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Weekday Services

Wednesday - 9.30am, Zoom Daily Prayer - 10.15am, Holy Communion, Turville

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GROUP LETTER

Group Letter



Dear Friends,

Well, this is somewhat surreal - my last Group Letter! I trust that I am leaving on good terms with the fabulous and faithful people of the Hambleden Valley. The emo-

tions are very mixed at the moment - sad to be leaving while excited at my next appointment at Gatwick Airport. There are a few projects that I would have loved to see through completion. It is always hard to hand over things that are undone! Although this does provide an easy opportunity to come back and visit.

Thank you to everyone for making me so welcome and accepted in the Hambleden Valley since my arrival in January 2021. Your love, prayer and support has been so appreciated - more than you know.

Apologies for the times I may have disappointed or let anyone down. I hope that I haven't. My mouth works faster than my mind sometimes and my Canadian directness can cause unintended trouble.

Please keep supporting the churches in the Hambleden Valley. Villagers and visitors to the valley do an amazing job of keeping the churches going. Yet I am going to throw the gauntlet

down...please consider attending on Sundays or a midweek service if you do not currently. Long term survival of not only the buildings but the worshipping communities needs people to attend and engage. We are not only about pretty little buildings in this beautiful valley - we are about the love and mission of Jesus. We are about salvation and eternal life. Sometimes we need to shake off old patterns of thinking.

No church is perfect which is rather unfortunate and frustrating. Church may not 'be your thing' or 'meet all your needs'. But Jesus certainly will. It takes time to get to know him as all relationships need time to develop and deepen. I only do what I do because of Jesus and my faith in Him.

I am thankful for the ministry of Revd Sue Morton and all that she has shared over my time here. I am delighted with the appointment of Revd Andy Storch and feel very confident in his energy and enthusiasm for his appointment. I know that your support will continue for Sue and Andy. I trust he will experience the same love and encouragement that I was shown.

I will end with a few words from my favourite Psalm 27. I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord

Bless you!

Sue



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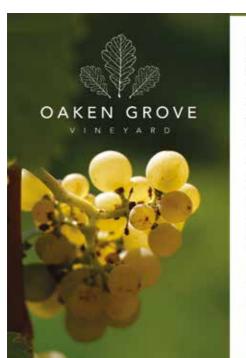
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GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

The Tea Club





The Tea Club broke up for the summer with a garden party at Sue Brice's home. It was rather sad as we are saying goodbye to Sue who is going back to live near her family in the far north. Sue started the Tea Club with Gillian Loverage twenty-one years ago in The Chequers at Fingest. Then we progressed to holding the Club at Parmoor. But Sue is leaving her scrapbooks of the Tea Club with





the team who are continuing to run it and she has added that the Club is very much flourishing with lots of new members and it will start up again in September.

We did many things
- we went on river

trips (it nearly always rained), to the Mill at Sonning for lunch and shows, one of our favourite places to visit was Waterperry and on the way home the usual bag of Quality Street got passed round. We put on Pantomines and roped in the clergy to sing and dance. We played whist, scrabble and bingo and suffered Gillian's famous guizzes. "What do you call a group of swans"? We made Easter bonnets and had a Christmas party by a roaring fire with a lovely tea and a visit from Santa. I mustn't forget the fab. teas, everyone worked hard to give us a good time. Don looked after the money side and, last but not least, Sue made the famous birthday cards putting our faces on someone else, naughty but nice!



The five Sues! All photos by Sue Dawkes Sometimes the meeting was held in the Barn at Mousells, Fingest, where we watched films followed by tea, and we always had the end of term garden party under the trees in Sue



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and Tony's beautiful garden. It was so hot during the last one that nobody moved from the shady trees to take a walk.

We presented Sue with a dainty cup and saucer and sent her on her way with lots of hugs and kisses.

Pam Harper

HAMBLEDEN VALLEY TEA CLUB

We are pleased to announce the Tea Club will start again at St. Katharine's, Parmoor, on Tuesday 12th September 2023, at 3pm. We look forward to getting together again.

Any queries please contact Wendy Duerden 01491 638297 or Anne Jones 01491 639344

Wendy Duerden



Dates for your diary!

Sunday 10th September 3pm: Wild Hambleden - more details to follow

Sunday 8th October 3pm: Wild Harvest at Frieth meet us on the green at 3pm; please bring a can for the One Can Trust!

Sunday 12th November 2pm: Wild Remembrance - look out for more details!

Sunday 10th December 2pm: Wild

Nativity, Northend Common

Do join us – we would love to see you!

The Wild Church Team

Rev Sue Morton 01491 639286 07808 517347 or suemorton131@gmail.com Mary Campbell grandma.marycampbell@googlemail.com Mardi Wilkins mardi43@btinternet.com

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I had not read

the bit that said

Make an appointment with the Registrar.

Back to the car.

Then I am five:

Mother, alive.

takes me a day too soon for my first day.

We're turned away.

Side-stepping grief,

I feel relief

as well as disappointment, just like then,

and try again

next day. This time

I give her Name.

Usual address, Date and Place of Birth.

Present at Death.

Occupation?

Hesitation.

Poet? Painter? I could write a book.

I get a look.

Sum up her life:

"Artist/Housewife?"

One or the other What would she have said?

Dared to be rude?

I found my voice.

the duller choice

holding a secret on the printed page.

The cause? Old age.

I paid and left.

At last bereft.

walked to the car beside the railway line.

I was alone.

September sun:

red berries run

over the wire netting by the track

and as I look.

beside me she,

jauntily,

is walking in her fawn check suit - young -

and the birds sing.

Caroline Davis

WILDLIFE



Swan Upping

Last month the annual 'Swan Upping' event took place, passing through the Hambleden and Henley reaches on its second day, and this year was the first time the event took place under HM King Charles III's insignia.

First held in the 12^{th} Century, when the Crown claimed ownership of all mute swans (which were considered a delicacy at medieval banquets), the 14^{th} century saw some livery companies granted ownership rights to swans on the Thames. Today, only the Dyers and the Vintners stake their claims and the 'ownership' of the swans of the Thames is split equally between the Crown and the two livery companies.

The modern Swan Upping is a mix of royal ceremony, heritage but perhaps most importantly, wildlife conservation. The Crown and each livery company each have their own traditional wooden skiff, rowing boats and uniforms. They row upstream, (although these days, they are towed for parts of their journey by boats of the Thames Vintage Boat Club) and when they spot swans and cygnets they are lifted up and out of the river (which is where Swan Upping gets its name), weighed, given a health check and then two thirds are 'marked'

with a ring to symbolise their ownership. One third are left unmarked as the Crown owns all 'unmarked' mute swans

This year, Her Worship The Mayor of Henley watched the event for the first time, aboard the locally owned slipper launch *M.L.Greyhound*. She saw one of the largest families of swans and cygnets being counted at Greenlands, with 7 cygnets counted there. Sadly, this was a rare sight this year, with only 94 cygnets counted across all 3 days, a 40% drop compared to last year. HM The King's Swan Marker attributed the drop to the tragic effects of avian flu.

If you happen to see a swan or cygnet in need of urgent help, contact the Swan's Trust Lifeline 01753 859397

Rory Hunt

WILDLIFE

Frieth Natural History Society

FNHS will be holding their annual Moth Night on 8th/9th September near Wheeler End. The plan is to set up a couple of traps on Friday evening, leave them overnight and meet on Saturday morning to identify, record and subsequently release what has been caught.

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Anyone is welcome, but for further details of parking and to book your place, please contact Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586 or email FNHS2023@gmail.com.

Mary Webb

In praise of autumn's bounty

Millions of leaves on deciduous trees are on the verge of transitioning through the stunning hues of a sunset. About to gradually change from a variety of greens to shades of golden yellows, vibrant oranges and resplendent reds before detaching and falling gracefully to carpet our landscapes: a process called abscission. It is triggered by trees withdrawing chlorophyll from their leaves; a valuable commodity they wish to conserve. These very leaves thus far have absorbed carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, used the carbon along with light to make energy for their trees and released the oxygen back out for all living creatures. Fallen leaves immediately become a haven for wildlife looking for food, warmth and shelter. The decomposition process is quickly started by earth worms, insects, beetles and other invertebrates who voraciously feast their way through the bounty. At this point, piles of leaves have become well stocked and welcome larders for hedgehogs, amphibians, snakes and birds. Eventually, the remaining rich nutritious detritus is absorbed into the earth by bacteria and fungi to benefit mycorrhizas supporting our trees and improving the overall soil structure enabling better moisture retention and protection from erosion. Leaf shedding is nature's perfect system of recycling nutrients for next year's growth. Mown leaves are shredded in the process and also mixed with

grass cuttings. This combination of 'brown' and 'green' breaks down quicker and becomes a perfect mulch for borders. Any excess can be added to compost heaps, vegetable beds or raked alongside hedges. Wherever fallen leaves are left, insects, invertebrates and fungi will complete the process to turn most of them into a life giving rich black humus and kickstart the food chain at the same time. Hedgehogs, amphibians and snakes hibernate in piles of decomposing leaves and the latter lay eggs in leaf litter too. Our annual leaf fall is a wonderful dividend for the natural world, a boost for biodiversity and must be celebrated!

Sarah Ronan

HAMBLEDEN

Surprise appearance by Canon Eustace in Hambleden

Aged readers of this magazine will know that I lost touch with rumbustious irascible Anglo-Catholic Canon Fustace I had not feared his passing as it is well known that clergy steadfastly cling to this life whilst proclaiming the glories of the life to come. Canon Eustace arrived unannounced at church teas. Escorted by a puffing carer trailing some distance behind, he drove past our eleven apostles in a motorised wheel chair, reaching 30mph on the path to the porch. Breaking by handbrake turn to face the array of cakes, gravel chippings whipped the legs of those nearby and covered the cakes. Now aged 102 his curmudgeonly nature has worsened. Giving the sign of the cross to each person queuing for tea, he mumbled something in Latin to each as he queue-barged in the front, then with his fingers picked out gravel chippings imbedded in the icing of cakes. Unable to see the gravel in the fruitcakes he left those for others to encounter. Over tea he told me that he is in high demand from undertakers to take funerals requested by relatives of deceased agnostics and atheists. He takes their funeral ceremony largely in Latin remembered from school textbooks. Grieving relatives appreciate the solemn religiosity of the discourse not comprehending that the words

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We will be joined once again by some truly outstanding artists in five wide ranging programmes.

Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm
"From Vienna" will explore the influence of this extraordinary city on composers such as Mahler, Brahms and Korngold.

Friday 15th September at 1pm

"Immortal Beloved" will bring together Beethoven's letters with some of his most personal works.

Friday 15th September 2023 at 7.30pm

"White Lights and Silent Nights" takes us on an intimate journey from Russia to Bohemian Woods and finally to the transfigured night of Schoenberg's masterpiece.

Saturday 16th September 2023 at 11.30am

"Internal Fire" shines a light on the magical and joyous musical universe of Antonio Vivaldi, including his groundbreaking Four Seasons.

Saturday 16th September 2023 at 8.00pm Concluding the festival, " O Albion"

Concluding the restrival, "O Albion will be a celebration of British music across the ages. From Byrd to Ades and a lot in between, including Yaughan Williams' masterpiece The Lark Ascending.

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Lawrence Power

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relate to Trajan's wars. His fee covers the cost of his gin for seven days. Being a clergyman and unaccustomed to putting anything into the collection, he felt no obligation to donate anything towards his tea. It seems that his arrival was prompted by stale news of a rectorial vacancy. Clearly he wanted that post seeing no conflict between his age and the 70 year-old retirement rule for clergy. When I told him that the vacancy had been filled, a fulsome string of vulgate Latin was uttered, none printable here in translation.

It was clear that he had enjoyed the free homemade cake and tea. His puffing retainer paid for herself, commenting favourably on the affordable price. Canon Eustace then drove his supercharged wheelchair to, and up into, an agricultural trailer. With agility he leapt out of the wheelchair and trailer, lifting and closing the heavy metal tailgate, then swiftly entered the passenger seat. Car towing trailer disappeared in the direction of Mill End. I have a feeling we'll see him again. He is durable. Remember his mother lived to one hundred and fourteen!

Alan Armstrong

The West Wycombe Chamber Music Festival

The West Wycombe Chamber Music Festival at Hambleden is now just two weeks away. Lawrence Power and his musicians are looking forward to their return to the area to perform the five concerts. which take place over the 14th to 16th of September. Ticket prices for individual concerts: Evening Concerts £20-£25. Lunchtime Concerts £15. Students £5 -Children Free. Festival pass for entry to all five concerts: £80

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From The Registers

Holy Baptism

July 23 Abigail Kathleen James Hambleden

Holy Matrimony

July 22	Thomas Parsons and Eleanor Thomson	Medmenham
July 28	Edward Elder and Charlotte Joy	Hambleden
August 12	Kodey McMaster and Lauren Fessey	Hambleden

Rest in Peace

July 21	Ken Muller	Funeral and Burial, Frieth
July 25	David Denham	Funeral, Frieth (Burial at Cadmore End)
July 24	Judy Elliott	Burial, Hambleden
August 15	Judy Elliott	Thanksgiving Service, Hambleden
August 19	Patrick (Pat) King	Burial of Ashes, Frieth



Hambleden Valley Prayer Group

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday Services

Pattern of Worship September 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 Churchyard Prayers at Fawley on Fridays. These prayers are continuing despite the building work but there are no church services at Fawley for six months due to re-ordering of the church building, please check our website www.hambleden-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	Hambleden	Medmenham	Turville
27th August			9am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
		6pm Evensong				
3rd Sept				10am Group Service (Sue Lepp's last service)		
		9am Holy Communion				
10th Sept				11am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion
				3pm Wild Church		
			9am Holy Communion	8am BCP Holy Communion		
17th Sept				10am Lay-led Morning Prayer	11am Village Service	
24th Sept			9am Holy Communion	11am Holy		9.30am Holy Communion (? Harvest)
21010001	1pm Harvest Lunch	6pm Evensong		Communion		
1st Oct			10am Group Service			
		6pm Harvest Service and Supper				

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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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HELP NEEDED AT **HAMBLEDEN CHURCH**

Help is needed with TWO TASKS, currently carried out by Jill Steward. Churchwarden.

1) CONCERT CONTACT

About 3 times a year there are concerts in Hambleden Church. There is a need for someone who would be a CONTACT for the Concert organisers: the brief is to answer questions, possibly to have one quick meeting for introduction, and /or to show the organisers around the church.

In the last 18 months there have been 3 Northend Concerts, and, for the first time, in mid-September, a music festival organised by West Wycombe Chamber Music.

The understanding is that the Concert organiser (eg Northend Concerts) takes responsibility for all aspects of the event: publicity, ticket selling, care of the performers, and refreshments. The volunteer would not have to be involved with these.

Sharon and I would be on hand to induct a volunteer

Hopefully there is someone in the Hambleden Valley who values having high standard musical performance in our community who would like to do this?

Hambleden PCC and congregation very much want to have community events in the Church

As Churchwarden and Deputy, Sharon and I are very much occupied with managing regular and special services, weddings and funerals, administration, numerous random queries, and the servicing, maintenance, and many repairs to the building, as well as the official permissions from the diocese needed for the latter, so would welcome another person taking on this task.

2) ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

NEEDED: One, or two people together, to take over the making, and supervision of the Altar Flower rota.

The rota for the Altar Flower Arrangement is put together in the spring of each year. Then a brief reminder is sent before each flower lady's "turn".

There are now plenty of volunteers to do the task (4 new volunteers this year - thank you!).

I can supply the contact details of volunteers, and would make the rota jointly with the volunteer for the first time in 2024.

Jane McFarlane Duckworth is the liaison for wedding flowers so the rota organiser only has to inform the Altar flower ladies of the dates of the weddings, which are known early in the year, and Jane contacts the couples.

I will go on organising the decorating of the church for festivals.

It would be so helpful if someone could take this on. The person doing it does not have to be a flower arranger.

Jill Steward Hambleden Churchwarden

9am Puppy School

10.30am Dog Club

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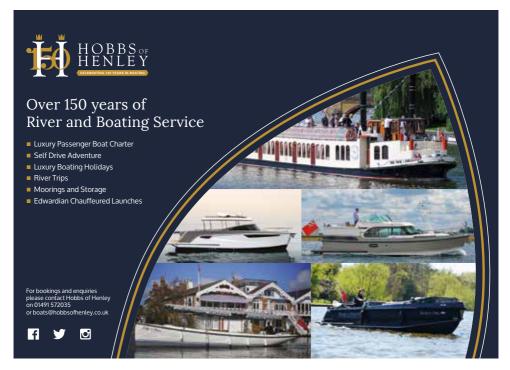
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