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Editorial

After a long cold winter, we finally have seen some sunshine and the riot of colour that signifies summer is really on its way. This edition we sadly say goodbye to our Dear Friends columnist, our beloved Rector Graham and we wish him our love and blessings on his new journey. We welcome a new gardening columnist on p27 with Eva and I will be looking out for her tips as I try my hand at gardening for the first time this year with an allotment! Her partner John is also a welcome addition to the team as our photographer – check out his amazing cover photo and he has covered some events for us at My Boutique and the library.

We are always looking for local contributors for articles, pictures or to join our team – don't be shy! We have our regular updates from Burnham Beeches and the local clubs and societies, our mummy blogger, another gorgeous recipe from Sanita. We find more talented locals and we were overwhelmed with the fantastic response to our kids story competition – Winners will be invited to a special day at Stoke Place on July 1st. We wish you all an amazing summer and welcome any feedback on how you would like to see the magazine develop!

Paula Morris

The Rector Retires

Dear Friends

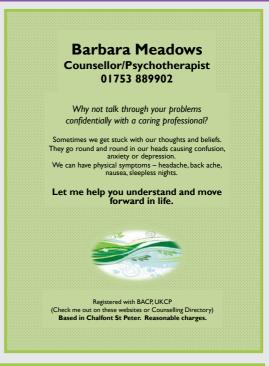
After 16 years serving as Rector in this benefice, I will be retiring in the summer. My last Sunday service will be at St. John's Church, Victoria Road on 22nd July at 11am. Shortly after this date, Helen and I will be moving to our new home in the Midlands. As I prepare for retirement, I have mixed feelings. I have made many good friends in the benefice and I will be sad to leave. However, I am looking forward to giving more time to my family and exploring new interests. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in this delightful area among so many wonderful people. I am very grateful for your support and encouragement and I wish you all every blessing in the years to come.

Graham

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Rector's Letter: The knocks that come in sideways



A friend of mine often spoke of 'things that come in sideways.' He spoke of things going well until something unseen 'comes in sideways' and knocks everything off course. You may easily see and understand that this is what happens in life. Everything is going well and heading in the right direction until something unexpected changes everything. You may well have examples in your own lives when this has happened, and life has to continue from a very different place to where you expected it to be. There are infinite examples of this, but the greatest changes concern our relationships, like divorce or the death of a loved one.

Just before Easter, we experienced a sudden death in our family. The course of life for my family was changed. This was a terrible experience for us all and we wondered how on earth we would cope. All families go through difficult and sometimes tragic experiences and I have known some families who seem to have more than their fair share. These are times when words fail us and only tears can sooth and love can heal

The knocks that come in sideways are also what we might call 'levelling experiences'. The foundations of our lives are shaken so hard that we discover what is really important including much that we have simply taken for granted. We spend so much energy and time on things that are not really that important.

We fuss around with minutiae to such an extent we may not see the bigger picture of life. We want this, and we want that as if life really depends on such choices. Then something happens, and our choices are kicked into the long grass and are soon forgotten. We are then, so to speak, 'levelled'. All that we were anxious about has little meaning as life's focus radically changes.

But what do we find when the sideways knock comes, and we are 'levelled?' I would suggest that we discover more about ourselves and we find hidden resources to help us cope. Through love we feel the knocks but through love we also find healing and new life. As a Christian I naturally ask, 'where is God in all this?' Remembering Eastertide, I conclude that God is in the Death as well as in the Besurrection



With every blessing





Farnham Royal School

It has been, yet again, another very busy and fulfilling Spring Term at St Mary's. Now the 'beast from the East' has moved on which closed over 200 schools in Buckinghamshire, we were fortunate enough to hold World Book Day the following week. The children and staff of the school showed their enthusiasm with an array of book characters and their efforts were celebrated with the annual runway walk of the whole school during our weekly celebration assembly.

With the warmer weather now, there has also been an increase in sporting activities with Miss Daywan continuing to make every effort to promote the school sports teams and encourage pupils to write up their experiences.

In March, 8 children from years 4 and 5 attended an Aqua Splash Festival at Chiltern Pool in Amersham. They had great fun competing in races against other schools using noodles, floats and balls. This was a great way to inspire our less confident swimmers to enjoy swimming.

Another popular sporting event in March saw Year 5 and 6 pupils having three martial arts instructors come into school for the day to teach self-defence through skilled but basic martial arts training. They enlightened children with some obvious yet subtle safety facts, for example, to never have their hoodies up and headphones on so as not to obscure their peripheral vision and hearing. This discussion time was then followed by a routine of exercises and some critical moves. The pupils learnt a variety of self-defence moves and found out more about muscles. This successful and inspiring session was also available to parents after school and it was marvellous to see parents learning self-defence moves to keep them safe, when absolutely necessary.

Sports Relief was also taken on in full vigour by the pupils who raised money by wearing something red/sporty and enjoyed their special sporty day.

The annual music and arts show was yet again a roaring success with pupils from all year groups performing to a hall full of adults. It confirms the confidence and talent of a lot of pupils being unfazed by what even most adults would find extremely daunting.

The last week of the Spring Term held itself to the Easter service at St Mary's church. Needless to say the church had a sea of colourful and creative Easter bonnets the children had made, with many parents enthusiastically having standing room only, which gave them a little space to copy the children's Easter songs actions. There was a bustle of parents that followed the children to the school in order to visit their child's classroom and see them 'working in action'.









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Burnham Beeches Bulletin

Chris Morris outlines the new management plan for Stoke Common.

In October 2007, ownership, protection and management of Stoke Common was officially transferred from South Bucks District Council (SBDC) to the City of London. A decline in traditional management and a series of bad fires had left the common in a sorry state and, whilst SBDC had tried their best, a lack of resources, manpower and expertise had meant their ability to continue to manage the common effectively was limited. Soon after the acquisition, the City's team at Burnham Beeches began making plans for the restoration of the Site of Special Scientific Interest and, in 2008,



a ten-year management plan was agreed for the site. Ten years on and the current Stoke Common management plan is coming to an end meaning that we now need to start the process of planning for the next ten years.

A considerable amount has changed on the common in the past decade. Following the fires, young birch scrub started to dominate huge areas of the common, crowding out the heathland plants and reducing the value of the habitat for reptiles, birds and invertebrates. Footpaths were slowly becoming overgrown, dark tunnels through dense gorse and birch or simply muddy quagmires. Whilst volunteer groups had tackled small areas, the problem was so vast that the only way to make significant progress was to use machinery. The detailed plan highlighted the order in which areas were to be managed and specified which techniques should be used; large flails or forestry equipment for clearing monocultures of young and mature birch and pine verses staff, volunteers and contractors with chainsaws and hand tools where a more delicate, targeted approach was needed to protect the last remnants of heathland.



Through using this combination of techniques, 11 ha of young birch have been mulched, 17.8 ha of larger trees/scrub have been cleared, just over 10 ha of small birch have been flailed and about 2.5 ha/ year of smaller trees and scrub have been cut by volunteers, re-opening large areas to allow the less aggressive heathland species back in.

We are fortunate at Stoke Common that there is an excellent dormant seedbank in the soil. This has responded really well to the soil disturbance and increased light

levels created by the management works. Consequently, typical heathland plant species like heather, petty whin, dwarf gorse, tormentil, heath spotted orchid and heathland grasses have

started to flourish. Of course, an improvement in the floral habitat encourages the fauna and birds, reptiles and invertebrates are all being closely monitored and are showing good signs of improvement.

Other than the wildlife improvements, a real positive from the past ten years has been the work carried out by volunteers and especially, the re-invigoration of the Friends of Stoke Common volunteer group. In total 3690 people, from the local community and further afield, have worked on the common, not just clearing scrub but also improving footpaths, bridleways, fences, benches, building habitat piles, monitoring, surveying and running events.

Having realised the majority of targets set out in the 2008-18 plan, we are now evaluating our successes, as well as areas which did not go to plan, and looking at how best to ensure we build on the habitat improvements already achieved. Areas to be considered will include: building on the success of the regeneration of the heathland; more encouragement of the heathland and other species which have either disappeared from the common or are still only present in low numbers; techniques we use to maintain the area (such as grazing and mowing); areas for further restoration; availability of grant and other funding; and how to continue managing the site as a local resource for quiet recreational uses.

Now large areas on all parts of the common have been returned to heathland, it is easier to treat the site as a whole. Future projects are likely to include some further, small scale, clearance at the edges and of course ensuring that the firebreaks are effective, but the emphasis will shift to maintenance.

It is very important to us that the connection with and involvement from the local community in the management of the common continues. We have already discussed potential management options as a team and in consultation with various experts. Now, as the production of the new management plan continues, we will be seeking the opinions of the local community at consultation events in Fulmer and Stoke Poges in the week staring 18 June. Details of these events will be publicised on our web site, Facebook and Twitter feeds and through posters on Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common. We look forward to seeing you at one of them.





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Farnham Common Village Schools

It has been a very busy term at the Farnham Common Village Schools.

We have joined NACE which is an organisation that focuses on the most able pupils in our schools. We have just been accepted on the NACE Ambassador project to work with NRICH. We will be able to access high quality resources and training and will work with local schools to develop high quality maths teaching for the local community and beyond.



Year Six came to school dressed in costume appropriate for the era of World War Two in order to experience a World War Two Day run by the staff. During the day, the children learnt what it felt like to be 'picked' to live with a host family and wrote letters home in role. In the morning we also cooked 'carrot cookies' using available rations. They were surprisingly tasty! We finished the day by watching the film adaptation of the novel we have been reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom.' We are now working hard on finishing our fabulous topic, which will include the writing and art that we have worked on this term



FCVS Gymnastics and Dance Show

Thursday 22nd March saw FCVS 2nd Gymnastics and Dance Show. 54 pupils from Year 2-6 performed their hearts out and showed the junior school, infant school and parents, family and friends just how hard they have been working in their clubs! Our evening performance saw a jampacked hall and the children loved having each and every one of you there. Each pupil performed with a smile on their face and should be very proud of their achievements this year and their level of commitment.

"Bounce for a book" raised over £2,000 for new books for the Infant School. The Junior school will be doing a "lap for a library" on 19th April to raise money to replenish the books in our Library.

We have raised over £17,000 with a large team of parents, staff and Governors running for the school. Although the Reading Half Marathon was called off in snowy conditions, our determined team ran a half marathon through Burnham Beeches and the village instead. We would like to thank Ashford Kitchens for being the main sponsor for the Reading Half Marathon team. The Crown Inn were very generous in hosting runners on the day and making a contribution to the schools. Thank you to everyone who donated to the cause.

Thank you to the following businesses for their kind contribution in the last term – Kitchen Art, Farnham Fisheries & Simply Flooring.

Also, thank you to Foreman King for the scheme to contribute £250 of each property sale to FCVS until the end of April.

Thank you to parents and the community for continuing to support the school.

You may be interested to note that there are some places at the schools so please do enquire if you know of any children that would like to join us. You can call us at the Infant School on 645899 or the Junior School on 642923 if you would like to know more.



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Reports presented at the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on 5th March

Parish Council Chairman

Cllr. Trevor Clapp reported all was well with the process of local democracy and routine maintenance of local amenities and projects such as restoring the war memorial; the flowers in the villages and Christmas lighting.

The PC is match funding several proposed capital projects which BCC won't do alone such as to reduce the yellow lines along the Broadway and install dropped kerbs in Langtons Meadow.

He encouraged residents to volunteer on working groups for Kingsway Green; Open Spaces or help set up a group for the FC play area.

We believe that we need a Neighbourhood Plan which once adopted, is part of the statutory development plan for the area and regard must be had to it in all planning determinations. However it can ONLY can come about by residents involvement.

Finally he launched the Parish Plan which will be distributed to every household.

Guest Speaker

Cllr. Bagge said all councils face financial challenges in light of the move towards more devolved services; increase in housing delivery; an ageing population; the need to generate income.

The government's austerity measures means BCC has a council tax cap and Revenue Support Grants have decreased to zero next year. In fact the Treasury demands monies be paid back - £22 million for 2021/22. SBDC's is similar requiring a pay back of £414,000 in 2019/20.

SBDC are starting to make savings by shared working with Chiltern DC and have established 'consilio' –to bring forward market rent homes on land owned by the council. The County have the EFW facility – an incinerator/power station which saves over £1m per year.

He personally asked for certain roads to be prioritised for resurfacing especially Templewood Lane and Blackpond Lane.

In terms of the future the focus will be on health care – making every contact count – and also enabling more community self-help.

Bucks County County

Cllr. Hazell explained that the biggest issue for BCC was its budget which had been fixed for two years last year. About 60% of spending was on children's services and adult social care. It was in a difficult position and needed to focus on income generation possibilities. However for most residents the main concern will be potholes. BCC will continue with its policy of dealing with emergency repairs.

In response to queries on the loss of the 35 children's centres and the move to a new hub model she said that things were approved by Ofsted and it was believed that using family support workers to target families in need would be more effective.

St Mary's School

Mrs. Eaglen reported SATs showed Year 6 were performing above National in many areas.

Activities included seated volleyball and dance in Key Stage 1, a fabulous Sports Day; free kit from the Football league, a 'skip-a-thon week' and The Mile a Day initiative.

The school received a certificate to be a Sport Relief Super School and achieved the School Games Mark Award for the 2016/17 academic year.

Year 6 enjoyed their 5 day residential. The annual Harvest Festival. Christmas Third Age Lunch and school Christmas Carol service were successful.

We flourish as a family friendly church school with class sizes of 25.

Farnhams Magazine

Mr. Houdret reported that Jenny Harper-Jones and new editor Paula Morris have now produced their third issue and we continue to receive enthusiastic feedback. The magazine is now on line via the Parish Council website.

The magazine will be going absolutely FREE to more than 4,500 homes and businesses in our villages, four times a year. We believe this level of contact with parishioners is vital to the wellbeing and future of our parish and hope you all do as well. We thank the Parish Council for their commitment and support.

Farnham Common Community Library

Mr. Mills said the library has been operating independently for over 6 years and continues to perform well – although book issues have declined in the last year.

Over the last year have we've had numerous well attended events. Other activities include the annual Christmas Supper, Lunch Group and Reading Group. Children's activities continue to attract great interest. Community IT services and communication is important.

As a result of the popularity of our children's activities, we need to create an additional group to help with this.

Since 2012 we have had two 'tenants' but they are leaving and this will result in our income reducing. We recently secured support from a corporate sponsor and we always welcome new 'Friends of the library'. We also have a small meeting room available for anyone to rent.

Finally thanks go to our volunteers and supporters.

Rotary Club

Mr Holehouse reported that Polio Plus is one of its biggest initiatives. We have planted purple crocuses at the junction of Templewood Lane.

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Our major fund raising activities include the Burnham Donkey Derby; the Burnham Beeches Fun Runs.

We work closely with local schools. We enjoy working on Carols on the Green. Seven years ago the club organised, funded and planted the community orchard.

All these activities require volunteers. On a sad note just before Christmas we lost our past president, my predecessor Ray Dance.

Royal British Legion

Naomi Arnold reported that we had another highly successful Poppy Appeal in the autumn. We raised a new record total of $\mathfrak L$ 26,218 and our Poppy collection at the Beaconsfield Motorway Service Area has proved most rewarding, with more than $\mathfrak L$ 8,000 from this venue alone. Our sincere thanks to the many Poppy People.

The Branch will be represented at the forthcoming Great Pilgrimage 90 taking place in France and Belgium in AUGUST 2018.

Farnham Royal Village Hall

Roger Home reported they had a great booking secretary/caretaker team and dedicated members of the Management committee and our Trustees. Two long serving members of which have retired. Stanley Swann was our chairman for many years and Frank Oakes. Lee Chapman & Trevor Egleton have joined the Committee. Two important challenges that face all Halls, are deriving regular income through hiring out the hall, & ensuring the Hall is an attractive venue for hirers.

In 2017, we spent more than £15,000 on upgrades to roofing, drainage, heating and lighting.

We also Installed a CCTV security system and broadband service with WiFi connection.

The Social Club, continues to operate and always welcomes members.

Thames Valley Police

P S Antony Mee reported that Crime statistics for the area for the last year show a drop of 4% in all crime for our area despite an overall increase in theft from motor vehicle offences across the force. Burglaries remain their priority.

This area had a number of unauthorised encampments last year. This drops off during the winter months however with the better weather, we will see an increase in the number of travellers seeking to find somewhere to stay. TVP is in the process of issuing a new policy and procedure.

Farnham Common Village Schools

Andrew Parry reported that this was the second year as a Federation. They have launched a new logo and website and formalized their values.

The Junior school celebrated its 60th anniversary with a hugely successful celebration event. Integration has been increasing in many practical ways.

We held another e-safety day and are thinking to open the invitation to everyone next year.

We do have some free places. It would be a pity for these not to be filled.

Pressures on funding continue - true for all schools. We have a growing fund-raising effort driven by parental involvement and community support, for which we remain thankful.

Farnham Common Village Hall

Marilyn Rolfe reported a very successful 2017 with bookings increasing steadily.

During 2017 they re-finished the small hall floor; upgraded all the external lighting; upgraded our committee room; replaced the flat roof to the hall and enhanced social media presence.

Future plans to upgrade the kitchen and lighting in the kitchen and corridors with LED lighting.

We are run purely by volunteers and self-funded from hiring charges. We thank all of our hirers. We are looking for more volunteers.

Farnham Royal Relief in Sickness Charities

Peter Cathcart reported that only one application for a grant has been made in the financial year 2017/18. He would encourage any resident in need of some financial assistance to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council in confidence.

Burnham Beeches

Martin Hartup reported that they received their 14th successive Green Flag Award and 13th successive Green Heritage award. The budgets for both sites remain under considerable stress.

61 of the old pollarded trees were worked on or around this winter. Each of the old trees has its own individual work plan.

The use of invisible fencing continued with 73% grazed by cows and ponies. The agreed management plan vision for the site is still that as much of the remaining un-grazed area as is practical will also be grazed in future. We hope that the pigs will return soon.

2017 saw the existing Dog Control Order provision extended until December 2020 as Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO). There have been no changes to the rules introduced in December 2014.

For the first time in over 15 years the Beeches was visited on two occasions by travellers. Our thanks go to Thames Valley Police for their support.

The Beeches has been a focus for numerous community events and activities with several each week throughout the year. Input from volunteers has again been vital for the running of the reserves.

Farnham Common Sports Club

Richard Thomas reported that Pauline Gregory stood down as Chairman and the club lost Geoff Hewes.

The club has around 650 members; 250 of these are Juniors. The challenge the club faces is transitioning these young people into the adult teams.

We are financially sound and membership is stable. With our plans to improve visibility and marketing the future is good for the club.

Parish Patch

FRPC Parish Council for The Farnhams

Parish Council Chairman, **Trevor Clapp**, tells us about the Parish Plan, Green Belt protection, and the future of local government in Buckinghamshire.

The Parish Plan

This has now been finalised and a copy of it should be delivered to you with this magazine. Please let our parish clerk know if you have not received a copy and she will send one out to you. The Parish Plan sets out our policies - following consultation with residents — on trying to meet residents' needs and improving things in our parish. It is an aspirational document which will provide us with a mandate for our future actions. A good example is the desire of residents to resist inappropriate development in the Green Belt. This is one of our policies and resulted in our opposition to the Miles and Miles outline application. More of which later.

Annual Parish Meeting - held in March

This was an opportunity for all residents to meet, hear from and question their elected representatives as well as people who lead the many institutions and groups in our parish. A summary of the reports given at the APM is included in the following pages.

Future Structure of Local Government

At the APM, County Councillor Ralph Bagge gave a keynote speech on the future of local government, about which there has been a lot of uncertainty. As former leader of SBDC he is uniquely placed to have a real insight into the big challenges facing local government. Bucks County Council wished to abolish the 'two tier' system of county and district councils, and create one new, single council for Buckinghamshire. The District Councils proposed two new unitary councils, one for the north of the county, and one for the south.

We have since heard that the Secretary of State for local government is minded to implement the County's proposal to replace the existing five District councils across Buckinghamshire with a single council for the area. BCC say the move to a single unitary council will bring improved and

simplified services, and place more control and decision-making in the hands of parish councils. SBDC say the decision is not yet set in stone and their contrary proposal recognises key areas of difference for the north and the south. By the time this magazine goes out we may know more – please check our website for any updates.

Green Belt

On protecting Green Belt, we have appointed a Neighbourhood Plan consultant and a working group has been formed. A Neighbourhood Plan focuses only on planning issues and in particular zoning. It becomes a legally binding formal planning document which sits alongside SBDC's Local Plan. It is the only way we could have an active role in influencing the District Council's planning policies and will allow us to plan proactively for our future. If this interests you (I say it should be a top priority for everyone who is concerned with the development of our villages) please let the Clerk know. At a meeting in April, we will have discussed whether we try and steer planning proposals, or wait and see what we are given. You can tell where I sit. We need to get involved and try to get the best, or maybe the least worst outcome, from these major applications.

The outline application for the Miles & Miles site has been withdrawn, but may come back. I say, but many may disagree, that this site forms part of the most important areas of Green Belt in the villages. Preventing co-joining with Slough is what the Green Belt was designated for. Knowing that Slough have aspirations for developing northwards into Farnham Royal must lead us to protect the key Green Belt areas. These include the M&M land to the west of the A355 and the Farnham Park fields to the East. There are other areas that are less critical to the green belt function - which is not to look green or nice but to stop separate developments joining. You may feel that the likely proposal for developing Green

Belt land in the centre of the two villages, to the east of the A355 bounded by Purton Lane, is equally important or that if something had to give that this would be it. Your views will help us shape our response and involvement in these potential developments. So let us have them by attending the Neighbourhood Plan working groups.

With permission now granted for the two retirement developments, a care home and a retirement flat scheme, we are going to see an increase in care requirements. Something that is now very dear to my own heart. How are we going to manage the potential polarisation of our community into massive mansions and retirement flats? Where is the plan for the houses our youngsters can afford? Again if it concerns you get in touch and join in shaping our community.

Hopefully you have enjoyed the flags we put up for the Royal wedding and plans are in hand for extending the Christmas lights display, linking the villages with lights over the next few years. We do get some lovely feedback from residents about the look of the villages. We welcome any feedback – please let us know if you have any ideas or wish to get more involved in some of our working groups. We have ambitions to improve Kingsway Green and the Farnham Common play area but we do need more input from residents. Councillors are all unpaid volunteers and need support and ideas from the parish so please step up and contact the Clerk if you think you would like to help.



And finally, do make it along to a Parish Council meeting. You would be most welcome.

Farnhams & Hedgerley Horticultural Show

It's time to start thinking about entries for the Village Show in September, writes the new organiser Rebecca Banks.

The next Village Show will be on Sunday 9th September, so please make a note in your diaries! All classes are free to enter, and entry to the Show on the day is also free, so please come along and enjoy the many and varied exhibits. From vegetables and fruit of all shapes and sizes to amazing flowers to culinary delights – cakes, bread, chutney, a men-only cake (always a hotly contested class!), homemade wines and beers (always enjoyed by the judges!) to crafts such as photography (adult and child classes), handicraft and needlework

The most entertaining classes have to be those dedicated to children – from a seaside garden on a plate to an animal made from vegetables/ fruit or a recycled model, there is something for everyone. There is also prize money to be had for many classes as well as trophies on offer. So please come and support your village and even if you have never entered before, please have a go! There is an auction of exhibits as well as a raffle with great prizes and all of the money raised goes to very worthy causes. Look out for the schedule which will be in local venues soon or will be available on www. farnhamshedgerleyvillageshow.co.uk.



1st Hedgerley Scouts

Freezing cold weather did not deter the Scouts on a great activity weekend, writes **Daisy Pearson**, Patrol Leader.

Two words...wet and muddy! All weekend I saw people stuck in mud, lost items in mud (mostly shoes), covered in mud and that's not even the worse of it. From the 9th to the 11th of February, Scouts from all over the country attended the annual Freezer Camp. This is one of the toughest camps I have been on as you are fighting to stay warm in the wind, rain and mud.

When I arrived, we had to walk a little to where we were camping. On the Friday (after school) all we did was wait for people to arrive, argue over our sleeping quarters, get our 'beds' ready, and have dinner. THAT was the coldest night of my life!!! Thank goodness Saturday was a little warmer!

We woke up chucking on as many layers on as possible, before heading to breakfast. We were treated to the choices of a full English breakfast and cereal. Delicious! After being



Learning skills for crate stacking.

told when and where to meet, we all set off in our groups to one of the many activities available. One of the first activities I did was climbing and crate stacking. Whereas the climbing was easier, I couldn't say the same for crate stacking. At first we got into pairs and tried to balance on two growing towers of crates. That wasn't so bad. When our crates fell down, we were dangling facing the ground. It was a little freaky at first but we were quickly at ease. Then we did it again. By the third time, my partner wanted to stop but I wanted to continue, so I did single crate staking with one tower all by myself. That was hard - but fun too!

We went round the campsite doing various activities, from go-karting to going on Segway's. However, my favourite was Bus Caving. It's basically a cave in a bus. The cave is made of metal and usually stinks of socks! After a while you get used to it though. It takes around



Mud, mud, glorious mud!

20 to 30 minutes to get round the whole course, but just in case there are 15 escape hatchets. If you're claustrophobic, this is NOT for you!

Around 9pm to 10pm'ish we had a steaming cup of hot chocolate around a blazing bonfire in our camp. It was perfect if you needed warming up.

The following day, we woke up to sunshine. We spent the day packing (getting rid of unwanted mud), eating (sandwiches, yogurt, fruit and more) and attending the closing ceremony, which unfortunately got cut short due to technical issues.

I was so covered in mud that when I came back, honestly, I was unrecognizable!

Patrol Camp

Another camp, another challenge, writes **Matthew Smart**, 14-year-old Patrol Leader, and this one was going to be the hardest one so far.

On arrival, the sun was already setting so I had to find a place to set up my group's tent. We also needed to have a space nearby to make our fire. We found the space and got all of the tent parts out. After lots of grunting and moaning our 'shelter' was up. Night fell and soon, after hot chocolate, we slept.

I was rudely awoken by the sun at 7:00 am so I got up. Fire was the next task and certainly not as easy as Bear Grylls makes it look! We ended up using Vaseline and cotton wool, and with a bit too much help from the leaders we got our fire going in the rain. Breakfast was next in line but as I had to cook it, it didn't end well. We eventually gave up trying to cook it and just had the Coco Pops I bought just in case this happened. Sadly there was no break for us as we still had to make our dining shelter. As it took shape my group realised that the canvas was the wrong way round and was in fact directing rain water right onto the table it was meant to be protecting. None of my group could be bothered to re-do the shelter, so we didn't.

Lunch was slightly more successful and after a very painful tidy up we had some knife activities. We were meant to be making tent pegs but mine ended up as a fat stick with a spike. I managed to cut myself, but not even with the knife. I cut myself with my fingernail. Dinner was pasta bake which was surprisingly successful unlike the cleaning up that followed it. One of the biggest lessons that I learnt from that camp was that it is almost impossible to get people under the age of 11 to help you clean up. After dinner my friends and I sat round my fire and 'mucked about' and had some fun. That is until someone's shoe sole fell into the fire and burnt like the north star. We all went to bed quickly after that.

Morning came and that meant bacon butties. I did get a few too many complaints about how I only bought white rolls and no bread but those quickly subsided as bacon was shunted towards them. Now it was time to clean up and pack up and three hours later we all got to go home. Even though it was a challenging weekend I did enjoy it in my own way and if there is anything that I have learnt from this trip, it is that it is hard to get children to listen to you.





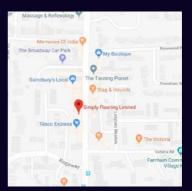
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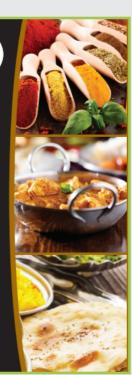


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Alternatively contact me at brian@letchford.me.uk.

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Brian Letchford, Chairman, The Arts Society Beaconsfield.

School Aid Fun Run

On Sunday, 1 July, School Aid, a local charity based in Hedgerley, is hoping the sky will be blue and the sun will be shining. On this date they will be holding their fifth annual fund raising Fun Run.

School Aid is a thriving charity that uses surplus educational resources to support and assist education in Africa. They achieve this by taking in unwanted books that would otherwise have been discarded, ship them to Africa and use them to stock libraries, run literacy programmes and benefit under-resourced communities.

The Fun Run takes place in Bulstrode Park, Gerrards Cross, near the Bull Hotel. It includes two traffic-free, scenic courses. The 2km course within the park is suitable for young children and families, while the 5km route attracts walkers and runners of all abilities.

The event also includes an inter-schools competition organised in conjunction with Gayhurst School, Gerrards Cross.



The entry fees are low but this year there will be two runners in giraffe outfits who they are hoping will attract additional sponsorship donations.

For more information and to register for the event go to www.school-aid.org/funrun

Turning Over a New Leaf in the Garden

Eva Marzec gives her insights into how to get the best from your garden this summer.

June, July and August see our gardens reach their growing peak. Bedding plants should now be firmly in place, settled, filled out and flowering furiously. Hanging baskets are in full swing, overflowing with colour and borders are bursting at the seams with foliage, flowers, fragrance and fullness. At this time of year, our gardens are at their most exuberant, with Nature's hard work, as well as ours, reaching a crescendo. Plants are naturally at their optimum, so our gardens should now be at their best and putting on a really good show

There is, however, always plenty of routine work to be done, but this can be done at a more relaxed pace now. Balmy summer evenings are perfect for some pleasurable pottering. My top 'pottering jobs', listed below, are as worthwhile as they are pleasant and are best carried out at a slow and leisurely pace!

- Wise watering best carried out first thing in the morning or late in the evening to stop precious water evaporating. Be judicious with watering though and always use water carefully, reserving it for the most deserving and needy, such as new and young plantings, pots, baskets, containers and fruit and vegetable crops. Particularly thirsty plants will let you know if they need water by looking droopy. As long as you address any plants displaying these signs promptly with a deep watering, they will bounce back up in no time.
- Deadheading done regularly, this practice stops plants setting seeds and so keeps them flowering and looking good for much longer. If nothing else, I would recommend absolutely always deadheading roses and any summer annuals to prolong their season. A beneficial habit to get into, deadheading also encourages close inspection of plants, which is always a good thing.
- Weeding keep up with weeding as much as possible, watching out for self-sown seedlings of desirable plants. Hoeing is a good and quick technique, which has an added benefit of loosening the soil surface, preventing the ground from cracking in hot weather, thereby conserving moisture in the deeper layers.
- Pruning complete summer pruning of fruit trees, wisteria, lavender, rambling roses and other summer-flowering plants. Cut back perennials that have finished flowering and collapsed or spread. You may be rewarded with a second later show of flowers.

The National Garden Scheme is a great way of seeing a range of 'real' private gardens, having a lovely day out and helping raise money for charity at the same time. The iconic Yellow Hand Book lists all the local gardens participating or visit ngs.org.uk for more information. All gardeners will always readily admit to being curious about other gardens – the National Garden Scheme offers a wonderful opportunity for us to satisfy our curiosity by offering unique access to many of the best private gardens, in all styles and sizes, with gems to delight every taste, lovingly tended and prepared by lovely, local people.

Summer is also festival, fete and fair season and our local events are wonderful places to often pick up some unexpected plant treasures and bargains from fellow gardeners, plantspeople, specialists and local nurseries. At Newleaf, we will also be doing our bit to support our great British summer fete tradition as we will be hosting our own stall at our local St. Anthony's Parish Fete on Saturday 16th June. Come and see our vintage country Plant Stall with an array of baskets, pots and dazzling plants and even gardening books and paraphernalia and I'm sure I'll be able to tempt you into leaving with a heavenly addition for your garden! If not, it is always a pleasure just to

swap gardening stories and planting advice with anyone interested! For anyone who has never had the opportunity to sneak a peek at the beautiful gardens on the grounds of St. Anthony's church, do make a special point of coming – you will not be disappointed. These really are a hidden local gem and visitors are always welcome, not just at the Fete. They are a tranquil sanctuary, perfect for contemplation and retreat...

As promised. I would like to mention a dedicated team of my very own gardeners-in-the-making - the St. Anthony's R.C. Primary School Gardening Club, with whom I have been gardening since the autumn last year. My newly greenfingered protégés have been a delight and a revelation to work with and have created a flowering wildlife haven and an enviable fruit and vegetable garden, brimming with delicious produce they chose to grow themselves! They have helped me see nature's wonders anew through freshly inquisitive eyes and I hope that the skills they have learnt and the fun, new, healthy hobby they have undertaken becomes a permanent part of their lives in some way.



St Anthony's Parish Fete

So, as our children prepare to embark on their long summer holidays, let us all make the time to pass on and share in the simple lessons of growing and nurturing plants – in return, we will be rewarded with a healthy crop of a new generation of budding gardeners! In our society of instant gratification and quick fixes, gardening teaches us all some valuable lessons about patience, diligence, foresight, vision, success and failure too.

At this time of year, a favourite quote always comes to mind, "The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."

St. Anthony's Church Fete: Saturday 16 June, 12–4pm. Bouncy Castle, tea and cake tent, tug of war, Irish and Polish dancing exhibitions, grand raffle and much more.

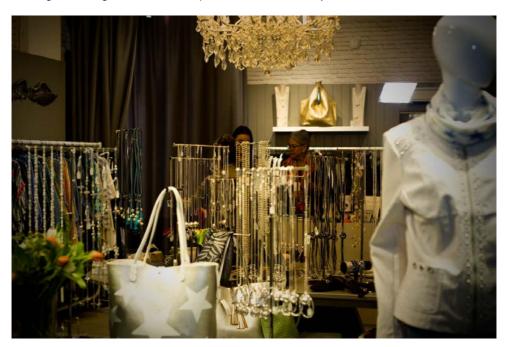
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Fashion, fragrance and philanthropy!

Paula Morris enjoys an evening of shopping for a good cause.

Shortly after International Women's Day in March, we were invited to an event that showcased the fabulous women that we have here locally and the amazing way that we support each other. The venue was My Boutique, our gorgeous local fashion hub that has been keeping local ladies on trend for nearly four years. Simone Markham and her mum and daughters hosted a shopping evening with a fragrance launch and prosecco in aid of charity...three ticks for me.



First stop was to see Deborah the founder of Zoe Brown Perfume a niche perfume business locally in the Chiltern Hills. Deborah smells in colour – a sensory condition known as synaesthesia – and this has helped her create her signature scent Mandarin, Grapefruit & Amber. This perfume is hand-blended, poured, filtered and packed in limited numbers and is made with the highest purity essential oils. The smell is divine, a fresh explosion of scent and the perfume is so gentle that when I accidentally sprayed it in my eye, it didn't sting! If you, like me are bored of recognising everyone's perfume – this is perfect! Don't tell too many people though!

Zoe Brown Perfume has partnered with William's Fund, a local charity for Childhood cancer research.

William was only two years old when he was diagnosed with cancer and he sadly passed on 12 December 2000. His legacy, WilliamsFund.co.uk, has raised almost £800,000 for childhood cancer research and the heartrending story of this brave boy and his amazing family is told

through poems on the website. William's mum, Johanna Dodd, has tirelessly and enthusiastically run this charity as a volunteer and shines as a fabulous example of triumph over tragedy.

The launch of the fragrance took place on 13 March, on what would have been William's 22nd birthday. And 22% of every bottle sold at 22 events will be donated to the charity.

Next up, shopping, Simone and team (her gorgeous mum and daughters) hosted the evening and also donated to the charity a percentage of anything bought in the boutique that evening! With such an array of beautiful clothes, jewellery, bags and accessories, it would have been rude not to indulge – so we did! Fuelled with prosecco, smelling divine (especially my eye), we shopped.

It was a fantastic evening and £827 was raised for this deserving charity. It was a fitting tribute a few days after International Women's Day by three amazing ladies and their generosity and tenacity. Johanna, Deborah and Simone well done.



Simone and her gorgeous team at My Boutique

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Farnham Royal Village Hall gives us an update

As a traditional village hall, and the southern hub of the Farnham's community, our hall is run by a volunteer management committee as a non profit making charity, and is independent of national and local government support. If you haven't been to see us, we are on Farnham Lane about 300 yards from the Dukes Head roundabout in Farnham Royal. We are licensed to seat 120 in the hall and can add many more standing in our 1,300 square feet of sprung dance floor. We are a great venue for parties, and have a theatre stage, fully equipped kitchen, bar and lots of parking space.



Our hall is the place for meetings, social occasions and a wide range of activities at a reasonable cost. And with the easy parking, bar and dance floor, we are popular as a venue for wedding receptions, celebrations and parties. Visit our Facebook page to see how hirers decorate the hall. www.facebook.com/Farnham-Royal-Village-Hall-852740968144383

Regular activities include dance classes, fitness classes, Sure Start, Baby Sensory, various club meetings, and, of course, Parish Council meetings on alternate months. We are also the base for the Farnham Royal Montessori School, which has been with us for 18 years, and now has a new owner. This excellent little school has the Philip Ripley rooms and outside secure children's play space, only rarely giving up the rooms for small meeting space.

Part of our buildings are occupied by The Farnham Royal Social Club, which continues to provide a good venue for small parties, watching televised Sport, playing pool and other table based games, with outside barbecue area in summer, and has a friendly seating and bar area, As a social meeting point it always welcomes new members.

In 2017 we spent almost £16,000 on upgrades to roofing, drainage, heating and lighting and also Installed a CCTV security system and broadband service with Wi-Fi connection. Good maintenance and upkeep keeps the hall attractive, we believe.

Farnham Royal Village Hall is your hall, for your use. Come and visit one of our activities perhaps? To contact our booking secretary/caretaker team of Marie and Vincent Edwards, call us or email us for more information.

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Farnham Common Tennis Club

The Grand National Tournament gets new tennis season under way, writes Robert Coull.

The new tennis season got off to a flying start with the Grand National Tournament at Farnham Common Tennis Club. The popular adult handicap tournament had a good starting line-up and was favoured by easy going under blue skies and bright sunshine. Fortunately, with no monstrous obstacles on court, there were no fallers and all players survived unscathed to retire to the bar afterwards and watch the real Grand National.

In a strange twist the winner of the 'Best Man' prize at the tennis tournament also drew the winning horse out of the hat to win the sweepstakes as well. A good day's work!

Farnham Common Tennis Club are part of Farnham Common Sports Club and are always ready to welcome new members, young and old, experienced players, rusty racquets and beginners. As well as regular social tennis sessions every week we run several competitive teams for adults and juniors and have a wide-ranging coaching programme.





For details of how to join the sports club and participate in events such as our Great British Tennis Weekend open day in May, please visit the sports club website at www.fcsc.org.uk

We wish you a long hot summer of sport!

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Winners of the recent Grand National Tournament, I to r: Alan Polding, Tournament organiser, Karen Coull, Ladies' winner, Dave Barrell, Men's winner



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Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

Rebecca Whitlock reviews the past few months of fundraising.

Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal – a rare occurrence these days due to fewer people carrying cash, we collected at the Beaconsfield M40 Services. All rotarians took part in 2 hour shifts (daylight hours only!) and it was extremely successful. We raised over £2,500 in just 16 hours – a fabulous effort!

February saw our Musical Evening - this year we had the talented and nationally acclaimed 'The Party Faithful' playing in front of a full house and we raised a record £4,000 – thanks to Caldicott School for the loan of their facilities.

By the time that you read this, we will have completed our young Writers Competition and organised and held our Under-7s 5 a side Football Tournament at Dropmore Infant School. We are also extremely close to running our Annual Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches Donkey Derby. It is our biggest yet! Every stall was filled long ago and we have the widest range of stall holders and acts that we have ever had. It is again taking place in Burnham Park and it is being held as usual on the Saturday of the late May Bank Holiday weekend – Saturday 26 May. There will also be the usual Donkey Racing, Donkey Rides, a Park Train, Traylen's Funfair and the mobile farm. There will also the usual array of international food stalls and other stalls where you can buy almost anything! We look forward to seeing many of you there.



Rotarians enjoying the Musical Evening



We have been organsing this event over a quarter of a century now and each year we seem to be raising the bar and raising the money to enable us to support so many charitable organisations, it really is this sort of thing that encapsulates who we are. You can't help but have a lot of fun and make lifelong friendships, but our aim is to give as much help as we possibly can to local and international charities as well as supporting local schools and national campaigns. In the last few months we have raised well over £11,000 for Children in Need, Marie Curie and a range of charities.

As we have said before, the club is a fabulous way to make friends and help those in need, wherever and whoever they are. If you would like to come along to visit our growing, vibrant and dynamic club, please feel free to drop in to one of our meetings; held every Thursday at the Tudor Barn, South Bucks Bridge Centre, Britwell Road, Burnham, SL1 8DF (7.30pm for 8.00pm meet) or contact us at rcburnhambeeches@gmail.com. See you at the Donkey Derby from midday on 26 May at Burnham Park.

Fancy Helping Us With A Very Special Community Hub?

Farnham Common Village Hall Is Looking For New Committee Members (Biscuits Provided).

How lucky we are to live in villages with such a thriving community spirit. What drives it? Surely our wealth of shops, restaurants, beautiful countryside and wonderful schools play a part. Without a doubt though, the venues in the villages play a crucial role in offering our residents opportunities to come together, find and follow passions, forge new connections and have fun. Without the volunteers behind these, such opportunities would not exist.

For over 100 years, Farnham Common Village Hall has served our community. Initially operating as a Working Men's Club on land donated by St. John's Church, the hall has gradually expanded to offer 3 separate rooms and is undergoing a period of gradual refurbishment to ensure the building adds value to residents for the next 100 years.

Not just a venue for birthday parties and council meetings, this thriving community asset brings people together week in week out: from our very youngest to our oldest and wisest inhabitants, and all those in between! Yoga, crafting, meetups, movers and shakers, singing, steam club, dance, martial arts, badminton, radio club and belly-dancing are just some of the activities regularly running in the heart of the village.

As we look to the future, we are excited at the possibilities the hall offers. We have new ideas for entertaining community events, but would love to have more from those with fresh perspectives. We are currently a small committee, and more members are desperately needed to help us deliver on our vision for the hall and its influence on our precious village spirit.

"Be a part of something bigger"

Volunteering is not only good for the soul. It's crucial for the future-proofing of our hall building and its operations. It's our "community glue". It can be great for the CV. It leads to connections with new friends and new skills. Everyone is welcome, however much time and commitment they have available, including those looking for community service opportunities or events experience.

We are getting ready to launch something new and very exciting and so are looking for volunteers and committee members with immediate effect. If you would like to know more, please contact Victoria Veninga, David Banks, Marilyn Rolfe or message the Farnham Common Village Hall Facebook page for further information. Contact phone numbers also available at the hall.

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The Farnham Common Village Hall Committee

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JAWS

JAWS continues to be very active, writes **Phil Cox**, both in a running and a social context.

You may think that the recent "Beast from the East" would restrict our running, walking, and cycling activities...and you'd be right - but it did not stop us! The principal event in the first quarter of the year was the inaugural London Big Half Marathon in March, which was won by Mo Farah, despite a very strong challenge from our JAWS runners. It was a great day, with very big crowds supporting all entrants, including our seven intrepid JAWS runners.

We were also very honoured to have the daughter of one of our members involved in the Farnham Common Village Schools Run, where 32 teachers, governors and parents from the Farnham Common Middle Schools raised an incredible £16,000 for the Infant and Junior Schools, through running either a half marathon or a 10k through Burnham Beeches. A fantastic effort for a fantastic cause. Well done Joannel

Coming up in April is our annual JAWS overseas trip - this year to Dublin, where members and guests will enter either the Dublin Half Marathon, or the 10K race (is there really a choice?!), fortified I'm sure by a visit to the Guinness

Brewery the day before. It will certainly be a fun long weekend in a great city. April also means the London Marathon, and this year we have Sarah Bullimore competing in her first ever marathon. We wish her (and all competitors) the very best, and if you want to sponsor Sarah, here's her link - https://uk.virginmoneygiving. com. We provide constant reassurance that the toughest part of the whole programme - namely the training - is now coming towards a hugely welcome conclusion.

Our social programme continues to thrive, with a Quiz Night at the village hall, a trip to see the Maidenhead Operatic Society production of My Fair Lady, and a Roving Dinner just three of our upcoming social events.

In terms of village life, JAWS continues to support the Farnham Common Village Schools directly, through the provision of a running cup and medals for their Annual House Run. Who knows, the next (but one?) Mo Farah may be within our midst, but if in some way we encourage our youngsters to enjoy running and exercise, then that's a great outcome. Our Life President, Ron Bright, presents the cups and medals every year, representing an icon of athleticism and healthy living to the younger generation.





JAWS runners in the London Big Half Marathon

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Hedgerley Historical Society

We start our Summer programme on Saturday 9th June with a tour of the High Wycombe Chair Making museum, writes **John Lovelock**.

This will be followed on Wednesday 20th June with a Midsummer Evening at Hedgerley Park. On Wednesday 4th July at 8pm in Hedgerley Memorial Hall Simon Morgan will present a talk on 2000 Years of Road Signs

Simon Morgan is chairman of his local history society in Ruislip, and professionally very much involved in road signing: providing consultancy and training in the subject, helping statutory and professional bodies, and acting as an expert witness. As part of his close working relationship with the Department for Transport, he is the editor of their official History of British Road Signs, the latest edition of which is complete but not yet published.

In this talk, Simon will look at examples of the earliest known UK road signs, dating from Roman times, and progress via some interesting 17th century signs still standing. He will cover how, in more modern times, our current system has gradually evolved and mention some of the designers and thinking behind it. He hopes to enable and encourage Hedgerley Historical Society members to spot signs of historical interest in Buckinghamshire, by showing some surprising survivors from his own local area.

We end our programme with a Martyrs Walk in Amersham on Saturday 7th July at 2.30pm (booking required £3 per person) when guides in Tudor costume will lead us on a walk around this historic town and describe life in the community during Tudor times.

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



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Originals from Bega's Cottage

Tracy Thorne tells us how her hobby turned into a popular local business.

It all started here in Bega's Cottage. We've lived in Farnham Common for nearly twenty years now. We had a lovely cottage in Parsonage Lane for a few years and then moved to Bega's Cottage in Green Lane in 2000. It used to be called Maudlin Cottage, which was rather fitting because it looked so sad and in need of some love. Whenever we would pass it on our way to the Beeches, my husband, John, would always say, "That's our next house." So when we passed by it one snowy day in January and he saw the For Sale sign next to it, that was it! We had a sneaky look around the back and, despite knowing it was far too big a project for us to take on at the time, with two little girls of 4 and 1 and a new puppy, that's when I fell in love with it too. Five months later we'd moved in and changed the name to Bega's Cottage (which is after a little



church on Bassenthwaite Lake in the Lake District, where we got married).

I've always loved painting, my sister has too, and I think we get it from our Dad. He was fantastic at drawing and calligraphy and he enjoyed a bit of oil painting too. Unfortunately, he was colour-blind with his greens and blues, and so his sea would be a little bit too green and his trees were always a bit too bluey. I've still got his paint-encrusted palette, all greens and blues, and it's one of my favourite things.

It was that first summer here that I started painting flowers in watercolours, that I then sparkled with a tiny bit of glitter. Family and friends, whether they liked them or not, got a "Sparkly Flower" which I personalised in tiny writing underneath. I then painted a picture to mark our younger daughter's christening, with all her birth and christening details underneath, and our lovely neighbour at the time, Kerry Hemms, who had her own cake-making business Angels Kitchen, encouraged me to take a table next to hers at Gayhurst School Fair. I had some notelets printed of my sparkly flowers and took along Milly's picture and came away having sold loads of cards and with four commissions to paint new baby and christening pictures. I hadn't got a clue what I was doing, how much to charge, what size to do them, where I'd get the frames from even - but that was how it started. Kerry also helped me to create my facebook business page. After a few more markets, exhibiting at Beaconsfield Art and Craft Fair and selling at Ruislip Duck Pond Market I'd reached over a hundred painting orders and customers were coming back for more pictures. It was at that point that I realised it could grow it into a lovely business where I could work from home, doing what I love, and never have to write another research report ever again!

I've cut back on doing fairs the last couple of years because weekend time with our girls is precious, I sell to customers locally and in Australia, America and Sweden via facebook and just last week I reached 500 likes on my page which may not sound very many to some businesses but I'm pleased to bits about this.

What designs do you offer and what is your price range?

My bespoke paintings I paint entirely from scratch, such as the swirly name pictures in tiny petals and flowers for girls or in tiny cars for boys; or people's pets, favourite toys, houses, churches for weddings and anniversaries, cars (or canal boats!). I also do personalised prints; these are prints of my originals which I paint a wash over, hand-finish with tiny stars or bows and then personalise underneath with their name, details and special message. I do unicorns, baby shoes, prams, tutus, cupcakes, fairies, dinosaurs, giraffes, buses, diggers, owls, hedgehogs and loads more designs. The personalised prints are quicker for me to do and this keeps them affordable for customers. The third thing I do is what my girls call "wordy heart pictures" and "tiny picture pictures" which I create on the computer. My personalised prints start at £15 for a little size and my bespoke ones can cost anywhere between £25 and £250 depending on the time it takes me to paint them and the cost of the mount and frame, but usually between £35 and £80.

All my pictures are original because they've been personalised with the recipient's name and details or have a special message written underneath so no two will ever be the same. And thus the name, Originals from Bega's Cottage.

So to Kerry, my family, friends, neighbours and customers for encouraging and inspiring me with new ideas, I'd like to say a huge thank you, and keep them coming please!

There are so many talented artists and craft people living in and around Farnham Common. It would be great to set up a regular Village Art and Craft show, perhaps twice a year, so that local people can showcase their talent and could perhaps even tie in with Frances' Wednesday mornings Craft Group – it could include beautiful photography (please, Frances?), painting, pottery, cookery, flower arranging, wood turning, quilting (Lina and Jo?) and whatever else people love doing. And perhaps get the schools involved too?

Tracy is showing next at the Beaconsfield School Art and Craft Fair on 11th to 13th May.

Her Facebook page is Originals from Bega's Cottage.





Farnham Common Cricket Club

Farnham Common Cricket Club are looking for new players of all ages and levels of ability.

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Social Events

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Digital Detox

Amanda Silvey shares the dilemmas of modern life

As the days have gradually started to get longer, but the temperatures have stubbornly refused to accept that it is spring, we have been looking forward to our Easter break in Cornwall.

My husband suggested we should treat the week as a digital detox but he soon had to back down when he saw the look of sheer terror on my face. I am addicted to my digital oxygen and there is no point in trying to pretend otherwise. The statistics suggest that the average adult checks their mobile phone 150 times a day. I probably check mine that many times an hour, easily. I'm lucky to be in a job where being within reach of my phone is basically mandatory and working for a mobile phone company gives me yet another excuse for the addiction. There are certainly worse things to be addicted to, but sometimes, when I read the increasing number of articles about the long term damage our digital addiction could be doing, I question if it really is a problem.

One thing that's crystal clear is that my two kids spend way too much time on digital devices. I can't even pretend to be a great role model for them in that regard and it's a case of "do I say, not do as I do" when we're negotiating with them a daily screen time allowance. The irony of parenthood!

So our Easter break, while not a digital detox, has been declared as one where we will all read as many real books as we can when not braving the elements on the Cornish beaches. I've secretly packed my kindle amongst the many amazon packages that have been arriving all week with new books for the kids. Our reliance on Amazon yet more irony! Bribery has also been essential to get us all to sign up to book reading instead of screen surfing. Prizes along the lines of "you pick tomorrow's beach if you tell the best 'what happens next' story"; or "you choose where we go for tea if you can read 100 pages in a day". I did a silent whoop of joy when the holiday homework email popped in advising of house-points for the most avid holiday readers.

We did compromise on the long drive being excluded and Paddington Bear Two duly purchased for the in-car DVD player. Now it's just a case of wait and see how we all get on!

There is still a need for Neighbourhood Watch



South Bucks District Council and Chiltern District Council Community Safety are actively promoting new and revitalised Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, especially in areas which have experienced incidents of recent burglary. Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives. Behind it lies a simple idea:

Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime. Everyone knows that the police are there to fight crime, but they need your help to do an effective job, Neighbourhood Watch is all about an active partnership with the police.

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Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing burglary figures - it's about creating communities who care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives. The activity of Neighbourhood Watch members can foster a new community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems. At the same time, you feel secure, knowing your neighbours watching out for you and your property.

What can Neighbourhood Watch schemes do?

These are the key steps to targeting and reducing crime and the fear of crime in an area.

In consultation with your local police:

- · Get a picture of local crime
- · Conduct a 'fear of crime' survey
- · Target crimes you can have a real impact on
- Identify the opportunities for crime
- Form an action plan to tackle the problem
- · Block or reduce opportunities for the criminal

If you are interested about getting involved in Neighbourhood Watch and live in the South Bucks or Chiltern District area then contact the Community Safety Team on 01494 586535 or email communitysafety@chiltern.gov.uk

Follow us on Twitter for community safety updates and crime prevention advice @csafetycdcsbdc







AFTERNOON TEA

'At half past three, everything stops for tea'

Tea consumption increased dramatically during the early nineteenth century and it is around this time that Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford is said to have complained of "having that sinking feeling" during the late afternoon. At the time it was usual for people to take only two main meals a day, breakfast, and dinner at around 8 o'clock in the evening. The solution for the Duchess was a pot a tea and a light snack, taken privately in her boudoir during the afternoon.

Later friends were invited to join her in her rooms at Woburn Abbey and this summer practice proved so popular that the Duchess continued it when she returned to London, sending cards to her friends asking them to join her for "tea and a walking the fields." Other social hostesses quickly picked up on the idea and the practice became respectable enough to move it into the drawing room. Before long all of fashionable society was sipping tea and nibbling sandwiches in the middle of the afternoon.

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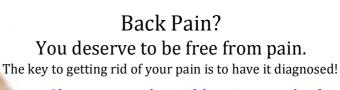
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Book Review

The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain.

This powerful novel is the story of a childhood friendship, Writes **Carola Donovan**, changed, lost and regained over a period of sixty years.

Set in the small town of Matzlingen in Switzerland as the atrocities of the Second World War slowly fade, the story tells of the intense, lifelong relationship between Gustav Perle, a lonely only child living in near poverty, and Anton Zwiebel, a highly strung Jewish boy indulged and spoilt by his wealthy parents.

Written in three parts like a moving piece of music, the first part covers the period between 1947 and 1952 when the boys first meet at Kindergarten at the age of five. Their home lives could not be more different. Gustav's mother Emilie is bitter, resentful and shallow, unable to give him the love he craves. Anton is a talented pianist with indulgent parents, but is unable to perform in public due to severe nerves.

THE GUSTAV SONATA ROSE TREMAIN

The second section set in neutral Switzerland looks back on the period before and during the war, 1937-1942 when Emilie meets and marries Gustav's father Erich. Their marriage is troubled but when Erich the Assistant Police Chief is exposed and sacked for following his conscience and altering official paperwork, thus allowing Jewish Families to enter Switzerland, Emile can only resent him as she experiences the destruction of her comfortable life. Erich's early death goes someway to explaining Emilie's coldness and restraint towards her sweet son Gustav and allows him to embrace and enjoy Anton's happy family life.

The concluding section between 1992 and 2002 illustrates the changes and cooling of the now middle-aged men's friendship as Gustav stays in Matzlingen to run the Central Hotel Perle and Anton, after teaching for a number of years, finds a short-lived success as a recorded pianist. The ending is bitter sweet as Anton tells Gustav 'we have to become the people we always should have been'.

This tender and at times bleak novel is beautifully written by an Award Winning British Author of 15 previous titles. The comparison with Gustav's often emotionally neutral life and the status of Switzerland during and after the war is cleverly woven into the fabric of the book. The Book Group found this a worthwhile, thought-provoking novel covering a huge range of human emotions: longing, love, disappointment, denial, hope and the true meaning of friendship.



Library Update

We started the year by celebrating Valentine's Day with our "Blind Date with a Book" event, where anyone taking out one of our specially wrapped surprise books had a chance to win

a box of chocolates - and five lucky readers got one! This was followed by our popular "Blue Cover" and "Red Cover" weeks where we had special displays featuring books with the particular coloured cover, to catch the eye and encourage readers to take out something they might not otherwise have chosen.

We've also now 'twinned" our toilet with one in Malawi! Some 2.3 billion people in the world do not have access to a safe toilet, and the charity www.toilettwinning.org helps thousands of people

in desperate poverty to have access to a proper latrine, clean water and the information they need to be healthy. Using donations from individuals and businesses, Burnham Inner Wheel has organised twinning by local organisations in the Farnhams. The Library, together with Southmead Surgery, St Mary's Church, FR Cricket Club, the public toilets, and two local businesses, now proudly displays its certificate and photos of our twinned toilets.

Half-term saw our ever-popular children's arts and crafts activities on the theme of the book, "Sam's Sandwich" by David Pelham. Using junk materials, paint, glue and a range of different kinds of paper, the children created large sandwiches and filled them with their favourite foods. Once finished, they slipped in crawling caterpillars, creepy spiders and any

> other insects they could think of, just like Sam does in the book.

On Saturday 17th March we held one of our regular charity coffee mornings to raise funds for Crohn's & Colitis UK. As always, this was very well attended and raised over £620 for this important cause. It was followed by a visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on 22nd March which included a trip up the 170m high Spinnaker Tower, a Harbour Cruise and a visit to the newly updated Mary Rose Museum.

Visitors to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

During the Easter holidays.

our children's arts and crafts activities were focused on the theme of Peter and the Wolf. Then on 18th April we visited William Morris House, Epping Forest and had a cruise with Cream Tea, all of which proved very enjoyable for the 40+ people who attended. This was followed by an equally enjoyable and interesting visit to the Tulip Festival at Arundel Castle on 3rd May. Most recently, on 8th May Gary Knight from the Stroke Association came to the Library and provided an excellent opportunity for people to have their blood pressure checked and receive relevant information and advice.





poppies and wreaths are made, while also enjoying a lunch made by volunteers.

Despite all the great activities and support for our Library, it remains a challenging time for libraries everywhere. Recently Bucks County Council confirmed that the Mobile Library service will be discontinued across the county from 1st June 2018, although two alternative services remain (the Home Library Service and Library Buddy). Book issues continue to decline and future funding for all libraries is highly uncertain. So it's really important to keep supporting your local library – please come in and see us, take out some books and sign up for an event or two!

Children enjoying arts and crafts on the theme of Peter and the Wolf

So what's happening for the rest of the year? On 22nd July we're running a trip to the Battle Proms Outdoor Concert at Blenheim Palace. This event takes place in the grounds of the Palace in the evening and the format is to bring your own chair and picnic, with the entertainment being a patriotic concert by a full orchestra, a Spitfire display flight over the Palace and a firework display.

On 28th July we are offering a coach trip to see the live screening of "Andre Rieu in Concert" at Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury. The "King of Waltz" holds a concert annually in his home town of Maastricht and the cinema within the Waterside Theatre is screening it as it happens.

Our Annual Quiz on 1st September in the Village Hall will be followed by a new trip to the British Legion Poppy Factory in Richmond, Surrey on 17th October. Enjoy a fascinating presentation and introductory film about the factory and its history and then visit an area of the production floor itself, giving the opportunity to see where remembrance









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From the Archives

We are continuing looking through old parish magazines, writes **Elisabeth Mills**, and this time have arrived at the May, 1951 edition and an article headed 'The Festival of Britain Church', which will remind us of some of the consequences of World War Two, and at the end of the article, we will see that there is a connection between the church and the rector of Farnham Royal, the Rev. Charles Warner.

The Rev. Warner writes that for the previous ten years there had been a large board displayed outside the ruins of St. John's Church, Waterloo, commemorating Sunday, 8th December 1940, when the church was struck by a high explosive bomb which ripped off the roof and demolished the interior. The parish priest and 150 of his parishioners were sheltering in the church and nobody was hurt. After that they used the crypt for their worship and were determined that the church would rise again.

When it was decided to hold the Festival of Britain, the south bank of the Thames within the parish of St. John's was chosen for the main site, and hope was raised by the priest and congregation of St. John's Church that this might speed the rebuilding of the church. This hope was realised, grants were made, funds raised and within a few months rebuilding was begun. The article goes on to say that no effort had been spared 'in giving the church a lustre and beauty worthy of its high office. Perhaps the most striking feature is the restoration of the Crucifix scene on the east wall of the church. The artist is a German refugee, a new convert to the Christian faith, whose terrifying experiences in war have not only enhanced his creative ability, but given him an understanding of his subject that might well be lacking in one who had not been refined in the crucible of suffering'.

The article goes on to say that the Archbishop of Canterbury would preside at the rededication, and H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth would be present.

Finally, we get to the Farnham Royal connection: 'The Rector, who spent the first ten years of his ministry on the staff of the Festival Church, has been invited to preach at Evensong on the first Sunday of the Festival, and it is hoped that our own choirboys will augment the St. John's choir. A parish party will be accompanying them on their first visit to the Festival Church from Farnham Royal'.

Hedgerley Mothers' Union



Hedgerley Mothers' Union have had a busy start to the year, writes Mary Lane.

Members attended the Lady Day Service in Datchet, where our banner was on display; this was quickly followed by a day in Hedgerley Memorial Hall for a Diocesan Meeting, where we discussed, and answered questions which were being put to over 4 million members spread around 80 countries

We enjoyed an interesting and humorous talk from The Revd Gordon Briggs on his work in the church. It was very enlightening and gave us "food for thought".

We visit Langley Park on 1st May to enjoy the spring flowers and have tea; in June we welcome a Diocesan Member to talk about our Founder, Mary Sumner – do come and find out more about us for yourself on the 3rd June.

We are having a coach from Slough to take us to the 130th Anniversary Celebration of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Oxford taking place in Dorchester Abbey on Saturday, 14th July, at 2.00pm. We are having a two course buffet lunch in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 7th August to which you are all welcome, and on 10th September we are visiting Tewkesbury Abbey.

On the 4th Tuesday in the month we have our TLC morning from 10 - 12 at Ben-Venue, Gregory Road, Hedgerley, where everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee, laugher and chat - it is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. If you would like to join us, at any of our activities, ring Mary on 01753 646926 for further details. Lifts can be arranged; we meet in the Anstey Lodge. Hedgerley Hill on the first Tuesday in the month at 2.00pm.

Great Plastic Pick Up 2018

Calling all local community groups and community minded individuals!

The Keep Britain Tidy group are launching their national campaign, the 'Great Plastic Pick Up', with the aim of bringing together people to help clear litter to improve their local environment.

The official dates of the 'Great Plastic Pick Up' were May 11 to May 13, although events can still take place after this weekend

The Joint Waste Team can provide support for groups volunteering in the Chiltern district. We can loan litter pickers, provide rubbish sacks and provide a collection of the waste / recycling picked. Please note that only bagged waste / recycling will be collected at a pre-agreed location. We are unable to collect bulky materials.

Please Note!

It is the borrower's responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all participants, which includes providing your own protective equipment.

It is the borrower's responsibility to conduct risk assessments as part of the event preparation.

We would not encourage volunteers to work within close proximity of main roads for their own safety.

More information can be found on Keep Britain Tidy's website

Equipment loaned must be collected from and returned to either the Chiltern District Council office in Amersham or the South Bucks District Council office in Denham.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Hedgerley Women's Institute

Members enjoyed the first outing of the year in March, with an excellent lunch at Biggles Restaurant in Denham, writes Betty Newcombe.

We wined and dined in good company with attentive service from the staff. We thank Rosemary Followell for organising with such efficiency this outing. And we know there are more to come throughout the year

- to the seaside in June, Country House in July and yes - London Christmas Lights in November!

There will be a Garden Party in August, hosted by one of our members who hopes the weather is settled by then.

At our March meeting we experienced an "Olive Oil Tasting". Our two speakers told us about their olive groves in Greece and the various types of olive oil they produce. Samples were for sale.

The subjects for speakers at our June and July meetings include "My Work and Inspiration" and Walking Forward Looking Back". Then in September "The History of Royal Flying".

Our Bucks Federation is always busy arranging events of interest for Bucks members. The Annual Council Meeting on April 18th in Aylesbury is a very busy and interesting event. The speakers this year are Christine Walkden, Horticulturalist and Broadcaster, and Dr Natalie



Natalie Wheen and Deborah MacMillan demonstrate their own olive oils

Welden, Marine Biologist. Lunch at Chenies Manor, Rickmansworth, is arranged for the 26th June. Also in July a weekend at Denman College is reserved for Bucks Federation members, where they have one of four courses to choose from: Cookery, Chinese Brush Painting, History and Heritage, and Silver Clay Jewellery.

In May two Hedgerley members will be joining the Federation Holiday to Devon, which includes a visit to the Eden Project and other places of interest.

To learn more about Hedgerley W.I. and what we do, we offer a warm welcome to all visitors. We meet every third Thursday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm.



Edith Painter, Shiela Sheddon and Val Fulford enjoy lunch at "Biggles"

My Indian Summer Stir Fry Prawns with Mango Salad

Sanita shares her latest recipe with us.

After the chilly start to the year we've all had, we deserve an Indian summer. This Indian prawn stir fry recipe is just stunning – perfect for a light starter or great when you want a relaxed no fuss kind of evening. If you don't like a lot of spice then you can reduce the amount of spice, it still tastes amazing. You can cook the sauce beforehand and add the tomato and prawns when you are ready to finish cooking. It takes less than 15 minutes to cook. It's the perfect impressive centrepiece to share with family and friends. My wok goes straight from the stove to the table where I squeeze a generous amount of fresh lemon juice on top which just adds a hit of summer fresh flavour making this one of my favourite summer dishes. I always have some fresh bread and various salads and picky food to go with it. Smells, looks and tastes sensational. Please give it a go. I promise it will be a firm favourite

My simple mango salad works beautifully with this prawn dish. In a salad bowl, combine spinach, rocket leaves, diced mango and a handful of pine nuts and set aside. In a mixing bowl, whisk together extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar, pinch of salt and whisk. Pour dressing over salad when you are ready to serve the prawns.





Method

Firstly blitz together the onion, ginger and garlic in a blender. In a wok add the sunflower oil, once heated add the onion mix. Cook on a medium heat until slightly browned. Add the curry leaves, salt and cook through for a minute. Take off the heat, add the coriander powder, red chilli powder, garam masala, turmeric and stir through. Return back to the heat on a low heat for a further two minutes and continue stirring through. This allows the spices to cook through.

Add the diced tomato and prawns and increase to a medium heat. You want the prawns to be coated well in the spicy sauce. Add the water and increase to medium high heat for a minute to reduce the water. Return the heat to medium-low for a further 7-8 minutes. The prawns should no longer be transparent. Now add chopped coriander and taste. If you need to add more salt or spices then adjust it accordingly. Lastly once cooked squeeze lemon just before serving.

Follow Sanita Sharma on Instagram - the asian larder - for more recipes.

Southmead Surgery

It is with great sadness we announce that Dr Kate Staveley will be leaving us in July. Kate has been with us for 17 years and will be very sadly missed by everyone. We wish her luck and happiness in her future.

Sadly, we have now said goodbye to our Practice Nurse, Jeanne Rooney. We welcome into the team our new Practice Nurse, Orla Govers, we hope she will be very happy in her role.

We also welcome Natasha Mistry, a second clinical pharmacist within the surgery and Nurse Laura Southerden who now runs the Thursday afternoon baby immunisation clinic.

Holiday time is nearly upon us. We remind all of our patients who are travelling abroad and may need vaccinations, to fill in a travel form at least 8 weeks before travel. The form can be downloaded from our website www.southmeadsurgery.co.uk or collected from reception.

The Minor Illness Clinic, run by Paramedic Mike Fisher, is successfully up and running. On the Doctors instructions, the Receptionists triage all calls into the surgery and place with the most appropriate clinician.

If you need a doctor and feel a home visit is essential, please telephone the surgery before 10am. A doctor may call you back to discuss whether a visit is required

If you make an appointment and then no longer need it, PLEASE cancel it. Appointments are always in demand. During the month of March 119 patients did not arrive for an appointment they had booked.

Protected Time – The Surgery will be closed on the following afternoons from 1pm for staff training, if you need medical advice please call 111:

Tuesday 15th May

Wednesday 13th June

Tuesday 10th July

Wishing you all a lovely summer!

On April 22nd our very own Dr Tilly Siva ran the London Marathon finishing in just over 5 hours for the very worthy Young Minds Trust raising over £5,000. You can still donate to this worthy cause:

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National Bike Week 9th - 17th June 2018

Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team are encouraging residents to be more conscious of how secure their bikes are and if they haven't already, get them marked to reduce the risk of theft. Whilst some bicycles are returned to their owners, most are never seen again because they have no markings on them, or no recorded details such as frame serial numbers and size, make, model, colour or a picture.

Bike marking is a simple solution to this problem and means that the police are more likely to identify the bike and return it to the owner: a simple sticker with your postcode on, stuck to the inside of your bike frame, will inform the police of ownership.

To support National Bike Week 2018 Chiltern and South Bucks Community Safety Team will be providing bicycle security marking labels to local residents. Please contact communitysafety@ chiltern.gov.uk with 'bike label' in the subject line or call us on 01494 586535 to request a bike marking label.

Keep an eye out on Twitter and our website for upcoming bike marking events.

As well as marking your bike there are other ways of preventing and reducing the risk of bike theft:

- Keep your bike in a locked garage or shed, as more than half of bike thefts take place on the victims' properties.
- Always lock your bike when you are leaving it, use a strong lock and secure it to a bike rack where possible; as thieves can lift bikes over signposts especially if the lock is loose.
- There are other ways to identify your bike, such as recording and registering it on www.immobilise.com or investing in an electronic tagging system.

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Every pub or bar that supports the scheme will have an Ask for Angela sticker in the front door/ window and an Ask for Angela poster in the toilets.

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Please contact Chiltern and South Bucks District Council's Community Safety team via 01494 586535 or email communitysafety@chiltern.gov.uk if you would like to sign up to the Ask for Angela campaign.

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Mahler Totenfeler

Butterworth Rhapsody, A Shropshire Lad

Holst Beni Mora

Bernstein arr. Harmon Candide: Suite for Orchestra

Saturday 15th December, at 7:30pm (School Hall, Eton College)

Rutter Magnificat

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Bucks Arts Weeks

Bucks Art Weeks is an annual event held in June every year where artists and makers all over the county open their studios or hold exhibitions and events showcasing and demonstrating their work. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience first-hand the creativity going on around Buckinghamshire. Bucks Art weeks is run by the Visual Images Group, an alliance of over 600 artists and makers living and working in the county.

Bucks Art Weeks 2018 will take place from 9th to 24th June

Free hard copy directories will be available from early May from Art Galleries, Libraries, Tourist Information Centres and all participating venues, or we can post one to you if you send us a large self addressed envelope with 2 x 1st Class Stamps.

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Bucks Art Weeks Directory

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If you are an artist or maker interested in participating in Bucks Art Weeks 2019 (which will take place from 8-23 June 2019) then the entry deadline is January 31st 2019

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Tickets: £15, including free programme (Children 12-16: £5, under 12s: £1)

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Stoke Poges Singers

The 2018 Season of performances by the Stoke Poges Singers started with a moving rendition of Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Faure's "Requiem". Despite un-seasonally late snowfall, a supportive audience was enthralled by the musicianship of the singers, with string quintet, woodwind and organ adding to the overall passion and inspiration of these two great classical works.

The next concert (Summer 2018) will see a return to a mix of musical styles that has proved so popular in recent years, with a collection of works under the "Best of British" theme. This concert will feature both classical and modern pieces by the likes of Purcell, Handel, Elgar and Parry through to Queen, Lennon and McCartney and John Barry.

And the 2018 programme of Stoke Poges Singers concerts will finish with a performance of works of a seasonal nature on the theme of "Winter Songs".

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 30th June "Best of British" at St Andrews Church Centre, Stoke Poges.
- Saturday 24th November "Winter Songs" at St Andrews Church Centre, Stoke Poges.
- Tickets for all Stoke Poges Singers concerts can be booked on-line at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stoke-poges-singers.

For more information, or if you would like to join and sing with us please visit our web site. www.stoke-poges-singers.org.uk

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Dejan & Samantha Jurcic-Jones after their wedding blessing at St Mary Farnham Royal or Saturday 10th March 2018



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St. Mary Hedgerley

Henry Thomas Alex Orchard

Weddings:

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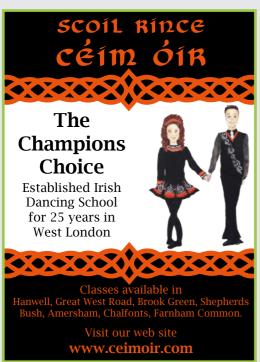
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Next Meetings - (all starting at 7.30pm)

May 21 Full Council, Farnham Common Village Hall

June 25 (6.30pm) Finance Committee, Farnham Royal Village Hall

Full Council, Farnham Royal Village Hall June 25 Full Council, Farnham Common Village Hall July 30 September 24 Full Council, Farnham Royal Village Hall October 22 Full Council, Farnham Common Village Hall

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11:00 am Family Praise (4th Sunday)

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