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Group Letter: December 2023



What is it that heralds in Advent and Christmas for you? What are the tastes and smells and sights and sounds that help you to engage with this season?

When it comes to taste: ‘As far as I’m concerned,’ writes Jane Williams, wife of Rowan, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, and born in India, ‘Christmas dinner is served on a banana leaf and consists of rice... and several kinds of curry.’

And Hambleden Valley people responded to the question of Advent and Christmas sights in various ways:

‘It’s when the star-shaped lights go up on the Meakes’ crane at Lane End; the star can be seen far and wide!’

‘It’s the Candlelit Service at Hambleden which begins in darkness and is transformed into light as candles are lit and we sing Advent carols.’ (This year on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm).

All these things - and many others - take time; they require preparation; we have to

wait until the moment that all is ready. And these are the themes that are woven through the Advent season. We can’t rush headlong into Christmas Day without journeying through Advent: a time to prepare; to get ready for the birth of Jesus; a time to reflect on where we are in our faith. Many church services across the Valley will help us to do this – see the calendar in this magazine.

As we journey through Advent together, we have some new opportunities. The people of Fawley have been watching and waiting for the church to be ready and will be welcoming us to their re-opening service, conducted by Bishop Alan, on Sunday 3rd December at 10am. Do come along.

And we have also been preparing for and waiting to welcome The Revd Andy Storch and his wife Janice to journey with us through their first Advent and Christmas in the Hambleden Valley. Andy’s licensing will take place on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm in Hambleden. All are welcome!

Come, join us to make our way through this Advent and Christmas Season together, to herald in the birth of the Christ-child

And wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!

Sue

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Wild Church!

Wild Church Service of Remembrance at Danesfield House



Sue opened the Service by reminding us that Wild Church was about appreciating nature and the beauty of God's creation. Well, if I'm honest, that was not my immediate reaction as I set off for

Danesfield House on a damp, overcast afternoon. My scepticism was soon allayed however: driving up the steep, tree-lined approach to the House, nature's glorious tapestry of autumn colours was quite magnificent as was the panoramic view of the Thames flowing gracefully through the steep-sided valley below. What a beautiful picture of God's exquisite architecture!

But that was just the start. Sue went on to outline the historic significance of the venue: Danesfield House was the impressive setting for RAF Medmenham, home to the wartime establishment known as the Central Photographic Intelligence Section. This secretive unit specialised in analysing aerial photography usually taken by aircraft based at nearby Benson.

Suddenly, Sue's remarks were interrupted

by the drone of a light aircraft descending from the clouds and aiming straight at us. "Keep calm" Sue assured us. "That will be James Cooling paying testimony to the work of the Photo Intelligence (PI) Section". Much to our delight, the aircraft performed three low fly-overs, before Sue was able to continue her account of the many significant achievements the PI Section can claim. Amongst these, pinpointing Peenemunde as the centre where German engineers were developing the first jet-powered aircraft was probably the most significant, closely followed by its contribution to the success of Operation CHASTISE, better known as the Dambusters Raid. But such achievements came at a price. The deaths of Spitfire pilots who they relied on for aerial pictures had a huge impact on morale, especially when PIs had called for follow-up pictures. Also, the loss of innocent lives that resulted from operations such as the Dambusters Raid was no less hurtful. Such deep pains added real meaning to our Service of Remembrance.

So, it was good to be reminded that war comes at a cost and not just to those on the "front line". It was especially fitting therefore, that our prayers were presented by two Royal Marine cadets – Oscar and Angus.

In closing, Sue pointed to the reading from Micah which highlights the hope we have when we place God at the centre of our lives. It was only then that I noticed the rain had stopped!

Paddy Gallagher



Do join us at our forthcoming Wild Churches – we'd love to see you!

Sunday 10th December **2pm**: Wild Nativity, Northend Common. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite nativity character. There will be real animals in the 'stable'!

Sunday 14th January 2024 **3pm**: Wild Plough Sunday, Hanger Farm, Fingest RG9 6QB



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 Mardi Wilkins mardi43@btinternet.com Rev Sue Morton 01491 639286 or suemorton131@gmail.com

Hambleden Valley News

A rather premature article from the next Rector of Hambleden before he is licenced on 4th December 2023.



Thank you to Hambleden Villagers!

On Saturday 28th October Hambleden was jammed with cars for another wedding as well as many tourists. But thank you for putting up with us – that was my daughter's wedding and my first service in St Marys since being appointed in July as Priest-in-charge of the Valley Group of churches.

It was a lovely welcome from the village and those at the church, and we



were blessed by a bright sunny morning! We could only arrange the wedding after obtaining a special licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury, because you can get married where you or your parents have lived, but not where they will live. Happily, though, the Autumn colours were at their best, the 1926 Rolls Royce did not break down, and Freya had managed to secure a Vera Wang dress at a huge discount!



After the ceremony we went on to Henley Town Hall which I must commend as a top-quality venue!



Rev Andy Storch

Land Rover Series Society Remembrance Day Charity Run – Saturday 11th November 2023

The Reverend Sue Morton provided a wonderful blessing to the start of the Chiltern

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Land Rover Series Society Charity Run. It's becoming a regular occurrence that over Armistice Weekend, Henry Anderson and

Tom Stuart organise this impressive off-road tour of our amazing Chiltern Hills.

An eclectic mix of old Land Rover owners congregated at a farm high up in the Hambleden Valley early on Saturday 11th. A light breakfast and hot drinks were served. Just before the 2 minutes silence, Sue provided a touching reading covering the anticipation of the day ahead. The 30 or so drivers set off in their old series vehicles, built from 1949 to 1985.

The off-road stretches were challenging due to the ground being at maximum saturation. Give or take a few "driver bloopers" all of the old Land Rover vehicles made it through to lunch. Again, this was at a beautiful site with amazing views. The afternoon run provided some more tricky conditions, one vehicle had to be towed and two more needed winching to firmer ground.

The weather was just right, blue sky and bright sun. This accentuated the glorious colours of Autumn in the Hambleden Valley. A big thank you to the many land owners who so kindly gave their permission for this event to take place.



The most important objective; the money raised for our serving and ex-serving armed forces personnel and their families – **£805 was given to the British Legion Poppy Appeal at the end of this memorable day.**

**Henry Anderson and Tom Stuart
Land Rover Series Society**

An update from Benja Curin in Temuco, Chile and his family: Ruth, Abi, Mati and Gaby the cat



Many of you may remember Benja, a Chilean Pastor, who visited the Hambleden Valley in July. Here is an extract from his newsletter and a photo of Hambleden Teas which has been circulated around the globe!

Benja spent June and July in the UK visiting churches and supporters and was greatly encouraged by meeting up with many of you. During the 2 months he visited **16 different villages/towns/cities** and was grateful for the generous hospitality of **11 different families**. If that was you - many thanks! Due to the pandemic, it had been 5 years since he had been able to visit churches and supporters in this way to give an update on their work and renew partnerships in mission. Although it was quite a challenge for Benja to do this alone it was a valuable time of reconnecting and encouragement for him. The picture above shows one of the groups he was able to share with, here in the Hambleden Valley.

Licensing of The Rev Sue Lepp



There were nine of us from Hambleden and Medmenham to support Sue, together with a strong contingent from her former church in Langley, at her licensing on 10th October.

St Nicholas Church in Charlwood is a beautiful church, part of which was built around 1080. There are some incredible wall paintings some dating 1300 -1350 and if you ever get the opportunity this church is well worth a visit.

It was a lovely service led by the Bishop of Southwark assisted by the Archdeacon of Reigate and numerous clergy, including Andy Storch. It was quite moving and I for one shed a few tears as it finally hit home that 'our Sue' was no longer ours.

We, as visitors, were warmly welcomed, which even involved us being moved to better seats when they realised where we were from! There were excellent refreshments afterwards and my first, but not last, taste of asparagus sandwiches, delicious!

The cake in the photograph was made by a parishioner from Emmanuel Church, Sue's other church. She has never met Sue and made this from a photograph – incredible likeness!

Penny Wright



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Frieth Natural History Society

FNHS have had a busy November, but we now take a winter break whilst the committee plan our 2024 programme. The next meeting will be our AGM in early March with details to follow in the new year. Many thanks to everyone for your continuing support. Contact details; Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586 or email FNHS2023@gmail.com

Mary Webb

A Naturalist's Reminiscences No 2

As I mentioned in my previous reminiscence, I was encouraged by my grandfather, a noted amateur entomologist in Suffolk, to take an interest in natural history and in particular in entomology. My first acquisition was a butterfly/moth net. I was not particularly interested in daubing a mixture of rum and treacle on tree trunks in our garden to attract moths rather than frogs and toads but I had noted that night flying moths were attracted by light.

At the top of our road there was a red GPO telephone box and I had noticed that it was often full of moths which had flown up its glass sides, in through its ventilator shaft at the top of it to the electric light bulb fixed inside on the ceiling. The moths then found a suitable resting place somewhere away from the direct

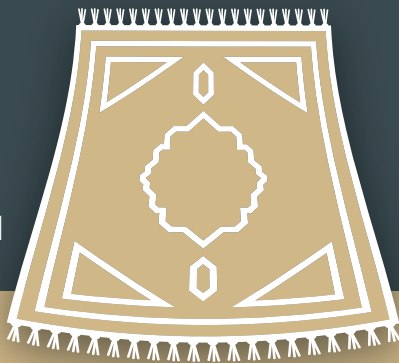
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Pattern of Worship December 2023

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	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleden	Medmenham	Turville
Sat 2nd Dec						5pm Christmas Lights and Carols
3rd Dec	10am Group Service			6pm Advent Candlelit Service		
Mon 4th Dec				7.30pm Licensing of Revd Andy Storch		
10th Dec	4pm Railway Nativity – Fawley Hill	9am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion		2pm Wild Nativity – Northend Common
17th Dec	4pm Carol Service	6pm Carol Service	9am Holy Communion	8am BCP Holy Communion 6pm Carol Service	6pm Carol Service	
Thurs 21st Dec					3pm Christingle Service	
Fri 22nd Dec			6pm Christingle Service			
24th Dec		10am Holy Communion		5pm Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass		3pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Mon 25th Dec	11am Family Communion	9am Family Communion	9am Family Communion	11am Family Communion		
31st Dec			8am BCP Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	
7th Jan 2024					10am Group Service	

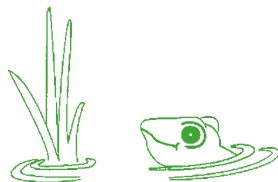
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light. It became my first moth trap at no cost to me provided I was there at dawn. Indeed, there were also financial incentives included because the previous day's customers had often forgotten to press the 'return of money button'. In fact, I managed to collect a very rare moth that was new to Suffolk and the Eastern Counties which I had to report to the Recorder at the London Natural History Museum – he with that funny name (see previous Reminiscence).

When I was 18 and just about to go into the Army for my National Service, my family gave me a new-fangled mercury vapour light bulb which a local electrician had made into a moth trap. It was much more efficient than the telephone box and it enabled me to set it up anywhere in the rectory garden and I did not have to get up so early. The light beams were so powerful that it would attract moths from all over the garden. I have mentioned above that the method my grandfather used attracted many toads and frogs for a feast of intoxicated moths. This time I had a problem with bats which were attracted by the cloud of moths flying to the trap. The only deterrent I found useful was a horse whip which generated a high-pitched sound the bats didn't like. And no, because they were such agile flyers, they always avoided the whip lash. A bigger problem was hornets. I was unaware that they were also night flyers and attracted to bright lights. Whenever I tried to catch them in my moth net hovering over the light, invariably they homed in on me with painful consequences!

Alfred Waller

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Hambleden Fireworks

Charlie Armstrong and his team of merry people orchestrated a fantastic fireworks night on Sunday 5th November. Charlie, Rory Webb, Claire Hollis and Will Newman - with willing mates to help - made for a superbly run event. Roddy Baird and Paul Webb, with military precision (and temperamental fuses!) conducted the firework display. A fabulous family fireworks evening for all. The event was hugely attended, cars filled Petra's field, the burgers, mulled wine and hot chocolate queues were continuous all evening.

Sam Webb

Remembrance Service Hambleden



2023

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden was crowded for the Service of Remembrance conducted by the Reverend Sue Morton on Sunday November 12th.

The congregation particularly appreciated and enjoyed the trumpeter, Chris Preston, setting the solemn scene with his magnificent rendition of the Last Post and Reveille. RAF Wing Commander Ash Cudlipp delivered the traditional Exhortations. Wing Commander MA Morton (RAF retired) read the moving poem 'The Stretcher Bearer', written by Robert Service, a British-Canadian serving with the American Red Cross in 2017.

Brenda Hassan delivered the Bible reading. She joined the RAF in 1944, married an RAF doctor and her daughter and son in law both served in the RAF also.

In her address, Reverend Morton drew attention to Major George Howson, resident of this parish, and buried at Pheasants Hill. He had seen active service including at Passchendaele.

After the first Poppy Appeal in 1921, the Royal British Legion commissioned poppy manufacture in Britain. Led by George Howson, five disabled ex-servicemen began the process and reached, with the assistance of a rapidly growing workforce, the production of a million poppies within two months.

Representatives of Hambleden, Frieth, Skirmett, Fawley, Fingest, Medmenham and Turville then read the names of those on the

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Rolls of Honour that we remember from this parish from both World Wars.

The recessional music (the slow movement from the Trumpet Concerto by Haydn) was provided by trumpeter Chris Preston together with our organist Christine Wells following which the service moved to the War Memorial in the village for the laying of a wreath by Peter Riley (RAF retired). The service was brought to a close with final prayers and a blessing by Reverend Morton.

Liz Jarvis

Hambleden Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival has been a popular, well supported community event in previous years but unfortunately the same level of support has not been forthcoming this year. We have concluded that the festival will not be viable and regrettably we have come to the decision that the event will not take place.

The Christmas Tree Festival Elves

Hambleden Cinema

Please join us on the 9th December for the film *The Lost King* PG-13. This is based on the true and amusing story of an amateur historian who defies the stodgy academic establishment in her efforts to find King Richard III's remains, which were lost for over 500 years. Starring Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan.

The trailer;

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13421498/>

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



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Hambleden Carols

Singing round the tree, December 21st, 7.15pm, Hambleden. All welcome.

Pat Eldridge

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Halloween in Fawley

People often say that London is one of the best

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places for trick or treating. Having lived between London and Fawley my whole life, I'll let you into a secret – there's somewhere even better.

In London it's always same old buying a costume then going around to people's

houses, collect a handful of sweets from each house you go to, then you're done. In Fawley, not so much.

First of all, almost none of the costumes are spooky and they're pretty much all homemade. In addition to this, Fawley is one of the few places where a lot of people trick or treat on horses. I am one of those. Last year, I dressed up as a snow leopard on my poor 21 year old retired ex-polo pony. This year I fished out my oversized chilli costume from our dressing up box and borrowed some wings from Judy which, together with a unicorn horn which attached to my pony's browband, turned us into a chilli riding a unicorn dragon.

I love that in Fawley on Halloween every house is different. Firstly, there's Hilary who doesn't believe in sweets, so hands out cheese straws and tangerine segments. Then there's Sally who puts what seems like all the sweets in her house into a cauldron and makes everyone stir it with a magic stirring spoon. There's also the Battings, who, every year decorate their

whole garden with Harry Potter themes and you wouldn't tell it was a house. Obviously, there are many more houses, but after all of the trick or treating has ended, that's not it. Everyone is escorted down to Judy's to have a Halloween celebration and let me tell you, Judy goes *full out*. And not just in a small way, she has motion sensors under the doormat that make pumpkins laugh at you and puts up so many spider webs, her house is practically a fly in a web.

So, Halloween in Fawley is over, but the fun isn't. It's never over. Whether it's Christmas, Easter, New Year or any other time of the year that may or may not be a commonly known celebration, Fawley is always fun and full out. Also, you can probably see but just to make it clear, trick or treating in Fawley is a *lot* more of an experience than in London. By a long way.

Iona Fogle, aged 12

FRIETH

Frieth School

On Friday we held a special Remembrance Assembly and one-minute silence. During the assembly, the children learnt about the significance of Remembrance Day and the poppy, with Year 6 then performing 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae beautifully. I'm sure you agree it so important that the children understand the significance of this day



and remember those who have lost their lives to keep us safe.

A 'well done' to all pupils involved in our Open Evening; they were amazing! All the children were a credit to the school but a special mention must go to our tour guides and the choir who made a great first impression. Of course, a special 'well done' needs to be given to our Head Boy and Head Girl who delivered their speeches so professionally. I would also

TURVILLE

like to thank our wonderful teaching staff for all their hard work and our fantastic Governing Body for their support. It was a real team effort!

Kites Class visited St John the Evangelist church last week and had a wonderful lesson with Reverend John Smith learning about Holy Communion and Christian symbols.



Thank you, Reverend John, for giving up your time to teach our pupils.

Martin Gosling
Headteacher



celebrating!

Starting with the switch on of Christmas lights on the houses around the green and on the Christmas tree, followed by traditional carols in

TURVILLE **Carols and Lights**

On Saturday December 2nd in the early evening, Turville will be



the churchyard, finishing off with mulled wine and mince pies in the church.

Last year's event was a wonderful start to the Christmas season so do please come along and join in the countdown to the big switch on and sing the first Christmas carols of the season. A collection will be taken for the St Mary's conservation project.

Caroline Sants



Joan Plint

Joan Plint, formerly of Barn Cottage, Turville, died on October 24th, 2023, aged 96. She had lived in Turville for 57 years. Joan and her husband

Adrian moved to Barn Cottage in early 1954, when the house was semi-derelict. Joan and Adrian initiated renovations in their spare time, and they continued to improve the property over succeeding years. Joan and Adrian raised three children who attended Turville Primary School before going on to secondary schools in Henley and Marlow. In later years, with more free time on her hands, Joan devoted



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much time and energy to the production of numerous sculptures that were exhibited and sold in various local venues. Adrian died in 1997 and Joan continued at Barn Cottage until advancing dementia necessitated a move to a care home in 2011 where she remained until her death.

Guy and Richard Plint

MEDMENHAM

Tom Hudson and RAF Danesfield

Since writing the articles about grandad, the ferryman, I have kept my eye on the church magazines.

When I read of the Wild Church event at Danesfield, with its accent on the WW2 generally and RAF Danesfield particularly, it rang a bell. Hence this article.

When Migsy and I married we bought our first house in Arnside in Westmorland as I was appointed as an engineer in the construction of Heysham Nuclear Power Station, fairly close by, Migsy as an OT in the area.

We were welcomed by charismatic Arnside resident, Tom Hudson, teacher, organist, fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and fellow fanatical vintage car enthusiast. Tom and wife Pat made us welcome, introduced us into village life and became lifelong friends.

What has this got to do with Danesfield then!

Well, Tom and Pat first met there. Both worked at RAF Danesfield throughout the war. Tom was something of a Danesfield celebrity as an accomplished organist (see contemporary RAF Danesfield cartoon below, of Tom)



Tom originally stayed at Nuneham Courtenay, Pat I think at nearby Benson, both associated with RAF Danesfield in the wartime period. RAF Danesfield was, like Bletchley Park, a very

hush hush organisation staffed by a very eclectic mix of characters. And as well as the pilots, archaeologists, journalists, artists, musicians like Tom, cartoonists, RAF Danesfield (which like the army marched (flew?) on its stomach) needed sustenance. Which is where Pat an accomplished cook, came into the organisation.

Tom continued to play at nearby cinemas too (see below, Oxford Ritz Cinema 1943)



After the war, Tom and Pat married at Brecon Cathedral, Pat being brought up nearby. Tom retrained as a music teacher and returned to teach in Westmorland, he and Pat living with Tom's widowed mother in his family home in Arnside, raising

a family themselves.

Sadly both died in their mid-70s. But their kindness and generosity left an indelible impression on Migsy and me.

So it seems so appropriate, at this season of remembrance, all souls and all saints to bring them to life again, literally to re-member them.

Beyond our particular closeness to Tom and Pat, Medmenham, the Hambleden Valley and the world wars have both figured large for both of us.

Both our families have hailed from the area.

Migsy's father left Frieth to serve in the first world war and served again as platoon commander for the Lane End Home Guard Platoon in the second conflict.

Harry Guttridge's children left Medmenham and served in the air, sea and on land in the second war. All were affected one way or another by these conflicts.

And all of them continue to influence us on our own way in life.

This season gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude for their lives, their witness and their example.

Joe Guttridge

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