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Editorial

Here we are again on the countdown to Christmas, dark mornings and evenings, Christmas carols on the radio, advent calendars, cosy nights in, hot chocolate and mince pies. We are hugely fortunate to live in the Farnhams and this year instead of getting swept up in the panic gift buying I am going to try something different - check out the alternative advent calendar on page 8, maybe you would like to try it too?

In this Christmas edition we are looking forward to taking part in local celebrations - the really popular Carols on the Green and Christmas Carols in the Beeches. We bring you up to date with news from our regular contributors on the rotary clubs, the community library, Burnham Beeches and sporting fixtures. Updates from our local schools always make welcome reading, and 60th anniversary of Farnham Common Junior School is well covered. Look out in the next edition for news of an interschool story competition.

Two new books are featured, one on the wonderful world of Maths, and another about local recruits who marched off to battle in the Great War and never returned. We continue to tempt you with a new recipe - do try it and let us know how you like it. We look back on the very popular Horticultural Show and on a hilarious Last Night at the Proms celebrated in church with a very big screen and lots of flags.

Have a really wonderful Christmas and New Year and we will be back again closer to spring.

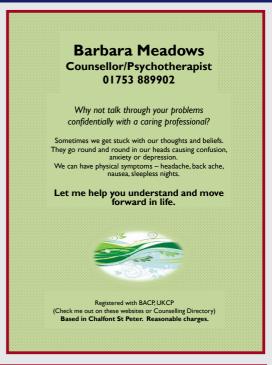
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Rector's Letter: Time out at Christmas

Dear Friends

I always look forward to Christmas! I love the season with its long-established traditions, such as the Christmas tree, the Christmas dinner, the presents and (not forgetting) the Carol Services. You might expect me to look forward to the spiritual side of Christmas and its true meaning. I certainly do because my Christian faith is central to my life.

The most pleasurable delight for me at Christmas is when I actually stop all my Christmas activity and begin a time of relative stillness. When the last Christmas service is finished and I arrive home, I feel a deep sense of inner peace. Then it is generally 'time out' for me, apart from domestic tasks or giving attention to any pastoral issues in the parish.

Our modern lifestyles make demands on us throughout the year. Even if we are not really busy, we might feel we have to look busy because that's what seems essential to modern life. We all seem to be on the treadmill of life, even our children! I am not saying 'busy' is bad but 'busy' all the time is not good for the soul. We all need 'time out' before we 'run out'. Maybe we will get 'time out' at Christmas!

'Time out' at Christmas is when our spiritual awareness of the season may have a chance. When life is moving too fast we fail to see the bigger picture of life. A life lived at pace skims the surface of life, whereas times of silence bring depth. I believe that spirituality, however it may be defined, only stands a chance when we take time out for stillness.

'Time out' at Christmas is for giving attention to our families and really be at home. It is when we find inner peace and maybe think again about the Christmas story. The Christmas story tells of God taking 'time out' through Jesus to reveal his Love and give us a New Life. So, when we take 'time out' at Christmas we may come home in more ways than one.

I love Chris Rea's atmospheric Christmas song:

'I'm driving home for Christmas
Oh, I can't wait to see those faces
I'm driving home for Christmas, yea
Well I'm moving down that line
And it's been so long
But I will be there
I sing this song
To pass the time away
Driving in my car
Driving home for Christmas.'

Happy Christmas everyone







Alternative Advent Calendar

I love Christmas and so does my daughter, writes Paula Morris.

However, the Christmas message of kindness and community can get lost amongst the commercialism, When I was growing up an advent calendar was a card with windows that had scenes from the nativity. Over the years they have progressed through chocolate, cosmetics and alcohol, and the excitement of opening each window comes with expectation of a gift. In our house this year we will be using this calendar (along with a chocolate one) as I want my daughter to join in the real spirit of Christmas which is about giving and not receiving. Why don't you join us in this act of kindness calendar or make your own! The Farnhams is a fabulous place to live, we are truly blessed – let's share our blessings.

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pick up litter	Send a paper note to someone you love	Leave food out for birds/ hedgehogs	Donate some items to the charity shop	Make cookies for the postman	Call a grandparent/ relative to say hello	Let someone in front of you in a queue
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Donate food to a homeless shelter	Leave a happy note for someone to find	Hold the door open for someone	Take a treat in for your teacher/colleague	Tell someone you're proud of them and explain why	Do a chore for a neighbour	Take a blanket o pet food to an animal shelter
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Give three people a compliment		Write a thank you note to a family member just because	Give out a hug coupon to a family member	Be kind to yourself today	Wash the dishes after dinner without being asked	Tell your family ar frineds how muc you love them

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Burnham Beeches Bulletin

Chris Morris, senior ranger of Burnham Beeches, tells of far sighted philanthropists.

The Square Mile in the City of London and an ancient woodland in Buckinghamshire seem like strange bedfellows but how is it that the former is custodian of the latter?

In the late Victorian era, there was a great deal of concern about the rapid disappearance of public open spaces to make way for houses and other developments. These open spaces were not only surviving fragments of the country's natural wildwood habitat and green oases for wildlife, but also somewhere where the city dwellers of the time could escape the smog and pollution of London's Victorian streets.



To minimise the threat to the health and well-being of Londoners, the City of London Corporation sought to introduce legislation which would allow them to acquire land outside its legislative boundaries but within a 25 mile radius of the Square Mile. They employed a young solicitor, Robert Hunter, to assist them (in 1895 he teamed up with Octavia Hill and Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley to form the National Trust).

As a result of the ambitious project, Parliament passed the Epping Forest and Open Spaces Acts in 1878, the latter enabling the Corporation to buy Burnham Beeches (24.5 miles from the City) in 1880. This far-sighted policy was the inspiration behind the later Green Belt movement, designed to protect the countryside around British cities from urban sprawl.

The Beeches became a popular destination for Londoners, who would catch the train to Slough and then a bus to the southern end of Lord Mayors Drive. From there visitors would

enjoy a stroll around Sevenways Plain and the ancient pollards, perhaps take a donkey ride or go to see artists painting at the ponds, probably finishing with a cup of tea at Wingrove's tea rooms. Over time, following the cancellation of the bus service and the increasing use of private cars, the focus of visitors migrated from the southern end of the site to the entrance close to Farnham Common.



Today, around two thirds of visitors to the site come from within five miles

with the rest from further afield and, whilst some of the former attractions have long gone, the ancient trees and peaceful woodland walks continue to be a draw for locals and people from much further afield. Recent visitor number surveys have confirmed that the Beeches attracts around 580 000 visits every year; a huge amount for any square mile of woodland but particularly significant for one which is internationally important for nature conservation.

When the City bought the Beeches they did so to maintain it for public recreation whilst preserving its natural aspect - balancing the sometimes conflicting needs of both is challenging but, with careful management, it can be achieved. As East Burnham Common was heavily damaged by army activity during WWII, its nature conservation quality is now a little lower than other areas of the site, so it is the ideal place to focus visitor facilities such as the café and public toilets.

Closing the majority of roads through the site not only drastically reduced problems of speeding traffic, fly-tipping and car break-ins, but it also greatly benefitted the wildlife and, overnight, provided a network of surfaced paths where visitors can walk in safety. Over the past twenty years or so a network of surfaced paths has also been added; these form our easy access path network, whilst elsewhere we have used gravel from the site to repair and improve existing well-trodden routes. On particularly muddy routes boardwalks have been installed, with the 'ziq-zaq' route across the mire being particularly popular with little explorers.

With no rights of way through the site, we are able to divert paths away from sensitive areas, such as the old trees - some of the most important habitats on the reserve - rather than cutting them down. To help them understand the site better we provide visitors with leaflets, information boards and guided walks. We also support community events like the 'Big Picnic' and 'Carols at the Café' and, whilst we do not have an education service, we engage school children with walks, talks and mini beast hunts. Of course there is also the 'day job' of carefully nurturing the ancient trees and habitats.

Local council taxes do not fund the Beeches; it is run as a charitable trust, with funding mostly from private sources. Revenue from filming, parking charges, donations and legacies is becoming increasingly important for the long term management of the reserve. Nearby developments and high visitor numbers add further pressures to the site, and consequently to budgets. If you are local or a regular user and are inspired by the vision of our Victorian forefathers, you can help to contribute to the future of the reserve: make a donation on-site or a larger donation on-line or join the volunteers whose practical and office work really does make a huge difference.



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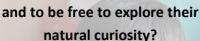
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Farnham Common Junior School's 60th Anniversary

Andrew Parry, Chair of Governors, tells of the great celebrations this summer.

Farnham Common Junior School celebrated its 60th anniversary this year with an event offering 60 activities for young and old! You probably were there, as well over 700 people came. The mammoth event was organized by an astonishingly dedicated group of parents, staff and governors.

We were honoured to have the school's first Head Teacher, Mr. Aubrey Bass, attend and he and Mrs. Fischer cut the ribbon to open the celebrations. Mr. Bass showed us photographs from that time - some things were familiar, but then he had more funding than he needed - whereas today we rely more and more on generous parents, alumni and the community to support us.

Our MP, Dominic Grieve, was there to support us, and he really enjoyed the "excellent celebrations" and will be visiting the schools again in November.



On display were all the Leavers photographs from our archives, dating back to 1986 (earlier photos welcome!) and over 150 former pupils identified their younger selves and more than 40 signed up to our new alumni network.



Children from both schools put on wonderful displays of art and singing, demonstrating the results of their hard work and that of their teachers (many of whom were involved in the anniversary, even after a very busy week.)

The children enjoy some of the activities





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St Mary's Farnham Royal C. of E. School

It has already been a very successful start to the school year at St Mary's. The children and staff have all settled in to their new year groups well and there is, of course, a buzz of excitement as the Christmas festivities draw upon us.

The Harvest Festival was a recurring success with parents generously donating food and other provisions in order to give a hand up to families in the community. The church service for this event was very popular with parents and members of the community. In addition, the school provided a food tasting opportunity in the hall with all the produce that had been grown and cared for by the pupils for all to try.

The annual Third Age Lunch has been in full preparation with all hands on deck to make it as successful as it has always been in previous years. The choir are practising the well known and loved traditional Christmas songs to perform to our visitors.

We are looking forward to the annual school Christmas Carol service which has always been a popular, warming event with staff, pupils and members of the community. The pupils and choir have an additional opportunity to perform to the church and Rev Graham leads the service.

School Nativity plays are well underway and both teachers and pupils are working hard to ensure each performance runs as smoothly and as professionally as possible.

This term, we can also take pride in our sporting achievements, which not only includes the 'skip-a-thon week' involving a majority of the whole school, fund raising for the British Heart Foundation. Mile a Day initiative was also launched throughout the whole school proving to be a huge success with our children, enjoying 10 minutes of activity every day. We are also delighted to announce that we achieved the School Games Mark Award for the 2016/17 academic year. School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme.

Year 4 and Year 1 pupils were lucky enough to take part in a Karate demonstration where they learnt basic self-defence moves.

Year 2 Football Team – Entered first ever competition at Dair House and after playing against three other schools won the tournament and our Year 6 Football Team – Play in the Chiltern and South Bucks Primary Schools league. Played 1, lost 1. Played in the first round of the under 11 cup and after 1-1 at full time, were triumphant in a penalty shoot - out and now progress to the next round.

Year 6 – 28 year six children attended the Dare to Believe sports festival in Beaconsfield where they participated in Boccia, Goalball, Sitting Volleyball and assisted running.

The next exciting school event is the Music & Arts Festival, which takes place early in the Spring Term.

Hedgerley Historical Society

Hedgerley Historical Society has published a book to commemorate the Ten Hedgerley Men from the Great War. John Lovelock, Secretary of the Society and Project Leader, provides us with an insight into the project and how one man from Farnham Common is commemorated in the book

In 1914, the combined population of the adjoining parishes of Hedgerley and Hedgerley Dean was 250 and of these 88 able bodied men left the village to fight for their country in what became known as the Great War. Sadly, 10 of these men did not survive and a Memorial was erected inside St Mary's Church shortly after the end of the war to commemorate them.

Hedgerley Historical Society decided in February 2013 to commence a research project to discover more about their short lives growing up in Hedgerley before the War. Our hope was that our research would provide us with a greater insight into life in Hedgerley one hundred years ago and possibly reveal unknown photographs and documents from this period in our history.

We soon discovered that our research would have to be more detailed as there was only one living relative of the ten men still living in the village. In addition to that, the 1911 Census revealed that only four of the men were living in the village prior to the outbreak of war. We consulted Census and Parish Records, School Log Books. Parish Council Minutes. Local Directories. Estate

TEN HEDGERLEY MEN FROM THE GREAT WAR

Records and War Diaries. We spent several days reading the War Diaries for the Regiments our men served in. These records were written in pencil usually by officers who were in the midst of the theatre of war.

During the course of the project we established contact with relatives of five of the men. One relative of Francis Piner was having her car serviced at a garage in Hazlemere Bucks and saw an article on the project published in HiYa Bucks Magazine, and we discovered a further relative by contacting all the Stockwell families in the Slough Telephone directory!

It was Philip Stockwell who grew up in East Burnham and Farnham Common. Philip's Grandfather Caleb was Licenced Victualler at The Crown Inn East Burnham in 1851 and later at The Green Man public house Beaconsfield Road in 1861.

By 1911 the family had moved to the telephone office in Kingsway Farnham Common where his older sister Catherine was a telephone operator. The following year, on the 5th October 1912, Philip married Sarah Roberts at Slough Register Office. Philip and Sarah had three children who were all born in One Pin Lane, Hedgerley Dean, and this would explain why he appears on the Hedgerley War Memorial.

Sadly one of our research team, Judith Broadgate, a resident of Farnham Common, died during the production of this book, but her research that is included in this publication is a wonderful legacy of her investigative and written skills.

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Hilda Holder, Clerk, and Trevor Clapp, Chairman of the Parish Council wish you all a Merry Christmas

If this reaches you in time we hope you can join us for **Carols on Kingsway Green** on 9th December. This is always a lovely way to start the Christmas season with the Christmas lights being turned on on 1st December.

2018 of course marks the centenary of the end of WW1 and the Council has made sure that the **war memorial** in Farnham Royal is looking its best. Repairs were undertaken recently and it has been thoroughly cleaned. In addition the Parish Council has supported an initiative from 1st Hedgerley Scouts to plant poppies around the flag in Farnham Common.

A separate initiative by the Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches to support their **polio campaign** will see crocuses being planted around the Templewood Lane junction. So we are expecting a colourful year ahead.

One of the many issues residents complain about is **dog fouling**. The old Dog Control Orders have been replaced by Public Space Protection Orders. The District Council are shortly to introduce a blanket PSPO regarding dog fouling in public spaces which means they can employ their dog wardens to follow up complaints of dog fouling anywhere on public land not just areas covered previously by a specific dog control order. They have confirmed this would even include Farnham Common Sports Club.

They have just concluded a consultation about introducing specific new PSPOs for specific areas which would need to be evidence based to deal with other dog control issues, for example dogs being on leads and multiple dog walking. So we will let residents know if we hear more.

Work should by now be completed on resurfacing **footpath** 4 between Barn Close and Egypt Lane. This should greatly improve access via this main route to Burnham Beeches. Following a campaign by residents this work was undertaken by the County Council but was supported and funded mainly by the Parish Council.

The initiative led by residents and facilitated by the parish council to **number Blackpond Lane** has at last come into effect . This was quite an extensive consultation exercise and from it, it is hoped this will help delivery vans, taxis and emergency services to better locate properties along this long lane.

We are concerned about **illegal signage** in the villages. Not only is it unsightly but such signs can also be a hazard to pedestrians and affect traffic sight lines. The removal of these is now something we can deal with under our devolved services contract with the County Council. If you are aware of any advertising signage being put up on public spaces or street furniture please let our Clerk know

The community **Speedwatch** scheme is at last about to go live. Two residents have trained to be Police Support Volunteers, but more volunteers are necessary to help to man the speed camera from time to time. Only minimal training is required for this. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in helping with local operations aimed at reducing speeding.



The Parish Council has arranged for an arboriculturalist to **map out trees** of value to our parish. The aim is to ensure as many of these as possible are covered by TPOs in due course.

The Parish Plan has now been agreed and we hope to publish this on the Parish Council website shortly. This sets out the policies that the Parish Council have adopted in response to the views returned in the survey. Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire.

The Parish Council has been approached by a major developer to work with them in **developing proposals** for a large parcel of land in the villages. Needless to say this is a controversial issue with almost everyone and it has yet to be fully debated at the Parish Council. It could see us putting our foot down and saying no or being proactive and trying to rebalance the housing stock that we have. As always your views will be welcome, so look out for when the matter will be before the Council to come and have your say at the meeting.

Just a reminder that agendas and minutes of the Parish Council meeting are posted on the village noticeboards and on the PC website. There has been little take up on the email circulation list, so for now you will need to look to these resources for agenda items.

Finally, we have a **vacancy for a Councillor**. In drawing up your new year's resolutions why not consider how you can help run our community. Or as Walt Disney once said "The way to get started is to guit talking and begin doing"

Have a Happy New Year!

The Parish Council has been advised of recent incidents when bus drivers on the local Arriva and First bus routes have refused to accept bus passes as valid between 9am and 9.30am. Bus pass holders have been turned away on the grounds that the ticket machine says the bus stop is in Slough where the rules are different.

To be clear any bus pass holders from the parish trying to catch a bus at a bus stop within the parish have a right to use their bus pass on any bus after 9am.

If this has happened to you since 20th October 2017 can you please let the Parish Council Clerk know. Either ring 01753 648497 or email clerk@farnhamroyal-pc.gov.uk . We would be happy to keep a record of any such incidents and take the issue up with Bucks County Council or the bus companies directly.



Horticultural Show

This year's Horticultural Show was as colourful as ever, with the good summer weather helping to produce a wonderful display of garden produce. The Village Hall looked really colourful with dahlias, gladioli and roses magnificently displayed.



The subjects offered for flower arranging this year may not have inspired quite as many entries as usual, but Chinese New Year created some spectacular feasts for the eyes. Outer Space was a bit challenging, but the Sapphire Jubilee was duly celebrated.



These stunning dahlias formed part of a beautiful display of flowers

One could only marvel at the ingenuity of local growers with their variety of vegetables, just as numerous as ever - heaviest, longest and simply the best.



Winner of the Robin Kemp Memorial Album, giving the Judges most pleasure, was a recycled model by Mia Wyllie

Children's lively imagination resulted in a lot of fun and creativity, which never failed to delight.



Some classes could do with a boost. Where are all the "crafty" people in Farnham Common and Hedgerley? Quilters, knitters, woodworkers, modellers, painters - let's see all the lovely things you make next year! And are the locals being more abstemious these days, I wonder? Gather up fruits and produce more wine, beer and sloe gin to warm the winter months! Thankfully there was no lack of cakes and lots of jam to put on the scones, and marmalade to go on the bread.



Hedgerley W.I. provided tea and delicious homemade cakes for over 100 people

So sad that this as the last year of the show for Douglas Morris and John Conen, who have worked tirelessly for many years to ensure the smooth running and success of the show. We shall really miss you. An enormous thank you to them, and to all the back room boys and girls behind the scenes.



John Conen with some wine and sloe gin



Jenny Harper-Jones won "Best in Show" on the theme of the Sapphire Jhbilee

Douglas Morris wishes you a fond farewell

I have been Chairman of the Horticultural Society for around six years and during this time the Society has donated $\mathfrak{L}3,250$ pounds to local charities, for which I am very proud.

The main reason that Angela and I are leaving is that it has always been our wish to live near the sea and we are in the process of hopefully moving to Dorset, to a house 6 miles outside Wimborne Minster and around 15 miles from the coast.

We moved to Farnham Common from Beaconsfield Old Town some 16 years ago and during this time I have been involved in The Royal British Legion, Riding for the Disabled and, more recently, the committee organising the Summer Fete for St. John's Church. On moving to Dorset I anticipate continuing my involvement with the RBL and the RDA but do not think I would have been able to carry out any of these activities without Angela by my side cheering me on!! We are both sorry to be leaving Farnham Common but we sincerely hope we have made a small contribution to the community.



Douglas Morris, Angela Morris and Judy Tipping are seen here presenting a cheque to Di Redfern, Chairman of the South Bucks Riding for the Disabled Group at their Quiz Night held in October in Beaconsfield. The donation was the direct result of surplus cash after all expenses were paid from The Farnhams & Hedgerley Horticultural Society's Show held in September of this year.



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Memories of India

Shamin Ahmed, of Memories of India, tells **Jessica Houdret** about winning a 'restaurant of the year award' and shares some of the secrets of his success.

Memories of India has been voted best Indian restaurant in the South East of England. In a country-wide annual competition, judged by the English Curry Awards organisation, our local Farnham Common curry house won the regional award in the 'restaurant of the year' category, in recognition of its high quality of food and service.

Owner, Shamin, who began his restaurant career working in the kitchens, said, "I think it helped that our food is a little different from other Indian restaurants. I have spent a lot of time with the chef designing dishes, working out unusual spice combinations and adding different ingredients."

This is evident in the imaginative menu, featuring choices such as 'Weeping Tiger', a prawn dish which includes a splash of cointreau, and a standard Afghani lamb dish, lifted by its unique use of spices not normally associated with this recipe.

The award was presented at a glittering evening at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, in August this year. Accolades were distributed in a variety of categories ranging from an individual lifetime achievement' award, to best takeaway, best chef, or best restaurant, decided regionally.

For the best restaurant of the year award, the many curry houses nominated by online reviewers, are whittled down to 10 finalists in each region, who are all visited anonymously by English Curry Awards judges. Five finalists from each region are then invited to the awards ceremony.

"I didn't think we would win," said Shamin, "but managed to persuade a friend to come with me to Manchester. 'Best Restaurant' was the last category to be announced, so we sat through a long evening and it was just the greatest feeling when they called our name."

Memories of India has been open for sixteen years, but owner Shamin has only been running it hands on for the last five. "I really would like to stress," he said, "that I owe this success to all the people from Farnham Common, who voted for me and have supported me, so a big thank you to all of them."





Memories of India restaurant

Shamin Ahmed at the award ceremony

Farnham Common Sports Club

The new Chairman of Farnham Common Sports Club reminds encourages us to utilise the excellent facilities.

The Sports Club started as a Cricket Club in 1958 with a Pavilion built by volunteers at a cost of £458. How times have changed!



The Club now has over 700 members with many more using the club for fitness sessions. Cricket has been joined by Hockey, Rugby, Tennis, Squash and a fitness room that talented fitness trainers use for individual fitness training or group classes. The Bar has become a social centre for many people with Jackie Curtis offering superb bar food and a great selection of discounted beers.

The Cricket club has had a hugely successful season fielding three teams regularly on Saturdays. The 1st XI were promoted and there was a significant increase in membership. The pitch and outfield are now considered so good that Bucks use the ground for over 50s and age group matches.



Bucks over 50s v Kent Over 50s

The Friday evening junior coaching sessions has become a social occasion for parents and great fun for the children. If you have children from age 5-16 come and see us in the Summer on Friday evenings at 6pm. Check our website for start dates.

The tennis section continues to thrive with seven teams regularly representing the club, the highlight being the men's 1st team being promoted into Div 2 of the Bucks Shield League. With the installation of floodlights the tennis courts are now

used night and day. Plans are advanced to recover two courts to take advantage of the latest surface technology. We are very lucky to have one of the best coaches in Stephen Wright, and he offers adult coaching, but also runs Summer and Winter Camps for juniors. Please visit the Tennis section on the Club's website for details

Hockey is finding life difficult as the sport has moved to playing on artificial surfaces. Clubs that have these surfaces have become a magnet for players. That said, we have a thriving junior section run by Jo Dobson and we regularly field a ladies 1st team and a Veterans team known as the 'Wrinklies'

The squash courts continue to be a busy place particularly on Saturdays where Matt Davies coaches our juniors many of whom have gone onto play for the County. The men's teams held their own in their league and the friendly squash ladders are very competitive. The plan this year is for a refurbishment of the squash changing areas.

The fitness room continues to be a huge success, group classes are held daily by a variety of trainers with personal training offered by Steve Dowse of Definition4fitness. In the Summer



evenings the playing fields are full of people doing boot camps and other activities. Please visit the club website for times and contact details.

The Club bar is a busy place. BT Sport and Sky Sports channels show live Champions League and premier League football is shown plus live Rugby matches. Jackie Curtis the Club Steward offers great bar food. The Club continues to offer a venue for parties, christenings and company events. Booking details are on the club website.

So since 1958 the club has come a long way, but it faces challenges. Adult

participation in team Sport is reducing, which is a worrying trend. The Sports Club has been proactive in addressing the problem. As school Sport provision has declined the Sports club has stepped up. All our sports have thriving junior sections, coaches are trained and parents are

encouraged to get involved. Having added a fitness section, should the Sports Club accommodate other sports such as cycling or running. We would like to hear from anyone who currently feels their sport isn't provided for in our area.

The Sports Club is a fantastic amenity for our community but it needs your support. The Club is non-profit making and only has one employee. Believe it or not everything is done by a small committed group of volunteers. Please visit the club with your families and see what it can offer, come to the Christmas Fayre and come along to some of the social events we arrange.



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Drifter's Memorial Match

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon with a dry well-maintained pitch, the Drifters Rugby Football Club produced a match of great rugby to celebrate the life of and remember a much-loved captain James 'Paddy' Cotter, who sadly died in August at the young age of 43.

The teams were drawn from the club old and new: the youngest player in his teens and the oldest in his sixties! Over 40 members of the club turned out to play and the match was divided into four quarters of 20 minutes, allowing everyone to participate. Both players and spectators stood for a minute's silence before the game to remember James.



The running of the backs was determined and full of quality, both of speed and handling; the forwards huffed, puffed, jumped and frequently charged with great vigour. The whole event was run by a considerate referee, John Mewes (clad in shocking pink), and the scoring of 5 tries and 4 conversions to each team reflected the skills that resulted in a very open game.

After the match the teams, mostly clad in the unmistakeable Drifters' blazers and ties, reminisced for some hours with Guinness in hand and many an old friendship was revived. The whole was a great advertisement for both the Drifters and the game of rugby.

Burnham Lions have a ball

On Saturday 23rd September 2017 The Burnham Lions Club held a Centennial Ball and Charity Auction at The Grovefield House Hotel, Burnham to celebrate 100 years of Lions Clubs International.

The event was attended by 90 guests, some from the local community and some from much further afield.

Commenting on the event, Lion John Edwards (one of the key organisers of the event and the Burnham Lions Club's 1st Vice



Iain Pudney with award

President) said, "this was an extremely successful and fun event. Everyone that attended the ball had a great time and we raise a good amount of money for good causes. Our club would like to thank all the local businesses that generously donated some fabulous auction prizes."

The event in total raised a staggering £1,900 of which nearly £1,200 was raised from the Charity Auction.

The evening comprised of a 3-course meal and drinks, followed by a charity auction and then a disco provided by local DJ Andy Webb from Out of This World Discos.

The money raised from the auction will be split between two Lions Clubs' Centennial Projects; namely Sight and Measles. The Lions Clubs International initiative on measles aims to globally prevent any new cases of measles. The Sight Charities, collectively named "Sharing the Vision" aims to prevent future cases of unnecessary blindness through vision screenings and educational events. The rest of the money will be shared between local charities.

One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship honour to Burnham Lion Iain Pudney. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honour that a Lions Club can award an individual, named after the founder of the Lions Clubs International. Iain received the award for his long-standing commitment to Lions Clubs humanitarian causes and in recognition of his tremendous success in rolling out "Message in a Bottle" nationwide.



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Could you twin your Toilet?

The Inner Wheel Club of Burnham is hoping to turn the Farnhams into Toilet Twinned villages and to do this we need your help.

What is toilet twinning?

Toilet Twinning (www.toilettwinning.org) is a registered charity that works to improve sanitation conditions in the developing world. By installing toilets, improving sanitation and teaching children and adults about the importance of washing their hands and preventing disease they improve lifespan and living conditions. Did you know that 40% of the world's population do not have a loo? Women and children are especially vulnerable as



they walk to the edge of their communities to go to the toilet in the open late at night.

How Toilet twinning works

Each toilet costs £60 (or you can twin a school toilet block for £240). Your toilet is twinned with one that has just been built in the country of your choice. You get a certificate to put on your toilet wall with a photograph of the twinned toilet and the GPS co-ordinates of its location. The money goes to building the next toilet or sanitary projects in the country that your toilet is twinned with.

How can the Farnhams' become - a toilet twinned village?

To achieve 'Toilet Twinned status' we have to twin at least 5 toilets in publicly accessible places and encourage as many people as we can to get involved. The Parish Council are supporting this project and have agreed to let the public toilets in Farnham Common be twinned.

What has the Inner Wheel Club got to do with all this?

The Inner Wheel Club of Burnham is co-ordinating the twinning as part of its International fund raising for the year 2017-18 and is raising money for some of the twinnings. There is no Inner Wheel Club in the Farnhams' but many of our members are residents. Inner Wheel is a lady's service organisation that is part of the Rotary family. The Burnham Club meets once a month on a Monday evening at the Pines Hotel and our members mostly live in Burnham or the Farnhams'. We have social events and also fundraise for charities local, National and International. New members are always welcome, come along for a meeting to see what we do!

Progress so far

We had a fund raiser event at the Yew Tree/Indian Courtyard early in the year. In the summer we had a stand at the village fete and raised enough money to twin the new toilet at St Mary's Church, Farnham Royal. We have agreement from the Parish to twin the public toilets in Farnham Common with a school block and the hand over is being planned. A group of regulars at Farnham Royal Cricket Club have twinned a toilet there and two local business have purchased one as a result.

How can you help?

Stuck for a Christmas present? Why not twin your loved one's toilet! If you own a business why not consider supporting the project by twinning the toilet or encouraging your staff to raise some money to do so. Together we can help those in other countries who are sick through lack of basic sanitation while having a bit of fun in the process.

For further information (and where to buy your toilet!):

See www.toilettwinning.org or contact helen@helen-read.co.uk for more information about Toilet Twinning or Inner Wheel. Helen usually has a few toilets ready to be twinned!

Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches

Rebecca Whitlock reports on another fabulous few months for the Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches.

We have been busy! Our perennially popular Golf Day in early September, held this year at South Bucks Golf Club, was attended by as many non-members as members this year and once again a non-Rotarian won the day. A sumptuous dinner was enjoyed after the well-organised golf, too. These past few months have seen new members give compelling talks on their backgrounds, interests (did you know that when tortoises are born they are smaller than a 50p piece?) and why they joined our club, and more established members regaling us with talks of their adventures around the world. Amongst other excellent guest speakers over the past few months, in early September we were treated to a fascinating evening in the company of a previous University Challenge Winner which included some cunning tips on how to win at guizzes.

Given that we have just run our first ever Community Rotary Quiz, I suspect that many members would have benefitted from listening more closely to those tips as they attempted to answer some pretty tricky questions on the night. Rotarian John Senior and his wife Beryl treated us to a super evening of questions and fun with the favourite round being true or false question answering regarding the art of kissing. The quiz was (very ably) organised as RCBB knew that there were several groups in the Farnhams and Burnham who wanted the opportunity to get together for an evening and to become familiar with other very worthwhile organisations in the area.

Scouts, Local Libraries, running groups, the Foodbanks, Schools, former Rotaract members, JAWS members and many other groups braved Storm Brian to come along to Caldicott School on Saturday 21 October to eat cheese and nibbles, drink and make some new friends. Burnham Joggers B team won the quizzing crown in the end after a nail-biting tie-break. It was a hugely enjoyable event and one that looks to become established as an annual event for the future. Look out for the dates for next year!

We meet on Thursdays, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start at the Tudor Barn. Do come along and see if it is for you; you are more than welcome.



We win it fair and square on a toilet roll conundrum! (Quiz question: How long is an Andrex quilted toilet roll? Answer: 25m)



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JAWS

Improving fitness, socialising and eating plenty of cake – **Richard Flower** shows that's what JAWS is all about!

The pattern of JAWS activities over the summer followed its usual course, with five of us taking part in the Ride London in July and the annual golf tournament in August. There was also an excellent turnout for the Burnham Beeches Half Marathon and 10k run, followed by a special birthday celebration for Brian Webber and Paul Naish, who are now proud septuagenarians.

In early September 26 members went on the walking weekend to Thoresby Hall, Notts, while 13 of us, including three friends from the Wycombe Hash House Harriers, took off in the evening for the beautiful town of Krakow in Poland. This was the starting point of our planned cycling adventure, complete with our own fluent polish speaker, Krysia Edwards - what could possibly go wrong?

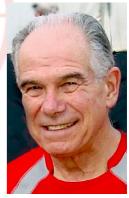
The next day, we were on our way to the ski resort Zakopane by bus. After spending a couple of nights there we actually started cycling! The plan was to take the funicular railway to the top of the mountain, and then spend the day cycling downhill to the Dunajec river. The 39 miles to the hotel wasn't quite all downhill, and after GPS hiccups, we were relieved to have a rest.



The next day was a short 29 miles along the Dunajec river, but it had a sting in its tail towards the end. With only five miles to go, we headed for the top of the 930m mountain, in order to reach the hotel on the other side. We were rewarded with a beautiful view at the top, followed by a lovely downhill run to the hotel. Our destination on the final cycling day was Tarnow. Here we caught a train back to Krakow, followed by a couple of days of sightseeing, before heading home.

Sadly, on the 7th July, we lost another long

standing member of JAWS, Brian Bilgorri. Brian was a valued member of JAWS. and always be will remembered for his support for the local community. We have lost a great character and a good friend. Our sincere condolences go out to Lindi. Guv and Chloe.



Brian Bilgorri



Yummy Mummy

Amanda Silvey is taken by surprise.

One recent Sunday morning I braced myself to visit my local discount sports store. I had been putting this off for a while for a number of reasons. Firstly my son and I will always disagree on the trainers he wants and the ones I'm willing to buy. Secondly I feel like I am being watched as a potential thief from the moment I get out of my car to the moment I get back in and lock the door due to the number of tags on everything and the Assistants all insisting on carrying the goods around the store for me. Finally I find it too big and I can never find anything, while my kids get distracted by the huge buckets of footballs just waiting to be 'bounced' around.

My list was simple: school trainers, astro boots, and base layers, I had picked a time when I was feeling calm, no-one was hungry, and we had time. This had been carefully planned to minimise the pain!

It went like this:

- 1. Trainers picked by me and declared 'cool' by my 8 year old. In stock, fit perfectly. Assistant tries to sell me some gel inserts to 'make them last longer'. Assistant takes them to a till somewhere (I'm not trusted to do this).
- 2. Upstairs for astro boots. Luminous orange pair selected by my son. Cheap enough. In stock, fit perfectly. Different Assistant takes them to a till.
- 3. Finally base layers. I need 2 sets in different sizes. Easy. Job done. I am allowed to take these to the till myself. I hope it's the same till as the trainers and boots are at.
- 4. Wait in queue for approx. 10 minutes. If I had cash there was no queue but who carries cash?
- 5. Shout at kids to stop bouncing footballs.
- **6.** Listen to Assistant radio the Guard on the door after every purchase that the "tall lady has purchased 3 tops", the "man with small kid has purchased 2 footballs".
- 7. My turn. Kit has turned up at the right till. Payment confirmed. Guard at exit is radioed "woman with 2 kids has purchased 2 x shoes and 2 x kids running kit".
- 8. We all exit the store with a cheery "have a nice day" from the Guard.

It got me thinking.

- 1. Every Assistant was pleasant, knowledgeable, and helpful. No-one was rude or impatient despite my kids bouncing balls around and playing hide and seek amongst the racks.
- 2. Everybody knew what their role was and just did it efficiently.
- 3. The experience was actually better than Ok. My son was delighted with his new kit, and I was delighted at the discounts.
- 4. My expected experience didn't materialise.
- 5. It still doesn't sit well with me that they have to let the Guard know that the person exiting the store has actually bought the goods they are carrying out, but clearly this is the world we live in.

So all in all this was a great customer experience, and given the rate at which the kids feet keep growing I know I will be a frequent visitor, safe in the knowledge that I will get what I want at a price I'm happy to pay!

Bright Ideas To Keep Your Home Safe In The Dark Evenings

When the clocks go back homes are in darkness early in the afternoon – a gift for opportunist burglars.

To avoid becoming a victim of burglary, Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council's Joint Community Safety team is encouraging householders to take some simple steps to protect their home:

- Use a timer switch to turn on lights and a radio to give the impression someone is home
- Keep valuables, and other electronic equipment such as iPads out of sight
- Security mark valuables with a UV pen and register them with www.immobilise.com
- Double lock UPVC doors or use dead locks on solid doors. Keep all spare keys, including car keys, away from the front door out of sight to avoid them being 'fished' through the letter box
- Keep windows locked with the key and keep it out of sight
- · Don't leave packaging of expensive items purchased on view as an advertisement to thieves
- If you intend to go away over the holiday period, ask a neighbour to park on your drive to make your home look occupied and do the same for others.

Neighbourhood Police Officers will be patrolling in residential areas and, if they believe a property is at risk of being burgled, they will pop a 'Here's a bright idea' card through the door along with contact details for further crime prevention advice.

Residents can follow their local police and pick up security advice from Twitter at: @TVP_ChiltSBucks For regular updates on crime and disorder in your area you can sign up to Thames Valley Alert .

You can also contact Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council's Joint Community Safety team on 01494 586535 and for further crime reduction advice you can visit: https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/ www.chiltern.gov.uk/crimereduction or www.southbucks.gov.uk/crimereduction or follow us on Twitter @csafetycdcsbdc





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Golfing Achievements: Nandit

Could **Nandit Sondagar**, son of our Farnham Common postmaster, be a future Tiger Woods? His dedication to his sport and early successes certainly suggest that he has a bright golfing future ahead.

Golf has been at the centre of 17-year-old Nandit's life since he first started playing at the age of 12. 'I was attracted to the sport from the very start, because it was like nothing I'd ever played before,' he says. His aptitude was evident from the outset, although he does not come from a golfing family. 'They have all tried, but none of them actually play.'

An early success was winning the Brooks Cup trophy at the age of 15 playing against people three times his age. The same year, 2014, he was granted a scholarship at Stoke Park Club, which provided him with two years of free tuition. 'The fun fact is that I got a hole-in-one on the try-out day for the scholarship – and all the coaches saw the ball go in,' said Nandit.

This summer Nandit won the Wimbledon Junior Open tournament. But his greatest achievement was as winner of the newly created prestigious Bucks Cup, a junior 36-hole two day event, with 18 holes played on consecutive days at Beaconsfield and Stoke Park Golf Clubs. Tim Whittaker, Captain of Beaconsfield Golf Club, and Stuart Collier, Director of Golf at Stoke Poges, hope to build up the two-day event to the extent that World Ranking Points are on offer.

The Bucks Cup is judged from both tournaments - at Beaconsfield for the Luke Donald Salver and at Stoke Park for the Stoke Park Junior Open Cup. Nandit won the Stoke Park Junior Open outright, competing against 49 other contestants from many different clubs, as well as being overall winner of the whole event.

Currently playing to a handicap of two, Nandit's ambition is to make that scratch. He has his sights set high. 'My plan for the future is to work even harder than I currently am, so that I can achieve my end goal to win multiple Major Championships.'



Nandit Sondagar, at Stoke Park, with the Bucks Cup (left) and the Stoke Park Junior Trophy (right).

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Hedgerley Historical Society

We start our Winter programme on the 6th December when we welcome **Roger Howgate** to present Kimble's journey – the history of England from the perspective of a rural parish.

The Saxon, Danish and Norman invasions all directly impacted on Kimble (close to Princes Risborough Buckinghamshire). Men from Kimble fought and died on both sides at the Battle of Bosworth Field. Members of the community were present at the Field of the Cloth of Gold. A queen of England was born in Kimble, the events leading directly to the Civil War took place in Kimble Church and the plot to remove James II is connected to Kimble. The Chequers Estate is partly in the Parish and many of the staff and estate workers lived in Kimble.

He moved into the village of Great Kimble in 1992 and was fascinated by the rich oral tradition in the village. In this talk Roger Howgate challenges two assumptions – namely that villages, were often backwaters left behind by national events and that women played a secondary role in political and social developments in the village in the 19th century. Roger will look at the leading role taken by women in Kimble in the 19th Century in the developments in education, rural industries and politics culminating in a significant event in the Suffragettes campaign.

Expect to hear "Look behind you!" on the 13th December as **Leanne Walters** decribes the history behind the Pantomime tradition.





Leanne's talk charts the evolution of pantomime from the very earliest days to the present day, explaining where this typically British Institution comes from, why do men dress up as women and why do women dress up as men? All will be revealed in this talk as we hop, skip and jump through the theatrical ages.

Leanne Walters has worked for Milton Keynes and Aylesbury theatres for the past 14 years as a group's coordinator. As part of that role Leanne presents talks about aspects of British Theatre. Her most popular talk is the History of British Pantomime which is a classic British Christmas tradition and as they say, Three things are required at Christmas time; Plum Pudding, Beef and Pantomime; folks could resist the former two; without the latter none could do!

After our Christmas break our programme will resume in the New Year on the 17th January 2018 with a talk by **Alex Matthews** and **Geoff Paul** - A short but interesting history of the canals in England.

Geoff served as an Officer in the Royal Navy, but decided to look for something a bit more exciting, so became an accountant. After a career in various industries he retired in 2013, and consolidated his voluntary activities into a full time role. Sitting on the Bench as a Magistrate, listening to children at the local school read, chairing the Friends of the Library Committee, and sitting on the Parish Council didn't really fill the time, so he became a Volunteer with the Canal and River Trust (CRT). This has proved a great decision: being out in the fresh air, getting a reasonable amount of exercise (an average shift as a volunteer lock-keeper elicits around 14000 steps), and meeting the various people who are to be found around the canal, all add up to the perfect activity for retirement.



Alex has been a volunteer with the CRT for over five years. Having enjoyed a career in retail and finance for most of his working life, he nevertheless found the offer of early retirement in 2011 too enticing to refuse. Encouraged by his wife he then set about finding ways of keeping out of the house from Mondays to Fridays. He set up a business, became a director of a not for profit company and took up the chair of a conservation group. He particularly enjoys volunteering with the CRT and likes the feeling of helping to manage something really special, but also the camaraderie, the boaters, walkers and gongoozlers, and the beer.

Finally our winter programme will end on the 21st February with a talk by **John Leighfield** CBE where he will be putting Hedgerley on the Map – from Gough to Google.

John P Leighfield CBE MA was educated at Oxford 1958-1962 (Greats at Exeter College) and his major interests are in IT and in Education and collecting and talking on old maps

John has been collecting maps (of Oxfordshire and adjoining counties and of Cornwall) since 1966 and regularly lectures on the topic. This talk will include a brief introduction to mapping from prehistoric time up to the earliest maps of Britain, the first extant map of Britain with genuine cartographic content (the 'Gough' map), the beginning of professional mapping in Tudor times, the evolution of maps of Berkshire from the 16th to 19th centuries, the origin and development of the Ordnance Survey and mapping today up to Google.

Hedgerley Historical Society meet at Hedgerley Memorial Hall Kiln Lane Hedgerley SL2 3UZ. Further details from John Lovelock 01753-647187 / dlovelock@btinternet.com



1st Hedgerly Summer Scout Camp Hay-on-Wye



The day arrived with trepidation, I was going to another country with the Scouts (Wales). No electronics for a whole week. The campsite was a farmer's field bounded by a small wood and a river. Upon arrival we had to pitch our tents whilst the leaders erected the porta-loos, no water or power on site. Just us, nature and an awful lot of sheep.

The first activity we did was kayaking. We were split into 3 groups based on ability and each had a session on the river. In my group, only one person capsized, however we all got soaked during the activities.

We also went to Llangorse, where we did rock climbing, abseiling and a frightening aerial assault course. We had to climb up a type of ladder to get to the top of the enormous zip wire (over 100 feet up), which was very nerving but great - some broke the 'sound barrier' coming down!

The great expedition (a requirement towards our Chief Scout Gold Award) - without leaders! The five Patrol Leaders met up, (all around 13 years old) to plan the route. On Tuesday, the leaders drove us to our starting point (25 kilometres away) and we had two days to return.

After an exhausting 7-8 hours hike carrying all the equipment, we finally arrived at the planned expedition campsite at which we would stay the night. Thankfully, there were flushing toilets and showers so we used the facilities shortly after arriving. Next, we set up our tents. Then we started dinner, which was pasta with carbonara sauce. After dinner, we made hot drinks and one of the Scouts ended up knocking one over onto the floor and we had to clean it up. Things were different without the leaders, we had to be responsible and do our own clearing up and overcome problems ourselves.



The next day we woke up at 07:00 and left at 08:30 to start another day of hiking. The second day was harder than the first, even though the actual route and terrain was easier, due to fact that our limbs were aching from the previous days hike. At a rest stop, one of our party sat on a cooking pot bending it, so we had to hammer it back into shape. We did have one incident were a person spoke to us and we could not understand a word - he was speaking Welsh! Once he knew we

were English, it was fine. He was helping us find the correct path to take. When we finally made it back to the main campsite we were all relieved, elated that we had made it, but also exhausted and suffering from blisters.

On Friday we started packing up all the tents, before going on a shopping spree. When we eventually went to bed, we had a 'communal sleep-over' in the marquee.

At last... it was Saturday and we were going home. After taking down the marquee we all helped to get the kit into the van and making our way back home. After a long 4 hour trip, we finally returned to our scout hut, unpacked and went home to have another clean, refreshing shower.

I think this trip has been really fun and I have tried a lot of new things such as abseiling and done an exhausting 27KM two day hike. I have definitely thoroughly enjoyed myself, learnt more things like how to use a trangia set for cooking and improved my self-confidence.

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Scouts enjoying various activities

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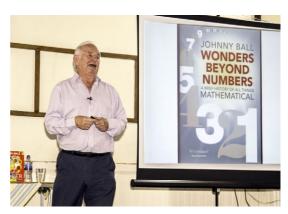


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Farnham Common Community Library

Local celebrity and author Johnny Ball entertains with the wonders of Maths.

At the end of October, writes **Michael Mills**, the Farnham Common Community Library hosted 'An Evening with Johnny Ball' to celebrate the launch of his book 'Wonders Beyond Numbers'. Johnny, who is Honorary Patron of the library, gave an enthusiastic talk in his own inimitable style covering a number of topics extracted from his book. These included 'Russian Sums in an English Pub', and examples of the works of Galileo, the Ancient Greeks and Egyptians. Certainly not an enthusiast of the National Curriculum, his talk gave most of the audience a new view of maths.



The audience included two budding mathematicians of 7 and 10 years old who thoroughly enjoyed his talk. The evening finished with a glass or two of wine and snacks and Johnny signing copies of his book.

All proceeds went to support the library (no fee to JB!) including the profit from the sale of books. For those who missed the talk and are looking for ideas for Christmas, signed copies of his book will be on sale in the library for the next month.

History of The Farnhams

Paula Morris talks to local Historian Judy Tipping about how things used to look in the Farnhams

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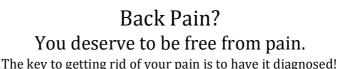
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Library update

Your local Community Library is a thriving centre for children in the Farnham Common area, writes **Maria Hall**, with regular activities such as storytelling and our ever-popular arts and crafts activities during the holidays.

In the summer, the children's library was a riot of colour and activity on the theme of "Circus". With clowns, trapeze artists and elephants decorating the walls and ceiling, and a ring-master watching over it all, the children were incredibly creative while also having great fun. The activities reached a finale with a procession in costume. Our half-term activities had the theme of "The Snow Queen" and saw the library turned into an ice kingdom with snowflakes and pine cones everywhere.

Our Summer Reading Challenge proved popular, with over 70 children registered and 44 who completed, and certificates and medals were presented to all finishers in September. We also ran a "Summer Read" activity for our youngest members to encourage the under-4s to read six books and collect stickers and a free book.

Reading is a crucial part of a child's life, both for enjoyment and education. If your child isn't already a member of the library, why not join them up and benefit from the very wide selection of titles for all ages from babies to teenagers, as well as the social activities and sense of community that the library provides?

Turning to our adult activities, in September our visit to Chatham Dockyard for the "Salute to the 40s" day was a real success. It proved to be a great day out with so many men and women dressed in 40s gear and hairstyles as well as many uniforms, both English and American, an Air Raid Warden with his bike, a couple of Spivs and a dog wearing a camouflage jacket! There were many vintage cars, motorcycles and army vehicles from the 40s to be seen, as well as a Spitfire, a Hurricane and a Destroyer. Music from four stages dotted around the site included the



Children's activities on the "Circus"



The Hotsie Totsies



Our visit to Chatham Dockyard

Glenn Miller Orchestra with The Hotsie Totsies, and a very credible George Formby. A real nostalgia trip for those of a certain age!

In late September, our Annual Quiz was sold out as teams of 6 battled it out in a not-too-serious evening of fun and games. Then in early October, we held one of our regular charity coffee mornings which was very well attended as always. This one was for Parkinson's UK, a charity close to the heart of several library volunteers. With a great selection of homemade cakes. raffle and Parkinson's awareness stand, the morning was a great success with a total sum raised of £655.45, all of which will go straight to the charity to fund support and research for people with Parkinson's. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated.

In mid-October we organised a visit to see the very popular "Million Dollar Quartet" at High Wycombe Swan Theatre. The show commemorated the one and only

Anne Dyer and Isobel Porter serve up homemade cakes at the charity coffee morning for Parkinson's UK held in Farnham Common Community Library



known rock 'n' roll tunes of the 1950s.

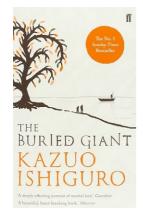
Then on 28th October we held "An Evening with Johnny Ball", where our patron gave a light-hearted talk to introduce his new book "Wonders Beyond Numbers". With entertaining and witty anecdotes in Johnny's inimitable style, we heard how humanity built up a knowledge and understanding of shapes, numbers and patterns from ancient times - a story that leads directly to the technological wonderland we live in today. The evening concluded with wine, juice and nibbles and a chance to chat to Johnny and get a signed copy of his book.

Our year ends with "Christmas at Waddesdon Manor", a great day out with festive decorations, light shows, gingerbread houses, a Christmas fair and food at the Wigwam cafe and Manor restaurant, the ever-popular John Rutter's Christmas Celebration Concert, and the always sold-out Annual Christmas Supper. Finally, FCCL is now a provider of the Safe Place Scheme where people can come to get help if they feel unsafe or at risk when

Place Scheme where people can come to get help if they feel unsafe or at risk when out and about. If necessary we will help people to contact their support worker, family member, carer or the police. People can recognise this by the Safe Place sticker in the window.



Book Review



Margaret Mills writes about The Buried Giant, by Kazuo Ishiguro

The Noble Prize winning author writes a spellbinding fable of one elderly couple's quest for memory. Set in England in the Dark Ages, the Romans have left Britain and the Saxons have arrived, fought wars of conquest and built settlements. The local people, the "Britons" have been forced into an uneasy peace with the settlers, but ogres roam, and myths and legends haunt, this bleak landscape.

Yet for all its mystery — a mist has settled over the land forcing people into a condition of forgetfulness, or so they believe — The Buried Giant is absolutely characteristic, moving and unsettling, of all Ishiguro's fiction. A novel with its subtleties of tone, mood and reflection, could be the work of no other

writer; a story that slowly builds and unfolds.

As one critic wrote: "The Buried Giant can be read as a quest narrative, rich in allusion; as an allegory about post-conflict resolution and the way people cope with and recover from wars and trauma; and as a story that explores the meaning of love in its various manifestations. It can also be read as a straightforward adventure story about the trials endured by an aged couple as they embark on a journey."

Something has happened to separate Axl and Beatrice, the old couple, from their son, whom they believe is living in a distant village and whom they must now seek. Suffering from failing memory, they peer uncertainly at the world through a thick mist of confusion, haunted by fears of being separated from each other and by the realisation that they have forgotten whole chunks of their life together.

They face many obstacles and mortal threats on their journey. Along the way they meet Sir Gawain, a now ancient rusting, comic figure, a Saxon warrior named Wistan, from the eastern "fens", whose mission it is to slay the she-dragon, Querig, and a young Saxon boy, outcast from his village whom they protect and save.

Each of the main characters in different ways is lost, uncertain about the past, unsure of present and afraid of what the future will bring. Each is searching for something or someone in "this land cursed by a mist of forgetfulness".

The fog of mystery imbues this novel of lost memories, love, revenge, and war. Even after you have finished the book, many days later, you find you can't stop thinking about it.







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From the Archives

This archive extract is a mixture of bits and pieces from 1950, writes Elisabeth Mills

The first one gives us further news of St. John's Tennis Club. 'Play started on Easter Monday on the hard court of Langtons Meadow by kind invitation of Colonel and Mrs. Fishbourne'.

In July we have news of the Farnham Royal School.

'Since Mrs. Webb left, much damage has been done to the fabric by young vandals, and the property was deteriorating rapidly. A local builder desperately in need of housing accommodation is now occupying the house on a repairing lease, so we may expect the house to be well used

and maintained. We hope there will be considerable improvements effected in the school itself during the summer holidays. As the school now has "controlled" status, this expense will be borne by the local Education Authority'.

Then we move on to August and a report of the P.C.C. meeting in June 'with an apparently light agenda. As usual on such occasions it proved to be a very busy and protracted meeting. A few jobs were light-heartedly tossed to the Fabrics Committee at the start: the practicability of fitting a flagstaff to St. Mary's Church Tower, with a flag to match; of making the lych gate waterproof and sound'. Later 'the Council heard with pleasure that Col. and Mrs. Urwick, on leaving the parish, had made a parting gift of more than three tons of coke - other parishioners please note - which, by some good work on Mr. Henley's part, had now been transported into St. Mary's cellars.

'The Rector next mentioned that the lease of the rectory cricket field to Farnham Royal Cricket Club was renewable in 1951, and that he proposed to modify the present lease in the sense of reserving his own discretion on the matter of Sunday play; no member raised any objection'.

Finally, we hear that at the November meeting of the P.C.C., the treasurer stated that the final costs of St. John's House were £3,154 11s.9d. but that the contractors had expressed willingness to accept £3,130 in full settlement, 'a generous gesture which was much appreciated'.

Mr. Hartley gave a short report on the repairs effected at St. Mary's Church. The Rector spoke of the great care which had been given to the cleaning and replacement of the mural paintings, and the Council were able to inspect excellent photographs of the chancel, taken after the redecoration and before replacement of the choir stalls.

'On behalf of members of St. John's Tennis Club, application was made for permission to construct a tennis court at St. John's House. The Rev. J. Richardson supported the application and the Council approved it'.

Hedgerley Women's Institute

Our occasional visits to places of interest are a popular feature at Hedgerley W.I. writes **Betty Newcombe**.

The visit to Bentley Priory and Museum at Stanmore exceeded all expectations in August. The beautiful Grade II listed building was Headquarters for Bomber



Command in World War II. The memorial stained glass windows were impressive, as was the room displaying all the medals and photographs and other memorabilia. A reconstructed Operations Room was very informative and our tour guides very knowledgeable and interesting. The guided tour was followed by a traditional afternoon tea in the pretty tea room overlooking the Italian gardens which were spectacular. We have to thank Rosemary Followell for organising the day; even the weather was glorious. Rosemary is our "resident trip organiser" and never fails us – no pressure, Rosemary!

The first meeting of the Craft & Chat Club at Stuart Lodge made a good start, with members



from various Bucks W.I.s putting their skills into practice and coming up with ideas for the Bucks Federation Christmas Craft Fayre in Aylesbury on October 28th. Hedgerley W.I. had its own stall there, with handmade items of all descriptions for sale.

At our Autumn Event, hosted by the Federation in September at High Wycombe, John Benjamin, the jewellery expert on the Antiques Road Show, was our guest speaker and he did not disappoint. He entertained us with stories of his career and experiences as a valuer, and afterwards he was available to value items of jewellery from the audience.

At the Farnhams Horticultural Show in September, Hedgerley W.I. members provided tea and cakes and also won prizes for flower arranging and cake making.

At the October meeting we enjoyed a talk on the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We also hosted the Beeches Group meeting, exchanging reports on our past year's activities. Our speaker was the ever popular Mr Oakes, whose subject was "Straight Jackets, Corsets & Cribs" – about Princess Charlotte, the "Queen who never was".

We have recently welcomed two new members, as we do anyone wishing to visit us at our meetings, held every third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall.



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Our move to the Youth Club (opposite the Spar shop) in Kemsley Wood has proved popular, with more members now able to make their own way to the meeting. We still meet on the first Tuesday in the month at 2.00pm when everyone is welcome.

On 7th November we welcome Embrace (formerly Biblelands) who are giving an illustrated talk on their work in the "Biblelands", they are also bringing a range of Christmas cards for sale. Our December meeting on the 5th will be Christmas Festivities when we have a trio of singers to entertain us and lead our singing of favourite carols.

Our January meeting will be an informal meeting, tea and chat when we catch up and exchange Christmas antidotes. 6th February will be our AGM.

Mothers' Union Worldwide will be taking part in the global 16 days of Activism against gender based

violence, from 25th November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10th December (International Human Rights Day) raising awareness of, and campaigning for, an end to violence against women and girls (see http://www.themothersunion.org/content/16-days-activism-2017)

In October we welcomed our Diocesan President, Alison Bennett who spoke about the children's ward at John Radcliffe (JR) Hospital, a very inspiring talk about the love and care these children receive; MU members supply tea/coffee/chocolate in ready to use sachets, small packets of biscuits, toiletries and games for the sick children and visiting siblings.

All are welcome to both our monthly meetings at 2pm on the 1st Tuessday and our TLC morning on the 4th Tuesday at Ben-Venue from 10am, lifts can be arranged if required. For further information, please ring Mary on 01753 646926.

Michelle Moves on.

It is with regret that I have to inform you all that I have left Lloyds Pharmacy after 11 happy years of serving the Farnham Common community. It was a difficult decision to make, and happened quite quickly, so I didn't really get to say goodbye, but I felt that it is time to move on.

I'm lucky enough to secure a job at Wexham Park hospital, working in HR Data integrity. It goes without saying that I miss chatting and helping you all, I can sincerely say that you have become good friends of mine as well as being patients and customers. I will also miss hosting the charity events in the village, I'm hoping that I can still carry these out, and I'm looking for a welcoming business to put me up two to three times a year outside their premises.

I'm also hoping to resurrect my open mic nights in the village,- so 'watch this space'. Posters will be appearing when the venue is confirmed, as well as information on the Farnhams facebook.



Thank you, each and every one of you, for your friendship and support. I still visit the village regularly, and often bump into familiar faces everywhere.

All best wishes and love for the future.

Michelle

P.S. I appreciate your interest in the album is nearly finished after 5 years!!

Warmer Keema Pea Curry

Sanita Sharma shares another recipe.

My dad Hari and my uncle Som spend every New Year's Eve cooking the biggest pot of Keema Peas for the whole family to enjoy. They spend hours stirring, adding spices, tasting, whilst all the while drinking either my uncle's home brew beer or shots of whisky. It is fair to say that by the time Big Ben strikes Midnight the two brothers as well as the whole family are fairly merry and totally full on this delicious dish. Their version is full fat and very fiery which for once a year is acceptable, but I have my healthy version which tastes just as delicious, with bold moreish flavours. It's really easy to cook, you literally place everything in one pot and simmer. It's great for a family midweek dinner, but equally ideal for a party without the hassle of standing over the stove for hours on end and the healthy version requires no need to add any oil. Regardless of whether you use 5% fat mince or more, no oil is required, which for a curry dish is brilliant.

This recipe works perfectly with naan and/or rice and of course a large glass of full bodied red wine, or my uncle's home brew or, like a lot of Punjabi households, a shot of whiskey! Give it a go and I promise you will be hooked.

Ongredients • 500g minced Lamb or Beef • 200g frozen peas • 3 large onions

- 3 large onions • 2 inch peeled ginger
- · 4 Bay Leaves
- 6 garlic gloves3 green chillies
- · Cin tomatoes
- 1 level tablespoon of turmeric

- 1 level teaspoon of chilli powder (for a medium spicy sauce)
- 1 level teaspoon of garam masala
- 1 level tablespoon of cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon of salt, more or less depending on taste.
- Fresh coriander finely chopped including the stalks.



Method

- 1. In a blender add the peeled ginger, garlic, onions and green chillies. Blitz in the blender until a paste like consistency.
- Place a large saucepan on a medium heat. Add the minced meat and bay leaves and then the mixture from the blender and give it a good stir.
- 3. Add all the spices, salt, cumin seeds and stir.
- 4. Blitz the tin of tomatoes in a blender so you have no lumps and add to the saucepan.
- 5. Bring this to the boil, give it a good stir and reduce the heat to low/medium.
- Allow to simmer gently for half an hour, occasionally stir it to ensure it is not sticking to the bottom of the pan. If it is, reduce the heat.
- 7. Once the mince is cooked add the peas and simmer for 3 minutes on a low heat.
- 8. Lastly add the chopped coriander and turn heat off.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

The surgery will be closed on Monday 25th December, Tuesday 26th December and Monday 1st January 2018 – In case of an emergency please dial 111.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Stoke Place Country House Hotel and Estate

Adam Salter, General Manager, tells us of Stoke Place's remarkable history.

Built in 1690 by Royal Chef Patrick Lamb who was the cook for the Kings and Queens of England including Charles II, James II, Mary and Queen Anne. Lamb built the house with his payment for cooking James II's coronation feast and the building has a history of wonderful Royal cuisine ever since. Lancelot 'Capability' Brown was commissioned by Field Marshall Sir George Howard to landscape the estate grounds of Stoke Place in 1765 and the now world famous garden architect created the signature parkland with its lake and islands that remain today.

Some of you may have noticed if you have visited Stoke Place recently that The Cairn Group who saved the hotel from going into administration last year have been working hard over the last 12 months to restore Stoke Place to its former glory.

The restaurant has been completely renovated, moved into a new location and refurbished as well as rebranded as the 'King & Lamb' restaurant, in honour of Stoke Place's founder Patrick Lamb. The restaurant will be officially launched to the public through a series of exciting launch events in 2018

The public rooms have been carefully refurbished and renovated to an exceptionally high standard without losing key 'loved' features such as the beautiful butterflies in the bar and the famous garden room wallpaper. The Victorian Kitchen Gardens have also received significant investment and now our menu features produce from the Garden which is situated on the estate such as honey from our Stoke Place Beehive.

As fortunate as we are working in the beautiful Stoke Place everyday, we want to encourage the local community to enjoy its beauty and so our enthusiastic events team have created an exciting calendar of community events with something for all ages. This year we've hosted a May Day family event with maypole dancing and live music, a Summer Country Fair, A Pop-Up Open Air Cinema Event, an immersive Halloween Murder Mystery dinner and our now famous Bonfire Night saw over 500 visitors to the grounds. We are also a wedding venue and host a number of corporate conferences for Blue Chip Companies all across the UK.

If you haven't visited Stoke Place, our Butterfly Bar is open every day and evening and serves a bar menu for food as well as drinks. We serve a delicious hot breakfast everyday and our restaurant has a two or three course set lunch menu that's excellent value at £19.95, including on Sundays for Sunday Lunch. Our signature afternoon tea is £24.50 per person. We are dog friendly in the bar and we have 14 dog friendly bedrooms. We have a fishing licence for our lake and can offer fishing packages We welcome you to visit us to see this amazing hotel steeped in history for yourself



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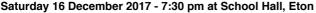
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The Royal Free Singers' next concert is on Saturday 2nd December at Windsor Parish Church, at 7.30, tickets £15.

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For the Spring 2018 Concert (to be held at 7.30pm in St John's Church, Farnham Common on 17th March 2018) the Stoke Poges Singers will revert to a more traditional programme of classical music. This will feature two choral favourites - Antonio Vivaldi's ebullient and life affirming Gloria, RV 589 and Gabriel Fauré's beautiful and consoling Requiem, op.48. There is also an opportunity to learn and perform Vivaldi's Gloria at our "Come and Sing" day on March 3rd 2018 at St Andrews Church Centre, Stoke Poges.

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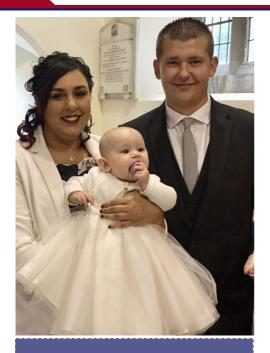
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Megan Long - baptised at St Mary Farnham Royal on 16th September - with her parents Billy & Marissa



Marriage of Jonathan Poulter & Mariana Maccariello on 9th September at St Mary Farnham Royal

From the Registers (July to September 2017)

Baptisms:

St. John Farnham Common

St. Mary Farnham Royal

St. Mary Hedgerley

Anniversary Blessings:

St. Mary Farnham Royal

Weddings:

St. Mary Farnham Royal

Funerals:

St. Mary Farnham Royal

St. Mary Hedgerley

Alexander Joshua James FOULDS

Marley Geoffrey REEVES

Megan LONG

Thomas Edward DARBY

David & Victoria Sumner (10 years)

Jonathan Poulter & Mariana Maccariello

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Thelma Green

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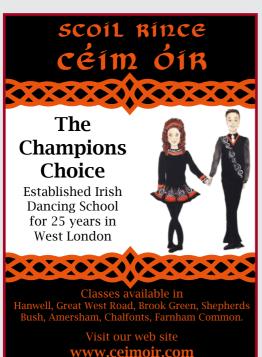
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To say that the day was an emotional one is an understatement as many were close to tears during a speech from the local Macmillan nurse. Tears which rapidly turned to joy as the total raised for the day was revealed as an impressive $\mathfrak{L}1600$. Those in attendance were still not happy and immediately fished out some more money and the total grew even further to $\mathfrak{L}1900.00$ contributions still coming in now. This money will help to provide information and support to many more people right across the UK and as a charity Macmillan relies on these donations to continue with its good work.

If you would like to help you can either donate by visiting https://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate or host your own event.



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Next Meetings - (starting at 7.30pm)

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St Mary Farnham Royal

11:00 am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays)

11:00 am Family Praise (2nd Sunday)

Baptisms on 4th Sunday of the month

St John Farnham Common

08:00 am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

09:30 am Holy Communion (Every Sunday)

Baptists on 1st Sunday of the month

St Mary Hedgerley

08:00 am Holy Communion (2nd, 4th Sundays)
11:00 am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
11:00 am Church Family Worship (2nd Sunday)
11:00 am Family Praise (4th Sunday)

Baptisms on 1st Sunday of the month

St Mary's Hedgehogs Toddler Group - Thursday in term time 10:00 am at Scout HQ

The pattern will vary slightly depending on circumstances and patronal festivals. For further information, please contact Rev Graham Saunders on 01753 643233. To receive a weekly email bulletin (E-pistle) of our services and activities, email Graham revghs@gmail.com.

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Sunday 10th December

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Sunday 17th December

6.30pm 'Carols by Candlelight' St Mary, Hedgerley

6.30pm 'Carols by Candlelight' St John, Farnham Common

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

No 8am Service

9.30am United Benefice Communion St John, Farnham Common

4.00pm Christingle Service St Mary, Farnham Royal

4.00pm Children Service St John, Farnham Common

11.30pm Midnight Mass St Mary, Farnham Royal

11.30pm Midnight Mass St John, Farnham Common

11.30pm Midnight Mass St Mary, Hedgerley

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion St John, Farnham Common

11.00am Family Communion St Mary, Farnham Royal

11.00am Family Communion St Mary, Hedgerley

Sunday 31st December - 'The Second Sunday of Christmas'

No 8am Service

11.00am United Benefice Communion St Mary, Farnham Royal