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Cover: Fawley's War Memorial with new ceramic poppy wreath photo Sue Morton. This page: Cobwebs shown up by autumn dew.

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Communion, Turville

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Group Letter



As we slip deeper into autumn, we move into the season of Remembrance as many of us may quietly bring to mind those whom we have loved and lost at All Souls' and on Remembrance Sunday. My father was about 8 years old when war broke out in 1939 and would tell us how after the war, on Armistice Day, all the London buses and taxis would stop, car engines would be switched off and the drivers would get out, removing their caps. Everyone would stand, bare-headed, for the two-minute silence.

That silence continues to take place at Remembrance Sundays across the world today, just as, sadly, wars continue to take place. Remembering continues to matter, even though we share God's longing for the world to 'beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' (Isaiah 2:4).

Padre Philip Wilson, Staff Chaplain to

the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, is someone who - among his many other roles - will have worked closely at supporting others at Remembrance. Philip is our guest speaker at the Group Service on Sunday 5th November, 10am at Medmenham. Do join us.

Here in the Hambleden Valley we continue with our special Remembrance services, at Fingest and Frieth and the traditional service in Hambleden, followed at 2pm by Wild Church Remembrance in the grounds of the Danesfield House Hotel. Here we will be honouring Intelligence work carried out during the Second World War.

Former Rector of Hambleden, Canon Wilfred Watts described movingly his announcement of the outbreak of war in 1939 to a packed church. Little did he know, almost 85 years later as November draws to a close, that the people of the Hambleden Valley would be preparing for another packed church as our soon-to-become Rector is licensed on Monday 4th December. As we remember many in our prayers this month, do remember to pray for Andy and Janice Storch and their arrival in the Hambleden Valley.

God bless

Sue

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Sue Lepp's last service 2.9.23



photo Mardi Wilkins

Group Service, 1st October 2023, Frieth



A little piece of Heaven dropped into Frieth Church at the Group Service on 1st October where the Revd Liam Cartwright had been invited to

recount his personal journey within the church after graduating from the Royal Academy of Music. His work covered a variety of different parishes from city churches to the Anglican Asian Living Church in Oxford. It was obvious that his decisions and actions had been guided from above and that he was very definitely a round peg in a round hole!

The service was smoothly conducted by the Revd Sue Morton with Christine Wells as organist supporting the choir and congregation. As a chorister, I felt that the introduction of the versicles and responses (not everyone's cup of tea I know!) helped to stitch the service into a seamless whole, making it a very special and uplifting occasion.

Why not put 5th November 2023 at 10am in your diary to join in the next Group Service in Medmenham. We would love to see you!

Annie Hooton

Community Matters: An Update



First may I offer a huge virtual hug and thank you to everyone in all of the Hambleton Valley Churches for the very generous food/cash donations to Community Matters, not

only throughout the whole year but especially for all the donations in your Harvest Festivals. The amount we have received will see us through the next four weeks of foodbanks. And thank you to those of you who have given us dog and cat food. It was so much appreciated by families who were truly running short of food for their pets and unable to afford more.

Over the past month Community Matters has been a bit short of food, and we notice more families are feeling the cost-of-living crisis. So, we have had to do a fortnightly shop usually at ASDA to supplement the foodbank. Therefore, your recent donations are most welcome. We have also purchased some bits of school uniforms and shoes (for school and PE) for our 20-25 families. We know that with winter approaching we will be confronted once again with gas and electricity bills to help them with. Many families are experiencing illness and need to travel often to hospitals well out of our Buckinghamshire area so we help with petrol bills too.

Thank you once more for your understanding, support, generosity and love for the Lane End families struggling with the ups and downs of life. "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth". 1 John 3:18

Barbara Ewing

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Community Matters

Whatever we send is so very much appreciated. The food bank supports 24 families in Lane End. Every family is referred by professionals, ie Health Visitors, Social workers, Red Kite Housing Association and Lane End Primary and Nursery schools. All have been identified as experiencing severe hardship.

Items can be dropped off at the Vicarage in Turville, in the porches of Hambden and Frieth or directly at Holy Trinity, Lane End.

A list of items needed:

Food Items:

Pasta sauces, Tins of tomatoes, Baked beans, Tins of hot dogs, Meatballs in tomato sauce, Coffee/Tea, Biscuits, Squash - Any flavour, Tins/cartons of custard, Microwaveable rice, Jams, Peanut butter.

Household Items:

Laundry powder/capsules, Washing up liquid, Shower gel, Toilet rolls, Kitchen rolls, Shampoo, Fabric conditioner, Cleaning products.

The "Community Matters" bank account is:

Barclays Bank
Account: 5378 7737
Sort Code: 20-40-71

Many thanks for all your help and generosity.

some friends there and they had a dog and a horse. Some of the horses let Reverend Sue bless them.



Bramble, Buttons and Bonus were all there. Olive was the only cat there. Harry was the only parrot. We sang some songs.

Betty Proudfoot Aged 5

Animal Blessing in Turville



We went to an Animal Service. Every animal was well-behaved. I was surprised to see

Wild Church!

Wild Harvest at Frieth on Sunday 8th October



Beautiful new Wild Church flags fluttered in the warm sunshine. Tables were laid, bales of straw set out for seating and many people gathered on the green for the harvest service. Sue Morton led us in a time of prayer and reflection as we picked a blade of grass to remind us of God's goodness and provision for us. We could hold it tightly but then let it go, shedding our worries or fears, and pointing us back to Jesus.



Our fingers then pointed back to us and how we can help others. One of the tables was laden with cans to be sent to the One Can Trust which supports those in need. These can also be donated in the church at any time.



One of the activities illustrated how the farmers shared their good fortune by allowing those who were empty handed to glean from the field edges to gather wheat for their bread. The children also made lovely bouquets of dried

flowers and grasses to decorate the church and wrote prayers.

The Wild Choir sang several familiar and well-loved songs and Frieth School choir sang some very lively, joyous songs. Lily read Scripture from Matthew 25 verses 34-36 and five young people said prayers for those in need.

A beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon was rounded off with tea and homemade cakes. Can't wait for the next Wild Church in November!

Gill Sandeman

Future dates:

Sunday 12th November 2pm:

Wild Remembrance look out for more details!

Sunday 10th December

2pm Wild Nativity, with real animals!
Northend Common

The Wild Church Team

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Mary Campbell grandma.marycampbell@
googlemail.com

Mardi Wilkins mardi43@btinternet.com

Group Services: Guest Speakers

Sunday 5th November 10am at Medmenham



Reverend Dr (Wing Commander) Philip Wilson, B.A., B.D., Th.M., Ph.D., R.A.F.

Padre Philip WILSON has served as Staff Chaplain to the Chaplain-in-

Chief of the Royal Air Force since August 2023, based at HQ Air Command, High Wycombe.

Padre Philip has served in the Middle East and the Falklands in addition to a number of UK postings including as Chaplains' Branch Recruitment Officer, overseeing the

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An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Padre Philip served in parish ministry for ten years – initially in Belfast, but mostly in Bushmills, County Antrim.

Sunday 3rd December 10am, celebrating the re-opening of St Mary the Virgin, Fawley



The Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham

The Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson was born in Redford Barracks in Edinburgh and grew up in London and Kent. He studied Theology at Cambridge University and holds a doctorate

in historical theology from Oxford University. He was ordained Deacon in 1979, Priest in 1980 and Bishop in 2003. He has served as a parish priest and prison chaplain. He is Area Bishop of Buckingham. Since 2010 he has been Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education, which serves over 300 state schools in the Thames Valley.

Sue Morton

WILDLIFE

Frieth Natural History Society

November is almost here and this month Frieth Natural History Society will be holding two events.

The first is our Fungus Walk, to be held on the morning of Wednesday 8th November, in private woodland close to Frieth. The walk will be led by a local expert who will identify and record any finds, we do not collect edible varieties. Anyone is welcome, but for further details of the start time, where to park and to

book your place, please make contact.

The second will be a talk on ‘Endangered Butterflies and Moths of the Berks., Bucks. and Oxon. Region’ by Nick Bowles. The talk will be held in Frieth Village Hall on Thursday 16th November starting at 7.30pm. Nick Bowles is the Chairman of the Upper Thames branch of Butterfly Conservation and for many years has been involved in monitoring butterflies, leading walks and practical conservation tasks. He is also a joint author of the column in ‘British Wildlife’ magazine reporting on the fortunes of UK butterflies. Everyone welcome.

Contact details; Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586 or email FNHS2023@gmail.com.

Mary Webb

A Naturalist’s Reminiscences. No.1

This will be the first of a series of reminiscences for the Hambleton Valley Group Magazine.

By now 86 and one of the oldest contributors to my home county of the Suffolk Naturalists’ Society, and no, we have never taken our clothes off, I come of a long line of parsons in Suffolk and my grandfather and two uncles were co-founders with the late Claude Morley of the Society in 1929. It pioneered the study and recording of the County’s flora, fauna and geology and still does today. A recent article in its journal noted that the clergy in the 19th Century produced some of the country’s leading entomologists. Bishop Whittingham of Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich was a friend of my grandfather and started to collect moths by using an oil lamp behind a white sheet on the saltings bordering the River Deben. They were spotted by one of my grandfather’s parishioners in Hemley. The whole village was alerted and ever since it was thought that there were ghosts out there.

Their other method of collecting was with a mixture of treacle and rum which they daubed on tree trunks in the Rectory garden.

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The intoxicated moths were dropping to the ground where they could easily be recovered and put into moth boxes. When first a frog and then several toads appeared, they were soon gobbling up this feast. Within half an hour all were drunk and rolling on the ground.

My grandfather was a well-known amateur entomologist who contributed to Richard South's 'The Moths of the British Isles' published by Warne and was regularly in correspondence with the Recorder of the London Natural History Museum, appropriately named Baron de Worms. Having met him I can confirm that it really was his name

Alfred Waller

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Hambleden – Teas in the Churchyard



Teas are now finished for 2023, but didn't they finish on a high! The Bracknell & Wokingham Community Choir on the 24th September gave a wonderful performance on the last Teas. The weather was reasonably kind, no rain, some sun, but windy – quite a challenge when you are at a keyboard and have to turn pages of music. Luckily 'page turners' came forward and ably assisted.

Out of the 18 Teas that were run this season, because of the weather, 7 Teas were run inside the Church instead of the 1 or 2 that are normally moved inside. Quite incredible and challenging weather!

A HUGE thank you must go to everyone who helped with Church Teas

- those who made all those gorgeous cakes, flans & quiches
- those who served with a smile every Sunday afternoon
- those who volunteered to run a 'Teas Session'
- the people who put out the Tea signs every Sunday morning and took them in again
- the person who put out the Urn, filled it with water so it was ready for Teas
- the person who put out the chairs, and those who then took them in again and stacked them away
- the family who kindly donated a Gazebo to be used at Teas
- everyone who came to Teas
- and anyone who helped in anyway at all

Collectively you all managed to raise an amazing £6,060 for Hambleden Church.

Thank you!

Karen Musgrave Hill

Thank you, Karen!

We would like to thank Karen for her facilitating the Church Teas with energy and imagination, leading to such a wonderful increase in the funds raised, and in community involvement and enjoyment.

Jill Steward, Sharon Smith and Lynda Marston Weston,

Hambleden Churchwardens and Treasurer

Hambleden Harvest Festival

The traditional Harvest Festival was held in Hambleden Church on 8th October. The church was bright with dahlias arranged by a team of ladies. The sheaves, grown by the Connell family, were carried in by a group of parishioners, as they have been since the 19th century. Christine and the choir led the

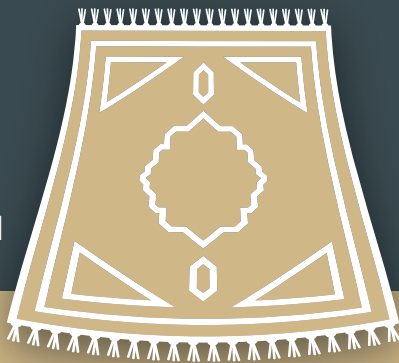
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Rest in Peace

Sept 19	Peter Jackson	Burial of Ashes, Fingest
Sept 20	Peter Field	Thanksgiving and Burial of Ashes, Hambleden
Sept 22	Pauline Lester	Burial of Ashes, Fawley
Oct 3	Trevor Cooper	Burial, Fawley
Oct 4	Jo Winter and Joseph Little	Burial of Ashes, Fingest



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Sunday Services

Pattern of Worship November 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.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
29th Oct			8am BCP Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	3pm All Souls Service
5th Nov					10am Group Service	
12th Nov		9am Remembrance Prayers	10am Remembrance Prayers	10.50am Remembrance Service	2pm Wild Remembrance – Danesfield Hotel	
19th Nov			9am Holy Communion	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Prayer	11am Village Service	
26th Nov		6pm Compline	9am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
3rd Dec	10am Group Service			6pm Advent Candlelit Service		
Mon 4th Dec				7.30pm Licensing of Revd Andy Storch		

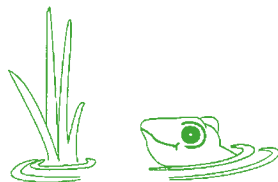
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congregation in thankful harvest hymns, Tom Lumley read the lesson, Sharon Smith led the intercessions, and Revd Sue Morton explained the origin and work of Community Matters, our local food bank which gives much needed help in many other ways to families.



Refreshments were served in the Churchyard afterwards and many people enjoyed them in the glorious sunshine. The collection went to Community Matters.

Jill Steward

Hambleden Cinema

Please join us on 11th November for the film Operation Mincemeat PG-13, starring

Colin Firth. It is the extraordinary and true story of an idea that hoped to alter the course of the war, defying logic, risking countless thousands of lives, and testing the nerves of its creators to breaking point. In 1943 the Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe, and plan an all-out assault on Sicily; but they face an impossible challenge, how to protect a massive invasion force from potential massacre.

The trailer; <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1879016/>

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

Hambleden Cinema Team



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Hambleden Annual Village Hall Quiz

The Quiz is on Friday November 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale from Hambleden Stores £12 each which includes a light supper. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

As last year the Quizmeister will be Simon Morgan.

We both look forward to seeing you for another fun evening.

Chris Whitehead



**Hambleden Village Hall
Saturday 2nd December
1.00pm – 5.00pm**

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Hambleden Christmas Tree Festival

Hambleden is hosting its Christmas Tree Festival at Hambleden Village Hall. This year it will take place on Saturday, 2nd December 2023.

A delightful way to begin the festive season, there will be around 18 Christmas trees on display, all decorated by local families, businesses and clubs. Doors open to all from 1pm to 5pm. Mince pies and cakes will be served, all to be washed down with a glass of warming mulled wine or a cup of tea. Some live festive music will also be provided - and don't forget entry is FREE!

If you would like to sponsor a tree and join in the fun, please contact helenjaneturner@hotmail.co.uk

Helen Turner

FAWLEY

Poppy Wreath



We have a new poppy wreath on the war memorial in Fawley churchyard. It is a hand-made and glazed ceramic wreath which will not fade so negates the need to buy a plastic version year upon year, all of which

ultimately end up in landfill.

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Classes are held on Saturday mornings at: Lane End Youth and Community Centre
Edmonds Road
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9am Puppy School
10.30am Dog Club

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Sarah Ronan

PS Sarah actually made this herself in her pottery class, but was much too modest to say so!

Editor

Fawley Vintage Transport Festival



The end of the summer saw the last Vintage Transport Festival at Fawley Hill that Lady McAlpine was going to organise, with all funds raised going to Macmillan Cancer Support. However, we've since learned she has had a change of heart and there is one now planned for 2024. Anyone who visited the 4-day extravaganza will be delighted with the news.



This had been postponed from May as the ground was too soggy for the enormous weight of some of the vehicles. Fortunately, we had a mostly fine weekend.

There were magnificent puffing steam traction engines, tractors, cars, coaches, buses as well as aeroplanes and idiosyncratic forms of transport like oranges and bedsteads. One barely knew where to look next. These were all lovingly preserved by their proud



owners. Children (and adults) had great fun on the fairground rides and dogs enjoyed themselves in the dog show, despite not being able to raise enough Labradors for the Guinness Book of Records.

There was great local food and drink as well as the Crooked Billet Pub and live music and entertainment. A treat on Friday evening was Elvis - aka the fabulous Ben Portsmouth. Lots of singing along and dancing.



A terrific event which raised a lot of money for Macmillan and we all look forward to next year.

Hilary Beck-Burridge

Village Pond



The Village Pond has been relined, as it was leaking, by the Sargent Charitable Trust. It is now awaiting rain as it is filled by runoff from the road.

Hilary Beck-Burridge

Shining a light on John Piper (Part 3)

Here is the final part of the tour John Piper would have guided.



On to St Mary the Virgin, Iffley, a jewel of a Norman church, in a village setting despite being on the outskirts of Oxford. Piper's south window is based on Charles Causley's *The Animals' Carol*, a Latin dialogue between various animals at the time of Christ's birth. There's an inscription at the bottom of the window: "Let man and beast appear before him and magnify his name together", which is from the 18th century poem *Jubilate Agno* (Rejoice in the Lamb) by Christopher Smart. If *Tree of Life* is about the flowers of the fields, this is a celebration of God's animals. It arches upwards with rooster, goose, crow, owl and lamb rejoicing in the Nativity. It is as uplifting spiritually as it is deeply satisfying artistically.

You might be flagging now but after revival at the only pub in Iffley, the Prince of Wales, it is 15 minutes to St Peter's Church, Wolvercote, and Piper's Palm Sunday window. On bright days the sun radiates through the blues and golds and greens. It is a jigsaw of hands and palms, representing the children who greeted

Jesus in Jerusalem. Piper used his son's hand as a model. It is a feast of colour but the design was compromised by a committee, who interfered.



If your thirst for God and art is still not sated, drive 30 minutes to All Saints' Church, Farnborough, an appropriate end to your tour as Piper's window

is dedicated to Betjeman, who lived in the rectory next door.

It echoes *Nettlebed*, with fish and tree and butterfly-like and a central *Tree of Life* rising snake-like, festooned with coloured leaves and fruit, suggesting resurrection and eternal life. Piper at his best and most luminous.

For Piper, "intensity" was all. He designed more than 60 windows. He called this art, with its "abnormally bright colour", "a great leader astray of anyone who works at it, but it is a splendid discipline". Thank goodness he was led astray. Rejecting the straitjacket of modernism, he was the great Romantic of the last century.

Don't miss the Piper Gallery in Henley's River & Rowing Museum and his cartoon for the Farnborough window.

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Frieth School

It's been a great first half term at Frieth with lots going on!

Thank you, Lynda Brown from 'Greener Frieth' for coming in to speak to the children about the success of our litter posters. So far, they have been on show at Traditional Boat and Vintage Transport Festivals, Rewind Festival, Lockdown Lodge Pop-up Cafe, Nettlebed Organic Creamery and Henley Literary Festival. This means thousands of people would have seen our posters and our children are having hugely a positive impact on the environment. Even Julia Bradbury is impressed! Well done everyone!



Well done to our Football Team who produced a great performance in our season-opener against Hamilton Academy. Although it ended in a 5 - 2 defeat, there was a huge amount of positives to take from the game and I know the team will go from strength to strength this year.



Massive thank you to Jolyon Marshall who has been working tirelessly to create our very special 'Let Your Light Shine' clock. Well done to Eliza Rigden who came up with the design as well as Lottie Fitzjohn and Ruby Milner whose artwork was also used. It has taken pride of place in our school hall.



Well done to our choir for supporting Wild Harvest a few Sundays back which took place on the green outside our

beautiful church. As always, the singing was wonderful and much enjoyed by everyone. Many of the children also made mini sheaves and wrote prayers to hang on the prayer tree.



We had a beautiful service for our new starters at the start of term. Well done to all the Owls children who have settled in brilliantly at Frieth and of course our wonderful Year 6 children for leading the service. We are so proud of you all.



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