

Hambleton VALLEY

Group Magazine

Hambleton
with Frieth
& Skirmett
Fawley
Findest
Medmenham
Turville

Annual Subscription **£18**

For Payment please see inside front cover

£2.00
Feb 2026



The Hambleton Valley Group of Churches
"To see our lives and communities transformed by the love of God"



Cover: Rev Sue Morton and pumpkin, Harvest at Turville. This page: Sunset at Mill End, photo Andy Scorch.

In This Issue

| | |
|---|----|
| Group Letter | 1 |
| Group Notes | 4 |
| Wildlife | 7 |
| Hambleden | 11 |
| From the Registers | 14 |
| Calendar | 15 |
| Frieth | 18 |
| Turville | 22 |
| Classified Advertisements | 24 |
| Church and Village Activities and Contacts | 26 |

Weekday Services

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

Emergencies:

If you are unable to contact the Group
 Priests, please get in touch with your
 churchwarden. (see pages 26 and 27)

Annual Subscription £18: Please
 pay by bank transfer to the account
 'Hambleden Valley Group of Churches
 Executive Committee'.

Account 70439002.

Sort Code 20-39-53.

**As reference show your name and
 location. eg. WSmith/Hambleden**

**OR a cheque payable to Hambleden
 Valley Group of Churches Executive
 Committee or in cash and hand to your
 magazine distributor (see page 27 for list).**

All contributions are welcome, to the
 Editor, Penny McLeish

hambledenvalleyeditor@gmail.com

3 Abbey Cottages, Ferry Lane,
 Medmenham SL7 2HB
 Telephone 01491 571288

Please keep articles within 350 words. Copy
 deadline is 15th of the month.

Printed by Higgs and Co Printers Ltd.,
 Henley-on-Thames.

Group Letter



It was as a nervous new curate, that I arrived in the Hambleden Valley 14 years ago this summer. I had bought a shiny pair of new shoes which I soon discovered were entirely impractical for muddy lanes and subsequently inspired the column 'The Muddy Curate' which I wrote for the then Diocesan newspaper: 'The Door.'

The Muddy Curate's rural exploits included: muddling the two identical pottery flasks in Turville Church and finding myself washing my hands in (unconsecrated) Communion wine instead of water, leaving my fingers sticky with a reddish hue for the rest of the service. Or finding myself flagging down a lift from Fingest to Fawley one Sunday morning because there was a Great Dane standing between me and my car in The Chequers carpark, barking ferociously. I was later assured that the only threat posed by the giant dog was being licked to death.

In amongst the laughter and the joys there have also been deeply moving times: when we have said farewell to precious loved ones, funerals, Remembrance Sundays and at times of great challenge. But it is at all these times, whether of sorrow or of joy, that I know that I have been sustained by God and have returned again and again to Psalm 121 which always reminds me - and always will - of the Hambleden Valley. It begins:

*I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

It has been a tremendous privilege to live and minister among you all, I have learned so much from you. I do hope that you will be able to join me at my final service on Sunday 1st February in Hambleden Church, 10am. But whether we can gather there or not, I pray the last verse of this Psalm for each of us, in our daily comings and goings through this Valley and beyond, today and always.

*The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

**With my love and prayers,
Sue**

HIGGS  **PRINTING
& OFFICE SUPPLIES**

Booklets • Brochures • Magazines • Leaflets • Business Cards • Letterheads

Banners • Posters • Pull up Banners

Design • Print • Copying • Office Supplies • Plan Printing

FAST, LOCAL, PERSONAL SERVICE

Caxton House, 1 Station Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AD

T: 01491 419429 E: henley@higgsgroup.co.uk W: www.higgsprinting.co.uk



The Outhouse • Yewden Farm • Mill End • Hambleden • OXON • RG9 6RJ

Mobile: 07765408628 • Tel: 01491 571 770

• robert@hilroconstruction.co.uk • www.hilroconstruction.co.uk

BLOCKED EARS?

Lucinda is a qualified NHS audiologist with over 20 years experience. Now providing a home service for **Earwax Removal**.

Let her visit you in your own home to help relieve the symptoms of blocked ears.

Full PPE equipment used to comply with recommended Covid safety measures.

07795 268866

Lucinda@hearingscreening.co.uk

facebook.com/blockedear

instagram.com/blocked_ear

HCPC registered. Registered NHS Audiologist. Professional indemnity insurance
Hearing Screening and Testing Limited. Registered in England No.07810066



**LUCINDA
ELLIS**
HEARING
SCREENING
& TESTING

The Pedestal

Our Luxury Design auctions feature fine jewellery, silver & designer handbags | Contact us to consign to the next auction



Late Art Deco double diamond clip brooch | Sold for £3,125
www.thepedestal.com | +44 (0)1491 522733 | valuations@thepedestal.com

LAWSONS GOLDSMITHS

17 Duke Street, Henley
Est. 1993



Before – in your drawer...



After – reimagined by Lawsons Goldsmiths

Breathe new life
into your forgotten
favourites.

Lawsons Goldsmiths
expertly remodel
treasured pieces for
today.

Book your design
consultation now –
01491 412 232

GROUP NOTES



Wild Church!

Wild Plough Sunday



How special was this occasion for all who came to Wild Plough Sunday on 11th January. Hosted by Bella and Chris Connell at Parmoor Park Farm, it was really well attended by the whole community. I'm sure it

was heartening to see the in-person support that exists for all those who toil locally with such expertise and passion within our agricultural and farming sector. After all it was an occasion to ask for God's blessing on the land and farms and to remember with thanksgiving all who work there in all weathers.



There were two certain favourite hymns – *We Plough the Field and Scatter* as well as *This Little Light of Mine* which reflected our crafting of miniature plough lamps made of clay and using oil as fuel. Around us were scattered a few beautifully turned-out tractors that served to remind all how farming has evolved and continues to change. Again, a timely reminder to all of us how grateful we are to those who produce, care and manage the land on our collective behalf.



It would be remiss not to mention that this was Rev Sue Morton's last Wild Church in the present series – it's been an extraordinary visionary worshipping initiative which has brought many new faces in the Valley together. Thank you, Sue, for your courage and opportunistic thinking - as a community in the Hambleton Valley, it demonstrates that we are stronger when we work together and that 'left field thinking' can often be right! May you continue to shine wherever you are led to illuminate.

Jolyon Marshall
Frieth Churchgoer



Thank you so much to you all for supporting Wild Church during these last five years, may God bless you.

Rev Sue

Hambleden Village Hall

The perfect venue in the middle of the beautiful village of Hambleden.

Large hall, full kitchen facilities, patio, WiFi, hearing loop, parking.

Hire by the hour or by session.



For more details and prices contact Jamie Baker on 01491 410669 or email: enquiries@hambledenvillagehall.org visit www.hambledenvillagehall.org



HAMBLEDEN VILLAGE STORES & POST OFFICE

**Local Artisan Produce - Freshly Ground Coffee & Teas
Filled Rolls & Toasties - Homemade Sausage Rolls
Organic Cakes - Fresh Bread & Pastries - Ice Creams
Seating Area - Post Office**



**That groovy little store!
All locally sourced and made with love!**

**Mon - Sat 8am - 5pm
Sun 8.30am-4pm**

58 The Village. Hambleden. info@hambledenvillagestores.com. 01491 571201

RACKLEYS

Chiltern Hills

Rackleys had a rather busy 2025, hosting over 75 events last year!
This included weddings, corporate Christmas Parties, National Garden Open day for Charity
and our second Christmas Market!



Keep an eye out for plenty more events upcoming in 2026
. We can't wait to welcome you through our beautiful Barn doors!

"I don't even know where to start with this review; trying to put into words how phenomenal our wedding day was is not going to be easy."

Contact the team today on 01494 412 515 or hello@rackleys.co.uk
for more information about hosting your event with us.

Rackleys Chiltern Hills, Marlow Road, Cadmore End, HP14 3PP

Family Services starting Sunday 1st March

Join us at 3pm for a
Welcoming Family Experience



Looking for a warm and friendly place to worship with your family? Turville Church is delighted to announce our new Family Services, starting from Sunday 1st March.

Bring your loved ones along to a monthly service, at 3pm, the first one at Turville Church, for a joyful and engaging service designed especially for families and children. All are welcome!

Coffee, tea, juice and biscuits/cake an additional incentive!

**We look forward to seeing
you there!**

[This image is AI-generated and represents neither the church nor the vicar!]

Community Matters Report

This January, as last year, the Lane End Players are producing their annual pantomime and, very generously, they are putting on a free performance for the children and families we support. This is a very popular event; the children thoroughly enjoy the fun of the panto as well as free squash and biscuits. Many thanks to the Lane End Players for doing this.

We have received donations of beds and bedding as well as three heaters and

kitchen appliances coming mostly from the Hambleden Valley. Also, we have been given a wonderful amount of food over the Christmas period. During this particularly cold snap we have been able to top up the cost of heating bills as well as extra food for the children during this holiday time.

A family has a severely autistic teenager attending a Special Needs school, which is vital for the teenager and the family's well-being. Unfortunately, Bucks County Council cannot fund the transport to school for this youngster so Community Matters are helping to cover this cost.

We have been able to offer several children a place in the Lane End Play Scheme, paid for a delivery of logs to a home where this is the only source of heating and helped with travelling costs for hospital trips.

None of the above would be possible without the kindness and generosity from all of you in different ways, so, as always, our most grateful thanks for alleviating some of the anxiety of the day to day demands they face and making life better for those who genuinely struggle.

A belated, blessed and peaceful New Year to everyone.

Judy Taylor

WILDLIFE

Frieth Natural History Society

Our first event of 2026 will be held at Frieth Village Hall on Thursday 26th February. A brief AGM will be followed by Jon Mason giving a talk entitled 'Wild London'.

Jon Mason is an experienced speaker, writer and photographer who has been teaching geography for over thirty-five years in Harrow, North London. He is

WILDLIFE

both a birder and naturalist and his talk will look at the wildlife that can be found across London.

Anyone is welcome to join us and refreshments will be provided, but for non-members we make a small charge. For further details, please contact; Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586 or FNHS2023@gmail.com

Mary Webb

Goosanders: Winter Visitors to the Thames

If you have recently been walking by the Thames at Medmenham, you may have spotted an unusual slim-bodied grey duck with a sharp bill and a chestnut-brown crested head swimming alone, rather than in groups like mallards. This could be a female Goosander, as a couple of these winter visitors have been spotted between Magpie Island and Medmenham slipway, sometimes accompanied by a white-bodied, greenish-blue headed male with a black back and a red bill.



Goosanders are birds of northern freshwater lochs and rivers and are much more common in the Lake District and Scotland. They first bred in Scotland in 1871 and are gradually moving their territory further south as winter visitors; it is estimated that there are about 14,500 here in Britain in winter. It is a



shame that they are unlikely to breed here in Medmenham, as the young ducks charmingly cadge piggybacks on their mothers' backs, like young grebes.

It is encouraging that the Thames (despite Thames Water's efforts) can support goosanders as they live on fish and they are usually found on clean water. Other fish-eating birds, such as herons and cormorants are also flourishing on the Thames and on the back stream here at Medmenham, suggesting that the fish population is increasing. In the 1950s, the Thames was declared 'biologically dead', meaning that nothing could live in it, but has since seen a strong recovery, with fish biodiversity increasing almost threefold in the tidal areas over the last 35 years due to improved water quality and protective legislation. The Environment Agency also restocked the Thames with a variety of fish, including chub, dace, barbel and roach in late 2024, which may well be having an effect on the fish-eating bird populations. In Scotland, goosanders, who love salmon and trout, come into conflict with sport-fishing interests, but here they are wonderful to watch from the river bank as they are very skilled and elegant divers.

Suzanne Birkett



CJ Armstrong

Landscaping and Groundwork

- Fencing and Gates (Garden and Agricultural)
- Supply and Plant Mature Trees and Hedging
- Hedge Cutting and Garden Maintenance
- Hard Landscaping, Paving and Brickwork
- Groundwork and Drainage
- Turfing and Planting

tel 01491 577767 **mobile** 07881 911074 **www**.cjarmstrong.co.uk

TBP.
**THE BURNSIDE
PARTNERSHIP**

Specialist Private Client Lawyers &
Tax professionals

Trusted advisors to individuals and their families

We are based in Marlow, Bucks, but also have offices in London and Oxfordshire.

We provide specialist advice on Wills, inheritance tax planning, probates, powers of attorney and generally protecting your assets. Our tax specialists are also here to help with your personal tax compliance.



We are always happy to offer a free initial chat.

For more information, please call our Marlow office on 01628 301221, visit www.theburnsidepartnership.com or email bethan.chant@theburnsidepartnership.com



"The team is superbly put together, showing professionalism and personality in equal measure"
Legal 500



stuv
charnwood
 EXCEPTIONAL FIRES

CLEARVIEW
 STOVES

LONDON NEW YORK
CHESNEY'S

DORCHESTER FIREPLACES
 &
 INTERIORS

For all your woodburning stove
 requirements and fitting.

www.dorchesterfireplaces.co.uk

Tel: 01865 745215

Email: enquiries@dorchesterfireplaces.co.uk

HETAS



Discover Oaken Grove Vineyard, a 40-year-old hidden gem in the Chiltern Hills, where award-winning English wines come to life. This family-run boutique vineyard, tucked neatly between Henley-on-Thames and Marlow, produces exceptional still and sparkling wines—fresh and modern, from grapes bursting with flavour.

Join us for a vineyard tour and tasting experience, or soak in the atmosphere at one of our live jazz music events or foodie pop-ups. Planning a special event? Our covered wine terrace and elegant Tasting Room are available for corporate gatherings, private parties, weddings, workshops and wellness events.

Visit us and savour the taste of English excellence.

Oaken Grove Vineyard, Benhams Lane, Henley-on-Thames RG9 6JG
 oakengrovevineyard.co.uk

HAMBLEDEN

A busy Christmas time at Hambleden

The first visible intimation that Christmas is around the corner in Hambleden church is the decorating of the Advent ring (made by Caroline Cook many years ago) with greenery and the five candles for the four Sundays of Advent and the centre one for Christmas Day. In the following week Christmas service cards are delivered to all households in the parish by a small army of volunteers.



Preparations for Christmas in church begin in earnest with Paul Webb constructing our crib, complete with thatched roof and straw strewn floor. Mardi and Bessie decorate it with holly and ivy and people it with our lovely collection of 19th century porcelain



Holy Figures. Entering the empty church on a gloomy day and seeing the stable scene bathed in a soft light, always takes my breath away for a moment, as it certainly does for visitors coming upon it unexpectedly.

Around the same time Angus brings in two wonderfully shaped Christmas trees to place either side of the Altar which Chris Howgego then dresses with lights.

Then along come Jill and Charlie with mounds of greenery, to prepare oasis ready for the team of ladies to create multiple decorations of ivy, yew and holly, some highlighted with sparkly cones and twigs, others with white Amaryllis and Freesias. These are placed throughout the church and on the lychgate. Sabine Sarikhani generously donates a large number of red carnations which give a happy Christmas feel to many arrangements. Mardi and Bessie decorate the Lady Chapel and porch.



Jill and Charlie put the gold frontal on the altar, reveal the gold and red reredos curtain, get out the cope with the angels' wings, and the scene is set for our first Christmas service, on the Sunday

HAMBLEDEN



evening before Christmas: The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The nave was full and, with a large choir, we heard the well-known lessons from Genesis, through the prophesy of Jesus birth in Isaiah to the nativity story in St Luke and St Matthew - the fulfilment of the prophesy. Two young boys from Frieth sang the first verse of *Once in Royal David's City* most confidently and beautifully. The lessons were read by eight people who work hard for our village community, several in unsung ways. The service was led by Rev Sue Morton, who read the final reading from St John's Gospel. Between the readings we sang well-known carols or listened to the organ and choir as they sang most beautifully. One choir member said afterwards that she found the music 'just magical'. Notable was *Gaudete, Christus est Natus* sung unaccompanied, with organist Jo Hutchins beating time on a Tambour. One could imagine one was in Hambleden in the 16th century.

Next morning it was all go again making 150 Christingles with the Hamilton family in their lovely barn at The Hyde. Charlie L was wielding the drill making holes in the oranges, with the Hamilton girls and friends putting sweets on sticks.

After several years of practise, we now have a very efficient production line (thanks to the very generous Hamilton family) and were soon bringing the boxes with completed Christingles down to the church ready for the service on Christmas Eve.



The Christingle service on Christmas Eve is always somewhat daunting in advance, and yet very satisfying once done. Fifty minutes before the service there is no one in the church and fifty minutes later there are 270/280 excited people of all ages who want to sit together in large groups. All 50 extra chairs are put out; people are seated on the sanctuary step with 40+ in the choir stalls. All of a sudden, the service is starting and somehow everyone is safely (fire risk!) and happily seated. *Little Donkey* was sung; the nativity story was read from Luke by Lola and Sacha Hamilton and Rev Sue explained the symbolism of the Christingle.

Continued on page 17



open Monday to Sunday, for breakfast, lunch and dinner

www.stagandhuntsman.com | 01491 571227

Church Services and Events

From The Registers

Rest in Peace

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec 16 | The Late Lord Parmoor (Seddon Cripps) | Funeral, Hambleden |
| Jan 6 2026 | Caroline Mary Felicity Campbell Jones | Burial of Ashes, Fawley |
| Jan 13 | Stanley Frederick Stride | Funeral, Hambleden |
| Jan 19 | Tony Savage | Funeral, Lane End |



Hambleden Valley Prayer Group

We have formed a contemplative listening and confidential prayer group, forming a circle round the valley with God at the centre. If you would like prayer please send a request to the email below:

hambledenvalleyprayergroup@gmail.com

Henley based plumbing, heating and bathroom specialist



ALLHEAT
SOLUTIONS

07596 018344

PAUL@ALLHEATSOLUTIONS.COM



FOLLOW US



**Oil Boiler Servicing,
Breakdown & Repair.**



Oil Boiler Installations.



**Bathroom Design &
Installation Service.**



Full Tiling Service.



**General Plumbing
Maintenance & Repair.**



**Heating System Power
Flushing.**



**Underfloor Heating
Installation & Repair.**



SCAN ME

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Pattern of Worship February 2026

Please see below for Sunday services. There will also be Zoom services at 9:30am on Wednesdays with Churchyard Prayers at Fawley at 12noon on Fridays. The 10.15am midweek Holy Communion on Wednesdays is at Turville. 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.

Sunday Services

| | Fawley | Fingest | Frieth | Hambleden | Medmenham | Turville |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st February | | | | 10am Group Service with Farewell to Rev Sue Morton | | |
| 8th February | 11am Holy Communion | 9am Holy Communion | | 11am Holy Communion | | |
| 15th February | | | 9am Holy Communion | 8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Prayer | 11am Village Service | |
| 22nd February | 11am Holy Communion | 6pm Compline | 9am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion | | 9.30am Holy Communion |
| 1st March | | 10am Group Service | | | | 3pm Family Service |

Master Hedge-Layer & Arborist

www.Masterhedge-layer.com

Woodland management

Traditional Hedgelaying

Qualified Arborist

Contact: 07707 440900

Petals & Prunes Gardening Services



Petalsandprunes.co.uk



Lizzie ~ 07880975229



Petalsandprunes@outlook.com

General Garden Maintenance & More..

Planting , Pruning , Lawn Care

Hedge Cutting , Laying , Reduction.



Danesfield Gardens

Henley Road, Medmenham, Near Marlow, SL7 2EU

Your local nursery for bedding and patio plants for spring and autumn
Baskets filled, compost, chimney pots and ornaments

Phone: 01628 484509

Isabel McCrindle
and Hannah McCrindle



Skirmett Village Hall

A bright lovely hall with fully equipped kitchen in the Hambleden Valley available for meetings, workshops, classes and parties.

WiFi available.

Bookings via the website: skirmettvillagehall.org

Other enquiries: skirmettvillagehall@gmail.com



COAT & TAILS

All breeds of Dogs and Cats • Long Coats a speciality
Collection or home service by arrangement

MAIDENHEAD-MARLOW-HENLEY
PROFESSIONAL & CARING
With 36 Years' Experience
Clipping/Hand Stripping
Rotten Row Farm • Hambleden
Henley-on-Thames • Oxon
Tel: 01491 636140
candidataylor50@gmail.com
www.coatandtails-Hambleden.co.uk

Telephone
01491 574644



Established
1906

FAMILY RUN INDEPENDENT MEMORIAL MASONS

36 READING ROAD, HENLEY ON THAMES, RG9 1AG

www.etsheppard.co.uk

info@etsheppard.co.uk

Private Car Parking

Many people helped hand out and light the Christingles, which always takes longer than anticipated, so required Jo to play a couple of extra verses of the carol. Then the lights were dimmed and *Away in a Manger* sung in the light of the candles. All of a sudden it was over, excited people pouring out down the path lit by twinkly lights, some pausing on the way to study the crib scene, having been encouraged by Sandy Doggart to give generously to The Children's Society (nearly £800). It is a good feeling as we clear up, knowing that nearly 300 people who live in our valley have stopped their Christmas preparations and come out in the cold and dark to hear the Christmas story and the real meaning behind the festivities.

Later that evening the bells rang out over the village for the Midnight Mass bringing more than 70 people into the church.

On Christmas Morning, at the 11am Holy Communion, Rev Andy preached to another large congregation on the theme of Jesus coming to just the right place and at the right time, quietly and without fuss, unlike Hambleden's experience of Evri deliveries. All the well-known carols were sung including *Hark the Herald* and *O Come all ye Faithful*. The choir treated us to the *Gaudete* again, this time unaccompanied, and *Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar*, Ben Allen singing the tenor part. Both created a wonderful atmosphere. Thanks to the choir and to Jo who trains and leads them.

Then the church part of Christmas was done, with thanks to MANY people in the parish who played a part in enabling it all to happen over the whole of December. More people are always welcome to join us, whether delivering cards, making Christingles, decorating the church or

helping in services. It was a great joy that between the Advent Candlelit Carol Service and Christmas Morning around 700 people attended our church (some more than once of course!).

Jill Steward

Hambleden Sports Club Coffee Morning



A big 'Thank You' to all who supported our Coffee Morning and raised this tremendous total for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Pat Eldridge

Hambleden Cinema

Cheer up your Saturday evening, 21st February, by joining us for *The Illusionist*, rated PG, an intriguing romantic

HAMBLEDEN AND FRIETH

mystery film, starring Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti, and Jessica Biel. With his eye on a lovely aristocrat, a gifted illusionist named Eisenheim uses his powers to win her away from her betrothed, a crown prince. But Eisenheim's scheme creates tumult within the monarchy and ignites the suspicion of a dogged inspector.

The trailer;

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0443543/>

Doors open 7pm, programme begins 8pm. Tickets £8 each can be bought from <https://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 presents

EDWARD NORTON
PAUL GIAMATTI and JESSICA BIEL

THE ILLUSIONIST

NOTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS

Saturday 21st February 2026

Doors & Bar open 7pm, Programme begins 8pm

Tickets £8 on sale at
www.hambledencinema.co.uk
and at Hambleden Village Stores

In Aid of Raising Funds for Hambleden Village Hall. Registered Charity 300275

Hambleden Cinema Team

FRIETH

A Frieth Village version of the Nine Lessons and Carols

On Sunday 14th December in St John the Evangelist, Frieth, over fifty people celebrated a village version of the Nine Lessons and Christmas Carol Service that has historically been mostly associated with King's College, Cambridge.



Photos Paul Marston-Weston

Rev Sue Morton and local historian and broadcaster, Andrew Green, led the evening. Andrew explained the origins of the service from the 18th century and many of the original words were used together with an accompanying handout featuring many of the original historic photographs and prints.



Continued on page 21



From Our Farm To Your Fork



Fully stocked farm shop specialising in produce from our farm, as well as other local farms and businesses.



Laceys Farm Shop & Butchers

Lane End, Bucks HP14 3LP
Telephone : 01494 881660
www.laceysfamilyfarm.co.uk

Opening Times

Tues - Fri 8.30am - 5 pm
Sat 8.30am - 4pm
Sun 9am - 2pm



How Do I Get Rid of Moths in My Rugs?



Preventing moths is always easier than dealing with an infestation. Moth larvae, not the adult moths, are responsible for damage, feeding on the keratin found in silk & wool. They favour dark, undisturbed areas & are attracted by everyday debris such as dust, food crumbs, pet hair & skin cells.

Regular care plays a vital role in prevention. Vacuum rugs frequently, including edges, fringes and—occasionally—the back of the rug. Rotate rugs & lift those

that sit under furniture so light & airflow can reach the fibres, making conditions less inviting for larvae. Keeping surrounding areas clean, especially skirting boards & corners, also reduces the risk, as moths often spread between nearby textiles.

Despite good housekeeping, moths can still take hold, particularly in valuable Persian, Oriental & natural fibre contemporary rugs. In these cases, professional rug cleaning is the most effective solution. A specialist clean removes larvae, eggs & the embedded soiling that attracts them in the first place. Depending on the rug, this may include dusting, washing, controlled drying & the application of an approved moth-prevention treatment.

Early professional intervention can stabilise damage & help ensure treasured rugs remain in use for decades to come.

Absolutely Fabulous
PERSIAN & ORIENTAL
RUG CLEANING



Call **Absolutely Fabulous**
today on 0330 111 4912
abfabrugcleaning.co.uk



YOGA IN YOUR HOME

Qualified and experienced yoga teacher at reasonable prices

- 1 to 1 teaching
- Small Groups
- Seniors welcomed
- Hambleden Valley based

Please contact:

Susannah Trombetti

Email: susannahtrumbetti@gmail.com

Mobile: 07917 683162



Denning Montessori Nursery and Forest School - Fawley

www.DenningMontessoriSchool.com - Tel: Jenny 07982 620710

Admin@denningmontessorischool.com

T&S

Tomalin & Son

A Family Run Independent Funeral Service

24 hours service | Private client parking | Private chapel of rest
Free home visits | Pre-paid funeral plans | Full written estimate

Tel: (01491) 573370

www.tomalins.co.uk office@tomalins.co.uk
Anderson House, 38 Reading Road, Henley-On-Thames, RG9 1AG



**Golden
Charter**
Funeral
Plans

W. J. Webb & Son Ltd.

(Established 1968)



BUILDERS and DECORATORS CONVERSIONS and GENERAL REPAIRS

Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames

Tel: 01491 571366

e-mail: wjwebbandson@gmail.com



It was a wonderful event with the organ and choir leading the congregation in the carols and the evening finished with a glass of mulled wine, mince pies and the chance to reflect on such a beautiful service.

The collection was for Wycombe Homeless Connection and over £170 was given to help this incredible charity.

Lynda Marston-Weston

Frieth School Drama Workshop

Owls, Kestrels and Buzzards classes had a great time at their 'Perform' workshop! They used their acting and improvisation skills to go on a magical adventure in an imaginary toy shop. They hunted for a key, had fairy dust sprinkled over them that turned them into moving toys and managed to save the toy shop from the town villain. They loved sharing ideas about their own favourite toys with the workshop leader too!

Forest School

Kestrels made the most of the snow in their Forest School session, working out how to shift the most snow from the field to the woods, finding bird tracks

and making ice slushies. Add in a site-wide obstacle course and warm apple juice meant home time came round way too fast!



Running Club

We had great fun at the Running Club Christmas-themed session! The children ran a brilliant 3K, all while getting into the festive spirit. A huge 'Thank You' to all the mums and dads who lead the club and give up their Friday mornings every week to create this lovely opportunity for the children. It was amazing to see everyone enjoying the exercise, working together and spreading those Christmas smiles!



Walking Bus

Our children thoroughly enjoyed a special Christmas-themed Walking Bus. There were lots of Christmas hats, festive accessories, and plenty of smiles

FRIETH AND TURVILLE

along the way. It was a wonderful opportunity to walk to school together, enjoy some fresh air, and spread lots of Christmas cheer throughout the community. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the morning so special!



Kites Class Assembly

Kites took the school back to the Stone Age in an exciting assembly that showcased

the children's creativity and confidence. Big thanks to parents for their support in helping the children learn their lines and for organising some spectacular costumes. The children proved that the Stone Age rocked!

Martin Gosling, Headteacher

TURVILLE



Basil at Turville weekday Holy Communion Service sharing the peace

Jill Steward



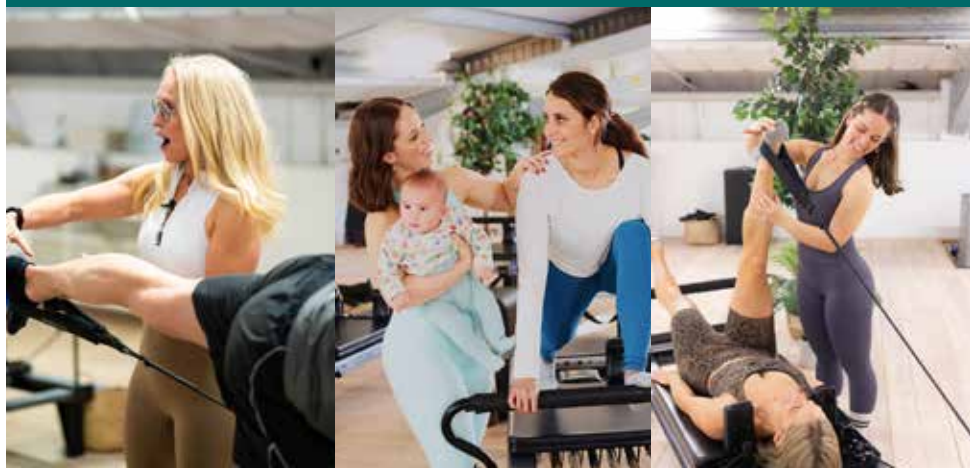
Turville Northend Village Hall

Large Hall, Committee Room, Kitchen, Private Terrace, Parking.
Available for: Meetings, Workshops, Parties, Weddings, Classes.

For further information & bookings visit: www.thevillagehall.co.uk
Turville Northend Village Hall, Northend, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 6LJ

NUBODI PILATES

*Changing the Way
Henley-on-Thames Moves*



Nestled in the heart of Henley-on-Thames, Nubodi Pilates is a boutique Reformer Pilates studio founded by Carine Cowley and her daughter Lia.

Together, they deliver world-class Reformer Pilates in a welcoming, nurturing environment for all abilities.

Scan to join the Nubodi Community

3 Classes £55

Private Session + 2 Classes £95

Personalised, expert-led Reformer Pilates
for strength, mobility, and confidence.



★ 5-Star Google Reviews | Henley-on-Thames | @nubodipilates | nubodi.co.uk

ADVERTISEMENTS

North Cornwall,

Harlyn Bay Padstow 4 miles.

Family cottage with garden.

Sleeps 6. Quiet lane with footpath leading to huge sandy beach.

Excellent surfing, walking golf. Very reasonable rents. Beck-Burridge 01491 413171.

Rock, North Cornwall.

Modernised, traditional cottage by the beach, sleeps 8. Available for holiday lets. Contact Mandy Heller on 01491 638355 or johnheller@poyntattscottage.com

Salcombe, South Devon. Three bedroom cottage, recent refurb, stunning estuary views, quiet & close to town centre, sleeps six, easy access beaches/walks, holiday lets throughout year, 01491 577344.

Isle of Mull. The Bothy sleeps 4, available for weekly holiday lets, and The Studio sleeps 2, available for 2-5 nights. An ideal peaceful location for exploring this beautiful island. Wonderful panoramic views, walks, beaches, wildlife. Visit www.thesmithymull.co.uk for more information.

Dairy Lane Dog Grooming.

Hand-stripping, Clipping, Scissoring, Bathing, Nails. Louise McTeague, 4 Dairy Lane, Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 3AS Tel

01491 579442. Member of British Dog Groomers Association and Pet Care Trust.

Do You Need Your Logs

Stacking? If so then please contact Tom on 07866 683383.

Try Reflexology for

Better sleep; improved memory; increased energy levels; sharper concentration; better immune system; ability to manage stress; better decision making and release of tension. All of us have some of these symptoms and a few sessions of Reflexology could help improve your daily life. I am AoR registered and practice in Henley - so please come and try - preferential rates offered to readers of this magazine - contact Vicky Lehaj on 07429 151389 or email v.lehaj@gmail.com

Need your chimney sweeping or stove installed?

If so, then please contact Terry - a member of the National Association of Chimney Sweeps with over 30 years of experience working in the Hambleden Valley - on 01494 564321 or mobile 07850 196616.

Tip Top Dog Training.

Puppy School is held on Saturday mornings at Lane End Youth and Community Centre followed by Dog Club which is open to graduates of Puppy School or following 1:2:1 assessment.

www.tiptopdogtraining.co.uk

07711 807109

melanie@tiptopdogtraining.co.uk.

Furnished

Accommodation

Management Services, by Pass the Keys (South Oxfordshire).

Based in Henley-on-Thames, providing a fully managed service - listing creation and management, guest communication, cleaning and linen. Hassle-free high returns for landlords, second home owners or country estates looking to diversify. Reach out to Rachael 07792 003333 to see how we can help, or email south-oxfordshire@passthekeys.co.uk

Rowlandscapes creative landscape gardening. Patios & paths, brickwork, planting & hedging, lawns, fencing, tree surgery. Telephone: 01844 351919 Mobile: 07718 257104 Email:

rowlandscapes@googlemail.com

Website:

www.rowlandscapes.com

The Stag & Huntsman

Garage Under new management. For all your car services, MOTs and repairs. Pop in and see Josh or Russell or give us a call on: 01491 877697



YOUR LOCAL TYRE FITTING SPECIALISTS AND MOBILE BREAKDOWN SERVICE!

Thames View Tyres will get you back on the road!

CONTACT US!

01491 413311
www.thamesviewtyres.co.uk

TVT
THAMES VIEW TYRES



Contact us now for your exclusive 10% discount,
just quote #Hambleden

HOT Moves have you covered for all your removal needs.

Removals, Man & Van service, Clearance & Storage

Contact Hugo or Sophie on:

01491 877 692 / info@hot-moves.com



Healthy Ovens
HEALTHY, HAPPY OVENS IN A JIFFY
www.healthyovens.co.uk

Professional Oven Cleaning Services
A CLEAN OVEN IS A HAPPY OVEN!

Healthy, Happy Ovens In A Jiffy
Get Your Oven Cleaned TODAY!

01491 714012
 **info@healthyovens.co.uk**

Graham Blake
soft furnishing

- Loose Covers • Curtains •
- Re-Upholstery • Tracks and Poles •

TEN YEAR GUARANTEE

For personal, helpful service, please call

Tel: 01844 261769 • Mob: 0780 1182 400

grahamblake123@btconnect.com

www.grahamblake.com

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

HAMBLEDEN VALLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

Rector: The Revd. Andy Storch,
07811 430898, Revandystorch@gmail.com

Director of Music: Jo Hutchins
07909 608654 johutchins27@gmail.com

Organist Emeritus: Christine Wells BEM,
c@wells.vnworks.net

Group Treasurer: Stephen Sidders,
01491 639271 stephensidders@sky.com

Group Administrator: Jenny Neagle, 07769
599616, hambledenvalleyoffice@gmail.com

Weddings and Blessings: Jenny Neagle,
07769 599616,
hambledenvalleyoffice@gmail.com

Tea Club: St. Katharine's, Parmoor,
Tuesdays, 3 - 4.30pm
Wendy Duerden, 01491 638297,
wendy.duerden@techademic.net

Barney's Toddler Group: Frieth Village Hall,
Currently suspended

Hambleden Valley Garden Club:
Meetings October-March on the first Tuesday
of the month, Frieth Village Hall.
Clair Honnor 07773 387195

Website:
www.hambleden-valley-churches.org.uk

FAWLEY (ST MARY THE VIRGIN)

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Village Hall booking:
David Burton - davidburtn83@hotmail.co.uk

FINGEST (ST BARTHOLOMEW)

Churchwardens:

Brian Barnes, 01494 882613,
brianbarnes346@gmail.com

Jill Dean, 01491 638678,
jill@sundawn.uk.com

FRIETH (ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST)

Verger: Judy Hunt, 01494 882227,
ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com

Village Hall Bookings:
website www.friethvillagehall.org
email friethvillagehall@gmail.com
Tel 01494 880737

Frieth Natural History Society:
Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586,
FNHS2023@gmail.com

Frieth Village Society: Caroline Walker
01494 882333

Frieth Cricket Club: Ben Smiley
friethcricket@btinternet.com

Frieth Lunch Club: meets on last
Friday of the month at the Yew Tree Pub.
Judy Hunt, 01494 882227
ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com

HAMBLEDEN (ST MARY THE VIRGIN)

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Bell Ringing: Fri 6.45pm practice, Helen or
Karen, hambledenbells@mycomputer.email

Village Hall Bookings: Jamie Baker,
01491 410669, www.hambledenvillagehall.org

Pilates: Mondays 11 – 12 Fran Presho,
07951 019594

Bridge Club: Fridays 1.30 – 4.30
Frances Cugnioni, 01491 576409

Hambleden Social and Sports Club:
Open daily from 8pm Pat Eldridge,
01491 576067

Tennis Club: Heather Symons, 01491
577344, heathersymons16@hotmail.com

Tennis Coaching: Chris Marshall,
07801 999230, chrismarshall20@hotmail.com

MEDMENHAM (ST PETER AND ST PAUL)

Churchwarden:

Vacant.

Village Hall Bookings: Emma Tentori,
07759 014396

Uniformed organisations:

1st Danesfield Scouts, Cubs and

Beavers: leader Nick Currie,
enquiries@danefieldscouts.org.uk

Medmenham News:

medmenhamnews@icloud.com

SKIRMETT

Village Hall Bookings:

Bookings via the website:

skirmettvillagehall.org

Other enquiries:

skirmettvillagehall@gmail.com

TURVILLE (ST MARY THE VIRGIN)

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Bell Ringing: Wed practice,
Rachel Wallace, 01494 883025
rachel@markjwallace.com

Artists' studios: Turville Studios open the
first Sunday of every month 11am-4pm.
Angela Fois turvillestudios@aol.com
www.turvillestudios.co.uk

TURVILLE NORTHEND

Village Hall Bookings:

David & Susan Faragher 01491 638960 or
07563 903678, davidfaragher@fastmail.fm
smfaragher@fastmail.fm

Yoga: Tuesdays 7pm, Andrea 07496 281341

Parish Council Contacts

Hambleden: Parish Clerk Lorna Coldwell
01494 881483, clerk@hambleden.org.uk,
www.hambleden.org.uk

Medmenham: Parish Clerk Carole Burslem
01494 449215, mpc.clerk@gmail.com

Turville: Parish Clerk Lorna Coldwell,
01494 881483, turvilleparishcouncil@gmail.com,
www.turvilleparishcouncil.org.uk

Fawley: Clerk to Fawley Parish Meeting
Ross McDonald, 07769 971252
r.mcdonald2007@yahoo.co.uk

Magazine details

Editor: Penny McLeish,
01491 571288,
hambledenvalleyeditor@gmail.com

New subscriptions: Penny McLeish,
01491 571288, penny_mcleish@hotmail.com

Advertising Manager: Stephen Sidders,
01491 639271 stephensidders@sky.com

Distributors:

Fawley: Hilary Beck-Burridge, 01491 413171;
Fingest: Brian Barnes, 01494 882613;
Frieth: Tony Parkins, 01494 882170;
Hambleden: Samantha Webb, 01491 414418;
Medmenham: Jim Tilbury, 01628 487135;
Mill End: Robert Spicer, 01491 577747;
Northend: Amanda Bucknill, 07718 860064;
Parmoor: Gillie Scott 01494 881408;
Pheasants Hill: Kate Hussey, 01491 576913;
Skirmett: Bessie Webb, 01491 638574;
Southend: Rodney Pickett 01491 638523;
Turville: Anne Jones, 01491 639344;
Turville Heath: Charlotte Stuart, 07712 077675;
Woodend: Helen Balkwell, 01628 471403.

Postal Distributor: Stephen Sidders,
01491 639271 stephensidders@sky.com



DESIGN HOME DECORATORS

| KITCHENS & BATHROOMS | INTERIOR & EXTERIOR | REFURBISHMENT & DECORATION |

Bill Simons

Twin Peaks, Spurgrove, Little Frieth
Nr. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 6PB

Tel +44 (0)1494 881341 Mobile: +44 (0)7774 171908
Email: bsimons@dhdcommercial.com | bill@designhomedecor.co.uk

extremeclean.co.uk

Superior Cleaning and Application of Protectors

Carpet, Upholstery, Leather, Modern & Oriental Rugs, Curtains, Tile & Grout/Stone Flooring,
Anti-Allergen Treatment, Specialist Stain Removal, Wood Floor Refinishing

Paul Brooker 35 Place Farm Way, Monks Risborough Bucks HP27 9JJ
T: 01844 346379 / 344735 M: 07866 376934 E: jjjp@uwclub.net

www.extremeclean.co.uk



ARNOLD FUNERAL SERVICE
INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Traditional, Alternative & Green Funerals ~ Pre-Payment Plans ~ Stonemasonry ~ Floristry

24 Hour Service

www.arnold-funerals.co.uk

Marlow
21-23 Little Marlow Road
Tel: 01628 898866

Head Office Flackwell Heath
24 White Pit Lane
Tel: 01494 952288

High Wycombe
891 London Road
Tel: 01494 472572

Beaconsfield
32 Gregories Road
Tel: 01494 685000

Farnham Common
4 The Broadway
Tel: 01753 535556

Gerrards Cross
38 Oak End Way
Tel: 01753 891892

▲▲ D. J. Macleod ▲▲

Tree Surgery, Felling, Planting and Hedge Cutting

Fencing and Gates Supplied and Erected

Quality Firewood for Sale

Producer and Supplier of Wood Chips

Cedar Cottage, Parmoor, Henley-on-Thames RG9 6NN

Mobile 07850 724023

01494 882901

www.donlogs.com

e-mail: donlogs@hotmail.com

Peter Freebody & Co

BOATBUILDERS OF THE THAMES EST[®] OVER 300 YEARS



BOATBUILDERS • RESTORERS • BROKERS

TELEPHONE: 01628 824382 WWW.PETERFREEBODY.COM
THAMES BOATHOUSES, MILL LANE, HURLEY, BERKSHIRE, SL6 5ND



J & D Mooney

In Association with Henley Chic Decor

**YOUR "CLEAN" RELIABLE
QUALITY PAINTERS & DECORATORS
DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL**

Family run business for over 30 years!
Summer bookings being taken



- NVQ qualified
- Many references available in and around Henley
- No job too small!
- Interior & exterior work done!
- Free competitive quotes! No obligation
- Prompt and friendly service!
- C.I.S registered business
- Full public liability insurance
- Specialist in rural run down property

T:01189 344230

M:07961 366535

darrenjomooney@hotmail.com henleyschicdecor.com



When it matters most, put your
next move in safe hands.

Knight Frank Henley

Proud to support the Hambleden Valley Magazine

01491 818416 | henley@knightfrank.com

Your partners in property