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GROUP LETTER



We have just moved into the Rectory. I hate moving house! Don't we all? A neighbour said "that's why we are in the same house after 44 years!" It is another reason we should be grateful to those families in the services. All that was ordered and sorted, understood and familiar, is turned upside down.

Change is hard for us all. The Conservatives have a head start politically with their very name - we want to conserve what we have. We want to build slowly from where we are, we don't want revolution, life turned upside down.

Yet we must embrace change. It is a natural part of our lives. We are happy to see the seasons change. Perhaps particularly so at this time of year, with nature at its most colourful and verdant, seeing Spring turn to Summer, with all the hope it brings. Change is inevitable. With change we have the ups as well as the downs, in my case the baptisms and weddings as well as the funerals. Life has to change.

Recently I have been looking at the change the disciples faced. The 12 disciples endured an extreme roller-coaster. Their beloved leader Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to a hero's welcome. Yet the following Friday He had been executed as a common criminal. Their world was turned upside down. Then, on that first Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to them fully alive! Their world turned upside down again (righted)! In the Easter season (to Pentecost, 19th May) we are required to read from the Acts of the Apostles each Sunday. We watch this tiny band of fearful followers transform into evangelists, spreading the word from Jerusalem, ultimately, to the ends of the earth – to us in our generation, in this corner of the English countryside. The disciples embraced the change. Powered by the Holy Spirit they went out into the world with nothing but a message – a good news story – the gospel. As we face change may we draw on the Holy Spirit's power, may we embrace the change, and may we move forward with Jesus.

Andy Storch

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Christine Wells, Sunday 24th March 2024 Hambleton



A very special service was held on Sunday 24th March for a very special person, Christine Wells. The Director of Music for the Hambleton Valley Churches for 67 years, Christine retired at the end of March and was given a new title of Organist Emeritus. The service of thanksgiving took the format of a Choral Evensong in Hambleton church. This showcased the considerable talents of Christine herself, and also attracted a large congregation of people from far and wide wanting to express their thanks for the outstanding contribution she has made to community life and enriched the musical world for so many people.



It was an Evensong which Christine herself had arranged; simple, meaningful and, above all, full of music echoing through the centuries. Everything was as it should be with Christine seated at the organ, guiding the choir which she had trained, supporting the congregation which included former choristers, clergy and creating a true

reflection of the role of music in the work of the church. The centuries old liturgy followed and the overall atmosphere was of a community thankful that a young, talented organist chose, all those years ago, to spend her lifetime's work enriching the life of our local churches and communities rather than heading for the heights of cathedral life!

A presentation was made to Christine by the Archdeacon of Buckinghamshire, the Ven. Guy Elsmore and a vice-president of the Guild of Church Musicians, June Williams.

After the service the choir surprised the new Organist Emeritus with a performance of *Thank you for the Music* with alternative lyrics (apologies to Abba). This had been rehearsed secretly in Medmenham church before the usual choir practice in Hambleton much to Christine's astonishment and delight.

Thank you, Christine, for all your loving care and for all your unseen work - the selection and rehearsing of music, all the admin for the choir, the practising in freezing churches in all weathers through thick and thin and, most importantly, for your love of music which has been shared with others.

Annie Hooton

Following the service, the celebrations continued with a reception in the village hall, wonderfully organised by the churchwardens from across the Valley churches and the choir members. There was a very convivial atmosphere and it was wonderful that Christine had the opportunity to catch up with so many friends involved with the church, both currently and from earlier years. These included Bishop Malcolm and his wife the Revd Pam Macnaughton, the Revd Sue Lepp, the Revd Mieke Gaynor, John

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Kimberley, Ginny Fitzwilliams, and Jill Wennberg. Liz Wilks represented the choir in giving Christine a number of gifts to mark her retirement.

Sarah Helweg-Larsen

Retirement

A big thank you to all those who came along to or contributed in any way to my retirement evening on 24th March. I received many cards and presents for which I am very grateful. It made for a very happy and memorable evening and I will always remember your kindness.

Christine Wells

Maundy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday, a number of parishioners gathered in Skirmett Village Hall to commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ and the Disciples, which took place in Passover week.

In an atmospheric candlelit room, a long table was beautifully laid. Our hands were washed and dried by Revd Andy Storch and Revd Sue Morton before we began our meal. Revd Andy had before him a Seder Plate which is the focal point of the Jewish Passover Seder meal. Revd Andy talked about the ingredients on the Plate, which are symbolic of the retelling of the Passover for the Jewish community. There is the karpas, a leafy vegetable such as parsley or celery, which is dipped in salt water at the

start of the Seder. There is the maror, a bitter herb, such as grated horseradish and there is charoset, a sweet paste, which Sue Dawkes had made for the occasion. Finally, there are the zeroa, a roasted lamb bone and the beitzch, a roasted egg.

We then enjoyed a delicious and companionable meal. After we had eaten, we listened to a dramatic reading by some of those present of the events of Holy Week. We then took part in a simple communion and left quietly.

Our huge thanks are due to Sue Dawkes for organising and cooking for this moving occasion.

Anne Jones

Bishop Alan's Memorial Service

He often used these words which were the Words of Dismissal at his memorial service on Saturday 13th April:

“In the kingdom of the Prince of Peace
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you handle offenders, by forgiving;
you handle money, by sharing;
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and you handle violence by suffering.

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and you repent, not by feeling bad,
but by thinking different.”

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GROUP NOTES



Wild Church!

Wild Gardening at the Lady Ryder Memorial Garden, St Katharine's, Parmoor

Gardens hold a special charm, don't they? The vibrant roses, the abundance of vegetables... it's humbling to consider the Earth's bounty. As in Genesis, *"Every seed, every fruit... they will be yours for food."*

Sue, our kind vicar, invites us to appreciate this garden at St. Katharine's. To find that one element which fills our hearts with gratitude. And so, we do, inspired by the morning hymn's praise for God's creation.

*"Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness
where his feet pass"*

Initially, I assumed this was simply another beautiful walled garden, with its aged fruit trees and sunlit glasshouse. However, I discovered that something far more profound flourishes here.

Shelagh, a dedicated volunteer, with her eyes filled with goodness, describes the deep satisfaction felt by people with autism who come to garden here. And Celia thoughtfully prepares quizzes to engage them when their energy wanes.

I'm reminded of Jesus' words, *"I chose you*



*to go and bear fruit
– fruit that will last."*

The volunteers here embody that directive. They are passionate and devoted stewards of God's creation. These people are not lukewarm they are on fire!

Robert shares a moving story of a young autistic boy who never smiled. One day, with gentle encouragement, the boy repotted a plant. The resulting smile was radiant - like a break of dawn, astonishing his teachers!

The hymn echoes again, *"Praise for the singing... praise for the springing..."* This is the spirit of the place. Shuna, Robert's wife, treasures our lovely community and extends a warm welcome to all. Even the children from Frieth School benefit, with all 120 pupils enjoying the garden throughout the year.

The 25 volunteers are like modern-day disciples, selflessly tending to this corner of God's work. It's truly inspiring.

If volunteering at St. Katharine's interests you, regardless of gardening experience, please contact Robert at rendels@btinternet.com

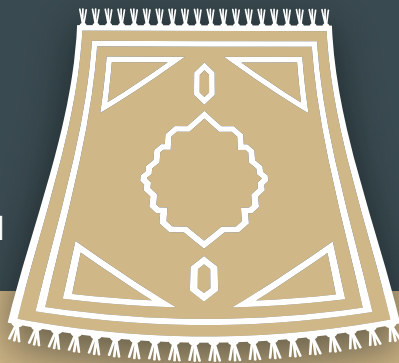
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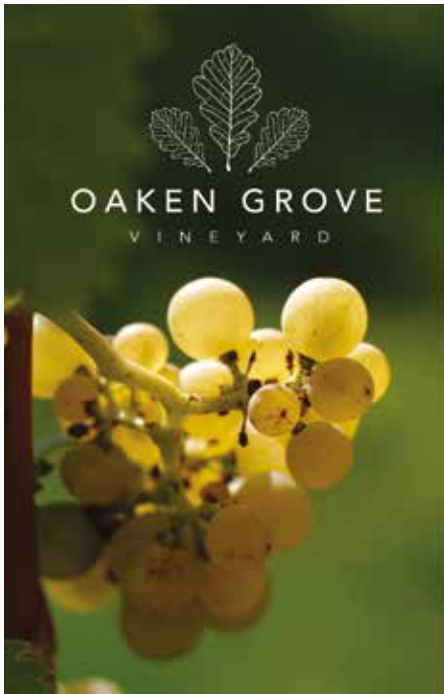


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**Sunday 9th June 3pm: Wild Pottery!
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We would love to see you.

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of *'Bohemian Rhapsody'*. He has also taken part in the chorus of Garsington Opera and is currently applying for university where along with his degree course he will also be able to pursue his love of music.

Community Matters helped in the early days to pay for a few lessons and then Malakhi's school stepped in to support his music ability. I have permission from his mother to give you the link to watch this amazing performance of *'Bohemian Rhapsody'*.

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v/1oHLfN4N3uog4PVW/](https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1oHLfN4N3uog4PVW/)

Thank you all, as always, for the support you give us through food and/or financial donations and through your prayers. As it is still the Easter season, Happy Easter!

Judy Taylor

Community Matters April 2024



Some years ago, a family attended the food bank and, as we got to know them, we learned that their son Malakhi, aged about 12, loved music but had no means of pursuing this because of the cost.

Around this time our then vicar was retiring and could not take his piano with him as his new house was too small. We arranged a great surprise for Malakhi so that when he came home from school he would find the piano in his home!

This has proved to have the most incredible results; he has gone from strength to strength working through the musical grades to giving a performance for his music A level

Nubodi Pilates - What is this?

Nubodi Pilates is a boutique Pilates Reformer Studio now in its 7th year conveniently located adjacent to Tesco Henley with ample free car parking. The studio is run by Carine and Lia, an inspirational mother and daughter business partnership who have fallen in love with sharing the positive impact that movement can have on your life.

The Pilates Reformer is an amazing apparatus (we have 9 in our studio - see middle picture in our ad opposite) using springs as a form of resistance enabling you to either intensify or regress an exercise based on individual needs. This makes it super effective for injury recoveries, specific needs (eg pre/post-natal) and athletic abilities irrespective of age.

Carine and Lia each hold the world-renowned STOTT Pilates qualifications and offer classes at varying intensities to accommodate all fitness levels. Every class is carefully curated to challenge your body

GROUP NOTES



Be inspired

LIA SAYS! 'I've learned so much from Mum'

Having chosen to follow a degree in psychology, I was planning on working with children after university. This came the Covid-19 pandemic, and I had to move back home with Mum, who was busy teaching Pilates classes on Zoom. I joined in off screen. I loved it and started training in 2021 Pilates.

After finishing my degree and my Pilates qualification, I started in Mum's studio. I've done lots of extra training in pre- and post-natal Pilates and have now added a specialist class where I work to help women strengthen their bodies around childbirth.

We run the business together, but Mum is definitely the big boss. Her dedication and expertise have created a unique and special Pilates community, and I've learned so much from the way she consistently evolves what we do.



A husband and wife team: Lia and Carine

'She's the yin to my yang'

Carine Crowley, 53, and Lia Frankish, 25, jointly run Nubodi Pilates studio in Henley after Lia discovered she shared her mum's passion for Pilates.

I started working in the fitness industry part-time when Lia was one. I'd always loved teaching Pilates, and a friend encouraged me to give teaching a go. After six years working at local gyms alongside my office job, I became a freelance fitness instructor full-time. It was only after sustaining a back injury in 2010 that I discovered Pilates and gave it a go. I did the STOTT Pilates qualifications. In 2015, I opened my own studio with an reformer machines.

In the studio, we're more like peers than mum and daughter

complex Pilates principles and to coach and develop others on the reformer machines. We've been partners for two years now and currently split the finances 60:40. But the pain is for Lia gradually to get more involved. Lia is calm and organised, whereas I can get quite manic and try to do 100 things at once. I love a glass of wine and a night out, while Lia is happy at home with her boyfriend, Robbie. She thrives on teaching the Fundamental classes, which embed the core skills, though prefer the higher tempo burn classes. Dougie say Lia is the yin to my yang our personalities are truly complementary. She gives me a loving, honest sounding board which I've never had before. Looking back, I was becoming burnt out trying to run Nubodi and it's hands-on mum to Lia and her younger sister, Myah, 12. Getting Lia involved

Initially, I taught all 25 weekly classes myself but I gradually built up a crew of four instructors. When Lia, then 22, decided she wanted to take up and join the business three years ago, it came as quite a surprise. We took it slowly initially, as I didn't want her to feel any pressure from me. It was soon obvious that Lia had a natural ability to simplify what can be quite

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Mother and daughter article as it appeared in the March issue of Good Housekeeping.

in new ways - developing strength, flexibility and confidence. Our first priority is sourcing the very best teachers for you so our team is therefore experienced, knowledgeable and each qualified teacher can then bring their own creative flair to every type of class we offer.

The atmosphere at Nubodi Pilates is often described as welcoming, warm and bustling. "There's always a friendly and encouraging ambience both before and during my class and each time I leave the studio - I leave feeling happier, healthier and more ready to face whatever the day throws at me" - Karen (who lives in one of our Hambleden Valley Parishes). Classes run 7 days a week including early morning and late evening classes so there is always an opportunity to move with Nubodi Pilates.

We are currently offering a special "Welcome Offer" to any subscriber or reader of the HVGM - 3 x 1-hour classes

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Carine and Lia

The Beautiful Blue

The Beautiful Blue is a waterside arts and ecology project uniting artists, charities and communities in celebration of the River Thames and other water bodies of the world. Throughout this project we aim



to raise awareness of river and water pollution and invite public participation in a series of exercises and events including art workshops, charity discussions and citizen science activities.

Weaving tales of history, folklore and preservation of the delicate dance between humanity and the flowing waters of the world.

The Beautiful Blue project starts with The Launch Exhibition at The River & Rowing Museum. Throughout the following year the creation of permanent and pop-up sculptural installations and events will be activated. The project will result in a 4-mile sculpture path and event series showcased in its entirety in 2025. It will run alongside the Hamble Brook and the Thames Path up to the River & Rowing Museum in Henley.

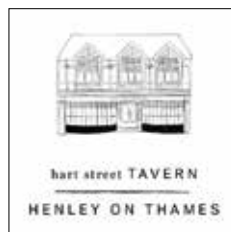
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Sunday Services

Pattern of Worship May 2024

Please see below for Sunday services. There will also be Zoom services at 9:30am, Wednesdays and 12noon, Churchyard Prayers at Fawley on Fridays. The 10.15am midweek Holy Communion on Wednesdays has moved, temporarily, to Fingest, and there are no services at Turville for 5/6 months owing to ongoing conservation works. 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.

www.hambleton-valley-churches.org.uk

	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleton	Medmenham	Turville
28th April	11am Holy Communion	6pm Compline	9am, Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion		
5th May			10am Group Service			
12th May	11am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	3pm Wild Church, Lacey's Farm, Lane End	11am Holy Communion		
19th May			9am Holy Communion	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Worship	11am Village Service	
26th May	11am Holy Communion	6pm Compline	9am, Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion		
2nd June	10am Group Service					

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view a model of The Beautiful Blue plan with information of installations. The exhibition will unite local community groups (inc. Chiltern Chalk Stream Volunteers, Henley Mermaids and Henley Toad Patrol), water focused charities (inc. River Action U.K, EarthWatch, In Place of War and EarthSonic) and artists (inc. Maria Konder, Ellie Ramsden, Lisa Curtis and Khadija Niang). We will also be showcasing the artwork made by local school children for Greener Henley's annual Environmental Science Challenge under the theme of 'pollution'.

The Launch Exhibition is at 6-8pm, 23rd May 2024, at the River & Rowing Museum, Henley RG9 1BF.

Exhibition Dates: 24th May - 16th June 2024 (please check museum opening hours).

For more information, please contact Vickie Amiralis (Project Director, artist and independent curator):
thebeautifulblueproject@gmail.com

Vickie Amiralis

WILDLIFE

Frieth Natural History Society

For our May event, FNHS have arranged a guided visit to the BBOWT Woolley Firs Environmental Centre, Maidenhead on the morning of Saturday 18th May.

Woolley Firs is a 300-year-old arable farm with woodlands, meadows, ponds and an education centre in an historic stable block. The site is managed to encourage species such as stag beetles and brown long-eared bats and to provide havens for wildlife on the agricultural land. Anyone is welcome to join us, but for further details of the start time, where to park and to book your place, please make contact.

Andy 01494 881586,

Mary 01494 881501

or email FNHS2023@gmail.com

Mary Webb

A Naturalist's Reminiscences No.6

Having completed Basic Training at the Northampton Regiment, I was posted to Eaton Hall, the official residence of the Duke of Westminster just outside Chester. It had been requisitioned by the War Office as an Army Officer Cadet School.

I found myself sharing a 4th floor maids' bedroom with another cadet from the Welsh Fusiliers who became a lifelong friend and now lives in Basingstoke. Clive from Wales was still an innocent country boy and never suspected that the walking stick under my bed was actually a real shooting stick which could take one 12 bore cartridge at a time. The estate was well stocked with game and several gamekeepers. They started to complain to the CO that they believed a cadet had been poaching the Duke's pheasants. There was a club in Chester where cadets could meet pretty girls – they seemed to appreciate a brace of pheasants. The pheasants were also useful elsewhere, as one morning shortly before the final rehearsal of the Passing Out Parade I had a PE session and then had to dash up all those stairs to change into full parade uniform. Just as I was marching onto the drill square under the supervision of RSM Lynch, Irish Guards, I realised I had left my bayonet in my room. I had to pretend I was doing all the movements for Fixed Bayonets. At the end of the parade, since I had received no reprimand from the RSM, I thought I had got away with it. Suddenly, a roar "That dozy cadet in the back rank, report to my office immediately". Visions of many extra drill sessions came to mind. When I knocked on his door he said "Well done, lad, nobody else noticed but I did, come to the Sergeant's Mess for a drink". A brace of pheasants was duly hung on his door and no more questions were asked.

A brass statue of Hugh Lupus, an ancestor of the Duke, sitting on his horse, commanded

WILDLIFE AND HAMBLEDEN

the drill square. I and a couple of other cadets decided to fill the horse full of water and put a bung in an appropriate place. At the start of the parade the horse seemed to have a massive call of nature which continued throughout the event. My father, who was a country parson, and my mother had come to see me pass out and they thought it was all part of the parade. By then Clive was more suspicious.

Alfred Waller

HAMBLEDEN

Easter Services and Celebrations in Hambleden



Hambleden's **Good Friday** service of the **Last Hour of the Cross** was a quiet and beautiful service of readings, reflections, silence, music and prayer, with our focus helped by the large wooden cross standing on the chancel step. The service was put together by Revd Andy and the Revd Sue. The reflections particularly enabled us to realise and reflect on what our Lord suffered on our behalf.

Then the joy of **Easter Morning and the Resurrection!** In a church full of light, lilies, spring flowers and music, a large congregation of all ages came together, to sing and praise and pray. The large wooden Cross was still the powerful focus, but this time with the empty grave clothes draped over it. Revd Andy explained the Good

News so very vividly and warmly in his sermon by telling the story of Good Friday and Easter with the hope we are given from the happenings of those three days. The two symbols which stay in my mind are: Jesus' open arms on the Cross – open to all of us however we are; and the tearing from top to bottom of the curtain of the temple as Jesus died: which meant that God was no longer hidden in a precious place, only to be seen by the high priest once a year, but available to us all, at all times.



In the last hymn the children hurried out to hunt for Easter Eggs whilst many adults lingered to enjoy tea and coffee and Easter biscuits and conversation with their friends and neighbours. It was a very sociable time.

Many thanks to all who enable these services: Christine and the choir, the many ladies who collect and arrange flowers and greenery, provide easter eggs, sides people who set up and run the service and refreshments, others who see to lighting, heating, and cleaning, and our dedicated clergy Revd Andy and Revd Sue.

Jill Steward

Lent Lunches

Thank you to the wonderful teams who cooked and served the three Lent Lunches in Hambleden this year the total raised was £1,020. This will be split between Christian

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Mardi Wilkins

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Men on Tuesday (MOT)

‘Men on Tuesday’ is not quite The Garrick, but we are a men only group, of a certain age, who meet on the second Tuesday of the month for a convivial lunch. Some

may call it bacchanalian as just £30 covers a two-course meal, with beer and wines or soft drinks and rounded off with coffee and mints. We have the occasional post prandial speaker too.

MOT is a great opportunity to make new friends and meet fellow residents from around the nearby Chiltern Villages.

The monthly lunch is held in Hambleden Village Hall, meeting at 12noon and must be pre-booked.

If you would like to join us, email me at mothambleden@gmail.com or call 07740 700750.

Mark Turner

Stallholders Wanted - Hambleden Summer Market - Saturday 8th June

As part of the Hambleden Open Gardens Day planned for Saturday 8th June, we are planning a Summer Market in the Village Hall to help raise funds for this beautiful

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The Hambleden Village Hall Coffee Morning has invited the Location team from Grand Leo Productions UK Ltd to the Wednesday 5th June gathering running from 10am to 12:30pm.

Deborah and Esther are eager to meet the local Hambleden residents to discuss any questions or queries you may have about the filming occurring this Summer! If you are not able to make the coffee morning, please send any and all queries to 3bf.locationdept@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

HAMBLEDEN AND FRIETH

building. If you'd like to support the event by having a stall on the day, contact Sara at sara.horner@sky.com or phone 07932 946962 for more info.

Sara Horner

FRIETH

Frieth School Success on the Sports Field

I couldn't be prouder of our netball team after they finished 2nd out of 11 teams in their tournament at Kingsmead Netball Centre. It was great to see so much skill, determination and teamwork from the children although most pleasing was that there were smiles on faces throughout! Huge thanks to our amazing team of coaches, not only for today, but for giving up your time week in and week out to train our team. Well done everyone!



Well done to our awesome PTA netball team in their tournament on at Braywick Leisure



Centre in Maidenhead. Despite coming up against some very stiff opposition and losing a key player early in the tournament, they won most of their matches and played with great team spirit and skill!

Congratulations to our footballers for their fantastic performance in their 5-2 win against St Peter's. The children played absolutely brilliantly and it's great to see all the hard work on the training field pay off.



School Trips

Kestrels thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Hanger Farm. The children were fascinated by the recent arrivals and had lots of questions! Thank you, Helen Jackson, for hosting us and educating the children. We are so lucky to have these experiences within walking distance.



Owls class enjoyed their school trip to Woolley Firs Environmental Education Centre and were invited to bring their teddies for an adventure in the woods and learn the secrets of how wild animals survive.

FRIETH AND TURVILLE



Buzzards had a fantastic trip to Waddesdon and even showed off their acting skills recreating the paintings of Sleeping Beauty. A massive thank you to our parent volunteers and the Waddesdon staff.

Martin Gosling, Headteacher

TURVILLE

St Mary's Turville



The Church being closed for conservation work did not stop Andy celebrating Easter Communion in Turville. A lovely service was held in the churchyard, followed by an

Easter egg hunt which was greatly enjoyed by all the children present. We look forward to being back in the Church in the autumn.

Caroline Sants, Churchwarden

Turville Studios



Turville Studios are part of Oxfordshire Artweeks this year from 18th – 27th May. Venues 400 – 403. Jenny (ceramics), Rachel (art photography), Bev (litho printwork) and Suzy (abstract painter) will be showing and selling their work from 11am – 4pm daily during this time.

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Rachel Wallace



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