfort. Later, my grandmother called on the Pipers, John and Myfanwy (who wrote librettos for Britten's operas). She thought them "bohemian".

They appeared to be unwed (Piper's first wife had run off with another artist). They had no phone, no running water, no electricity. Transport was a pony and trap. A pig wandered about.

My grandmother never quite understood

people who didn't shoot or hunt or play cricket. "What do they do?" she would ask.

Years later, when we had moved to Turville Heath, John and Myfanwy came to dinner. In a car. They bickered, but they always did. John had given us some of his sketches but along one wall in the living room was a huge painting by Piper of Rome, which my father acquired in 1960.

"I lugged the thing up from the cellar when I heard you were coming," I jested to Piper when he arrived. I thought it was mildly amusing. No one else did.

At dinner, he spoke of his stained-glass windows in churches around the valley and of his work with John Betjeman on the Shell Guides to the counties, books he illustrated with his pen, brush and photographs (he was a skilled snapper).

He said: "The guides were meant for the new breed of motorist — a plus-foured weekender, Betje called them. We were

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obsessive church crawlers so we were right for the job, I suppose.” They both loved unfashionable architecture. And ruins. Sadly, Hitler gave them a surfeit of ruins.

As a (Home Front) war artist, Piper painted these derelict shells. And after the war he laboured to preserve the neglected parish church.

Piper called himself “a painter who is also a churchman and a lover of churches”. The church was the “greatest patron in history”. He didn’t think atheists should adorn churches. I worked with him on the V&A’s Change and Decay exhibition in 1977, which tried to halt the destruction of rural churches. Piper was a High Anglican by instinct.

Most people know Piper from his Baptistry Window in Coventry Cathedral (with the craftsman Patrick Reyntiens), a return to abstraction.

But his unique art can be enjoyed in the Chilterns nearer his home. It was Chartres Cathedral that sparked his passion for the spiritual drama of stained glass: the “thrilling shock of light coming through a maze of richly coloured glass, in general darkness”. He was 10.

He loved early art, its primary colour contrasts (“like Picasso”). “The medieval glass-painter could do no wrong.” I asked Piper whether he would lead a group of friends on a local cultural tour. He said he would but, sadly, dementia intervened. He died in 1992.

Nicky Bird

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FRIETH

Frieth School

Being more environmentally friendly is top of the priority list here at Frieth. We were very lucky to welcome to Frieth, Lane End Parish Councillor, Donna Graham, who came in to school a few weeks back to speak to the



children about World Earth Week. Donna kindly gave each child a pack of wild flowers so they can help to provide the Earth’s pollinators with food.

In addition, Eagles class have been helping the birds of the Hambleton Valley by making bird boxes. We are hugely appreciative of two of our wonderful parents, Will Hunt for organising and leading the session as well as Alex Brown, for coming in and helping out. I was very impressed with the pupils handywork and could do with one for my garden!

I would also like to say a huge well done to Freya Cox who has taken on the challenge of walking 100 miles in March to raise money for World Wildlife Fund. To support Freya, we have decided that we are also going to have a Mufti Day to raise money for this cause. The last week of term will also be our ‘ECO Week’. We have all sorts of enrichment

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activities planned to help educate the children around saving our planet.

I am sure you agree it's more important than ever that children start their environmental education from a young age. It is crucial for them to learn how to use resources wisely so we can live in a more sustainable and inhabitable world.



We had an absolutely wonderful World Book Day a few weeks back. The children and teachers all looked absolutely fantastic in their outfits and, as always, it was great to see the pupils so enthusiastic about reading. There was lots of book related activities going on throughout the day but the highlight had to be a magnificent assembly from Henry Peplow who continues to give so much to our school.

Martin Gosling
Headteacher

Fingest Past

Fingest Village Hall (1)



Fingest Village Hall and the floor plan were taken from the builder's plans

In the early 1930s some residents of Fingest felt that there was a need for a community hall to be built to serve the villages of Fingest, Skirmett and Turville. A site for the hall was found in Fingest and in late 1931 Lord Parmoor gave a twenty-one-year lease on the piece of land for a hall to be built. Despite some local opposition and Hambleton Council's refusal to grant permission on the grounds of town planning. An application was made to the Ministry of Health and in October 1932 permission was granted.

The hall was a wood framed building resting on brick piers with an external cladding of wavy elm boarding and cedar shingles on the roof. Inside the walls were lined with asbestos sheeting. A foyer with a cloakroom on each side led into a 20 x 30 feet hall with a committee room and a kitchen at one end. There was a small movable platform

acting as stage with tubular curtain supports. Heating was provided by a solid fuel boiler in the main hall. The hall opened for business in early 1933.

Don Boreham

MEDMENHAM

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In 1960, we moved back to South Bucks. Dad bought a shop in Lane End, not 200 yards from Harry's birthplace. We started visiting Medmenham again. By then the ferry and the old sheds were gone.



Shop in Lane End

Dad often reminisced. Of walks from Medmenham to Lane End where his grandfather, Charlie 'Wag' Guttridge was blacksmith at the foundry. Of picking rape, collecting duck eggs, on the river bank for the dinner table. And the tales! Apocryphal some! The 'Grey Lady' at Danesfield. That things put into the 'Swilly Hole' near Frieth would eventually emerge at Medmenham. Of Mr Bendir's advice to avoid the bookmaker 'who always wins'. Of 'punting' on the river, Cycling. Swimming a mile a day. He taught me to swim there too. He never lost his taste for fried eels, either, and often fished for them down near the ferry.

For me Harry has remained in my mind's eye, a constant presence.

These days I seem to go to more funerals than



Harry outside Abbey Cottages in mid 1930s

christenings or weddings. And often I hear Scott Hollands words quoted "why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight".

It is there in my mind's eye, the 'Old Chap', as mum called him, has remained despite the passing years.

Recently, more so. It is there I find him, and there you have him, the last Ferryman. Born into a world unchanged for centuries, the year he died, all had changed.

What would Harry say, could he see us now, with our cars, planes, computers and our smartphones? Perhaps what he used to say to me when I came back from school and told him of my day. "You're a clever old stick," he would say, " but you can't lay eggs!". I still can't!

Sharing these memories with you is both a pleasure and a privilege. Particularly because your group of parishes includes not only Medmenham, but also Hambleden and Frieth.

To Hambleden came great, great, great grandfather William from the Sonning/Goring area in the 1790s. There he, and successive generations of the family lived and worked over the next two centuries "in all the changing scenes of life" as the old hymn puts it. And in Frieth, of course, my wife's family, the Simmons, also lived and worked.

Thank you for putting up with my ramblings.

Joe Guttridge

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