

# Hullavington News



**August—September 2020**

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Hello again!

Another couple of months of lockdown has passed and slowly we are emerging.

Much has changed of course and most of us are having to look for new ways of doing things. For the first time, the Village Show will be 'virtual' this year, relying on photographic inputs rather than the normal gathering in the Hall, for obvious reasons. Although it will have a much reduced schedule, I hope you'll still be able to take part. More details on page 27.

Businesses and local facilities are all trying their hardest to re-open according to Government advice. We have an update from the pub on page 35 and the Village Hall on page 37, on their efforts to re-start and keep us all safe in the process.

I received some lovely feedback on the last edition—thanks so much for all your stories. In this edition we re-visit our brave volunteers who offered their services for the NHS 'call to arms', their stories continue on page 30.

Thanks for your support and please keep sending in your articles and photos.

*Sally Jeeves—Editor*



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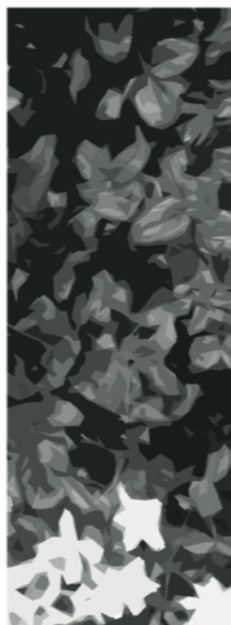
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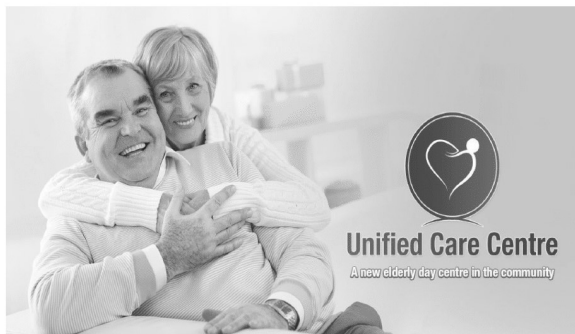


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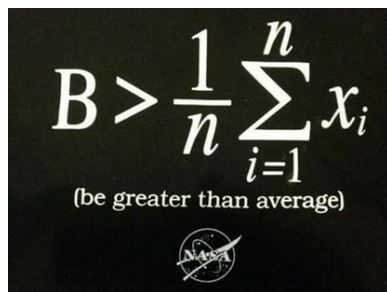
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# **VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News**

## **HULLAVINGTON HELP FOR COVID-19**

The village support group is still going strong and assisting anyone in the village with almost anything!

If you are in need of help with shopping, dog walking, picking up prescriptions or anything else and, for any reason, you are not able to do it yourself, please contact Issie Greenman 837958 or myself, Maggie Bawden, 837311 and we will do our best to assist.

## **DYSON UPDATE ON “OUR” AIRFIELD**

The latest update (shortened) from Andy Gough of the Dyson Team regarding the commencement of the long awaited roadworks. You may also like to have a look at the story of the car that was not to be! Thank you Colin Napton for leading me to this link. [dyson-battery-electric-vehicle.html](https://www.dyson-battery-electric-vehicle.html).

“We have appointed Griffiths as the main contractor to undertake the works. They will be working with the Wiltshire Council Highways authority to agree a detailed plan for the execution and the construction of the road as efficiently and safely as possible with the minimum of disruption. When these have been finalised, they will communicate further details of the construction plan and the associated traffic management strategy.”

## **FIRE - IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK**

At the end of May, I was contacted by a Parishioner who was concerned because they had found signs of a fire and disposable barbecue having been held, sometime over the previous few days in the small wood known as Prior's Corner.

Litter was also left - it was established that one of our farmers had recently moved on a gathering of young people from that area. Priors Corner belongs to Tim and Mark Butler and is the two acre woodland at the top of Court field behind The Parklands. There has never been a public Right of Way through Priors Corner - or indeed around Court Field. Tim and Mark have lived and farmed in Hullavington since 1976 and have always allowed people access to their land - something not all farmers do or are obliged to do. Sadly, in recent years, this community minded generosity has been abused with people lighting fires, riding bicycles and horses in the crop, around the fields and in Priors Corner. They are now asking that the community please refrain from these activities and show some empathy and understanding. They are prepared to take action to prevent access - anywhere other than the Public Rights of Way - if they have to. Farming is their livelihood.

Lighting fires is dangerous at any time but particularly so during this exceptionally dry spell.

The current lockdown situation is not easy for the younger ones in the village but none of us should be straying off the Rights of Way or socialising, without observing the 2m distance.

This link - [index.html](#) (electronic copy) - will take you to the Wiltshire Council web page which shows all the Rights of Way in Hullavington Parish - just insert your postcode.

## FOOD BANKS - HELP IS OUT THERE

The majority of people in the village seem to be coping very well with the on-going situation regarding COVID-19 and Wiltshire Council is encouraging those who are able, to keep going and contribute to the many local Food Banks in our area, with Wiltshire Council also helping the Food Banks restock if goods are running low (please see below).

If there is anyone in the village who is struggling to manage during this period, the Food Banks in Malmesbury and Chippenham can help. They offer parcels which will be delivered to your door. Please contact them for a confidential chat. Help is out there, please reach out for it if you need it. Malmesbury Food Bank is run by Trussell Trust and can be contacted via Heals on 07931 098347. Chippenham Food Bank is run by The Salvation Army and can be contacted on 01249 655 458. Please choose one OR the other to get help from.

**DONATIONS** – Please give if you can. They are always looking for tinned and dried food items, cleaning products and toiletries. Donations will be split between the two areas. Our Village Store owner Paul Girn, has kindly agreed to have a Food Bank donation box in the shop. Thank you for your support.

## **ACCESSING DENTAL CARE DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC**

If you are not registered with a dentist but need emergency assistance, please call the Wiltshire Community Dental Helpline on 0345 758 1926 (or NHS 111 if calling on a weekend or Bank Holiday)

## **Accessing Dental Care in England from 8 June**



**If you need help from a dentist contact your dental practice by phone or email.**

- The range of treatments you will be offered may be different to what you received previously.
- Treatments offered may vary from practice to practice.
- This will depend on the staff and equipment available at the time and is to ensure your safety and that of the dental team.



**Please do not visit your practice unless you've been advised to. This will ensure the practice can continue to provide essential care safely.**



## UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

Please see below the latest information from the National Trust regarding gardens and parklands. The only one in Wiltshire which will be open is Lacock. To ensure everyone's safety, they have reduced the number of visitors and you'll need to book your visit in advance. Please read the instructions on the website before booking.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/how-to-book-your-visit-and-what-to-expect#video>

## WALKING IN WILTSHIRE

We have some lovely walks around Hullavington and the paths have been well used since lockdown started. Now that we have a little more freedom, if you fancy walking further afield, click on the link below to find out more about different walks that you may like. Have a look at Walking in Wiltshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire> a website, which has hundreds of FREE walks to download and print plus details of all the walking clubs in the county and loads more information. Definitive footpath routes can be found on Wiltshire Council website. [Wiltshire walks to download and print FREE!](#)

## WILTSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS \*\*\*SCAM ALERTS\*\*\*

NHS TRACK AND TRACE - We are receiving reports of residents receiving calls from scammers purporting to be from the NHS Test and Trace Service. The scammer will call to inform you that according to their system, you have been in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This means that you will now need to self-isolate for 7 days and take a COVID-19 test. They will say they cannot tell you who it is or what location due to it being "confidential information" but will advise that you need to be tested within the next 72 hours and will ask for a mailing address so that the kit can be sent to you. You will then be asked for your bank card details as there is a charge of £500 for the kit. The caller's number will be withheld.

The genuine NHS Test and Trace service will not:

- ask for bank details or payments
- ask for details of any other accounts, such as social media
- ask you to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
- ask you to call a premium rate number, such as those starting 09 or 087.

The NHS track and trace team will only ever call you from 0300 013 5000.

<https://www.nhs.uk/.../nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-c.../>

## ROGUE TRADER WARNING

We have received a report of two men cold calling in the Bromham area offering to clean driveways. They approached one elderly resident offering to clean their driveway for over £1000. Thankfully, a neighbour intervened and the men left. Rogue traders trick people into paying very high prices for unnecessary or shoddy work often for home or garden maintenance. To avoid becoming a victim of rogue traders follow these simple steps:

- Never agree to have work done by somebody who is just passing or take their word that it needs to be done at all
- Never pay for work before it is completed
- Do not accept any offer from them to drive you to the bank to withdraw money
- Check the identification of all persons and check with their employers, or the body they represent. A genuine caller will be happy to wait for you to complete these checks
- If you need work done, obtain recommendations from friends or family, or visit [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) for traders vetted by Trading Standards.

Residents concerned about doorstep callers operating in their area or worried about elderly or vulnerable neighbours being targeted can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 or the Police on 101. If you suspect a crime is in progress, please call 999

## LOFT INSULATION

The Government has announced vouchers of £5,000 for energy-saving home improvements. We are aware of a number of unscrupulous businesses which target the elderly and vulnerable and persuade them to buy unnecessary and overpriced loft insulation products. These businesses will usually start their hard sell with a phone call offering a 'loft MOT' and will often mention Government grants which haven't been available for some time.

With the introduction of new grants there may be some confusion and we would urge you to speak to your friends and neighbours so that they are aware of the potential to be scammed and not to agree to visits from cold callers. The Government scheme will launch in September, with online applications for recommended energy efficiency measures, along with details of accredited local suppliers. Once one of these suppliers has provided a quote and the work is approved, the voucher is issued.

Our advice, as always, is not to agree to visits from cold callers but take the time to find a reputable business who will not pressurise you into having work done. Hopefully by talking to friends and neighbours about potential scams we can reduce the number of incidents which take place. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-53313640>

*Thanks to Maggie Bawden for the Parish Council update—Ed*

## JUNCTION 17 RECORDERS

The Junction 17 Recorder Group have managed to carry on playing despite Covid 19.

Once groups of six were allowed to meet up keeping a strict 2 metre distance, we have been meeting on a weekly basis using a rota system. This has given everyone an opportunity to play every 2 or 3 weeks. Five musicians led by Musical Director, Peter Cotterill, have been playing in the beautiful surroundings of Court House, accompanied by quacking ducks, swooping swifts and competing pigeons.....all amidst various climatic conditions including sunshine, drizzle, wind and near darkness.

Our thanks must go to Henny and John Metters for allowing us to invade their garden each Tuesday and to Peter for providing all our music and sorting out rotas.

We look forward to meeting as a whole group again....let's hope that it is not too far into the future.

*Ann Sneyd*



## And now for something completely different!

For the poets amongst you; it would be great fun to take part, please send your inputs to Anna Durrant on email to:  
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Dear Rural Touring Promoter

Jonny Fluffypunk would like to write you a poem. A poem to celebrate the life & soul of your village. This poem is a gift to your village, one that you can share throughout the community during these difficult and isolated times. In order for Jonny to write this masterpiece, he's going to require your help & so he has some questions to ask. But you can tell him anything really—the more specific, the better!

Once you have asked everyone in your village to input, please send us your findings. We'll look after these and get them to Jonny, who will then work his word magic from the comfort of his newly built shed. Before sending you the final piece, a video to share, a copy to include in your parish magazine, and some printed versions to dot about the place. On the noticeboard, in windows, on lamp posts, wherever and however you choose.

To help get your minds thinking & whirring, we have some questions and prompts. But tell us all the village gossip, Jonny is all ears...

Name of village please? And where in Wiltshire are you... North, South, West, East, middle, up, down, off to the side?

How would you describe the village to someone who's never been there? Someone like Jonny Fluffypunk...

Paint a good picture of the village - not simply 'nice and quiet'! Is it big, posh houses? Pebbledash council sem-is? Bit of both? Name some roads and tell us about them. Is Windsor Lane all laurel hedges and gravel drives? Are there kids bombing around on their bmx bikes down Coronation View?

Is there a pub? Is it three-course meals or Friday night fights? And are they supplying you with fish & chip lock-down suppers?

Where do you go to walk the dog?

Name a famous person (or more) you could imagine fitting in well in this village...

Any funny stories - however trivial - you could tell...

Landmarks. Any landmarks or historical residents of note?

Are there any regular events - a village fair or fete? And what has been cancelled this year due to the virus?

What might the village be known for, if anything? Twinned with any nice villages in other places?

Is there a rival village... Or a football team?

Anything else you want to add...

Stay safe. We'll see you soon. Love Pound Arts (& Jonny) xx



## With a 'virtual village show' this year, Anna Durrant has kindly put together some tips on taking great photos—thanks!

How to take stunning portraits of your friends and family part 1



The eyes should be the focal point of a portrait picture. Often the light outside is coming from above the head, which gives "panda eyes", so you want to **subtract** light from above by finding shade. In part 1 we'll look at taking portrait pictures in doorways.

Door light is great, but please avoid the sun streaming in! Place your subject just inside an open door to subtract light from above; the background will be too dark to be a problem, unless there is a window on the wall at the back of the room, in which case close the curtains (and also switch off indoor lights). Then stand outside to take the picture.



Look at the eyes - do they sparkle? This is called the catchlight and, if you look closely, you can see the kind of light that is being used to light your subject and the direction of it. You want a catchlight to come from slightly above the eyes for best results as shown in the enlargement.



Now try and move around a bit – go lower and higher to take the picture; usually women look better photographed from above (larger eyes and less chin!) whilst men look more dominant from below. Compare the second portrait, taken from below eye level to the first, where the camera is above eye level. I think the first makes the subject appear more vulnerable than the confident young woman in the second picture.

Good luck with your portraits!

*Anna Durrant Photography 01666 837569/07816 304904*

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# 2020 Schedule



## Vegetables and Fruit

V1 3 Beet

V2 2 Courgettes with flower

## Flowers

F1 Minimum 4 sweet peas

F2 Sunflower in a pot

## Flower arrangements

FA1 An arrangement in a recycled container (max 30x30x30cm)

FA2 Petite arrangement  
(max 10x10x10cm)

## Crafts

C1 A soft toy

## Art

A1 'Church'

## Photography

PH1 'Hullavington Weather'

## Children Under 4 years \*Rosettes for all entries\*

U4 "seaside" artwork

## Children Under 9 years \*Rosettes for all entries\*

UC A sock puppet

## Children 9 - 14 years \*Rosettes for all entries\*

C9 A limerick using the word 'Hullavington'



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- The decision of our esteemed judges is final
- Please don't enter more than three classes in total
- If you are a lucky trophy winner, please look after it as we'll need it back in 2021
- 

More information will be sent to the winners in due course

## Answering the NHS ‘Call to Arms’ What happened next?



***Helen Davies***

I was ready to come out of retirement to ‘do my bit’ for the Pandemic. March came and went. By the end of April I’d been fitted for PPE, received training and my ID badge and was ready to help Post Ventilated patients but thus far I haven’t been needed. Much better of course this way but I’m still raring to go should I get the call in the next few months—watch this space!

***Alastair Davies***

In March, existing volunteers were asked to stand down for their own personal safety. New specialist volunteers were needed to be recruited in areas where Covid-19 was placing an additional operational burden. I was interviewed via Zoom, and allocated to the Doctors’ Mess as a Volunteer Housekeeper.

All volunteering opportunities are now bid for and allocated online. New roles such as Housekeeping, support to the Emergency Department, Estates and the Friends’ Shop have all been filled in this way, and I have been volunteering weekly since Lockdown began. I have enjoyed my role enormously. Originally advertised as ‘supporting the Junior Doctors and offering a listening ear’, with some light cleaning duties, I have gained much satisfaction from simply being alongside doctors and nurse practitioners as they ‘kick back’ for a moment away from their front line duties. It has been a privilege to get to know some of the doctors well, and to hear of their own experiences during the current pandemic.

Many local businesses and restaurants have generously donated pre-cooked food and other items of personal care, and the Doctors’ Mess is adorned with rainbows and other artwork from local schoolchildren.

The facility has been extremely popular – so much so that on one occasion when I arrived to begin my shift, I found one of the coffee machines in pieces and not working.

When, a short time later the second coffee-maker failed, it was time to appeal 'Is there a Coffee Doctor in the House'? Sadly, not even the intervention of an A&E Registrar could coax the coffee to flow, and instant coffee from a jar seemed the only option.

With the aid of a Volunteers' What's App Group, help was soon at hand and one coffee machine was restored to service. Now thankfully, both are fully functional and the Doctors are happy.

At the same time, I have been volunteering to support the local Bristol hospitals with Chaplaincy on call during the silent hours, to give the paid staff a break. At the beginning of the pandemic, the Bristol Nightingale Hospital on the UWE site was commissioned to provide specialist care for Covid patients. Thankfully, I do not believe that this facility has ever been utilised, although it continues to be held in readiness. Volunteers have now been stood down, but we are poised to return, should the need arise!

### ***Wendy Wilkins***

I received an offer to work for the 111 COVID response in May, since then the Assessment Service has been paused for now but we will be going back in to service in the next couple of weeks in anticipation of a second wave in the autumn. Unfortunately, this pandemic is far from over.

*Thanks so much to all of them for volunteering! Ed*

*Wendy's husband works for a girls school in Bristol and has written two children's books of the stories he has made up over the years for them. He's currently raising funds to get them illustrated—if you would like to help, please head to his crowd funding page:*

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andy-wilkins?  
utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=PvNmKqjrn](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andy-wilkins?utm_id=2&utm_term=PvNmKqjrn)

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There are a lot of changes and we are working hard to ensure our procedures keep our staff and customers as safe as possible:

- For the time being, we are only open in the garden. Access is via the gate between the pub and the Old Stables. Please keep to your left when entering and exiting
- Maximum 30 customers are allowed in the garden at one time. Please book to guarantee entry
- Maximum 6 people per table
- Card only payments
- Please do not move tables—they will be socially distanced
- Toilets will be cleaned regularly, however, additional cleaning facilities will be available for customer use
- Customers with children are responsible for them at all times and need to ensure they follow social distancing guidelines
- Do not return glasses to the bar, these will be collected
- Tables and chairs will be cleaned in between customers

Please bear with us, this is new for everyone and will take time to perfect!

### **Dining at the Pub**

For the foreseeable future we will not be offering sit down table food service. On Fridays and Saturdays you can order and eat in the garden **or takeaway**. Food will be supplied in takeaway containers, wooden cutlery and sachet sauces will be available. On Sundays we will be offering takeaway Roasts only. Customers will not be able to eat their roast dinners in the garden on this day.

We are hoping to add more days soon, please check our Facebook page for news.

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## LONDON HOUSE PLANT STALL

"We held our fourth plant stall on Saturday and want to thank everyone who came and bought plants and also to those who donated their own surplus plants and other items. Thanks to everyone's generosity we made just over £280 and, when added to the money raised over the previous stalls brings the total to a magnificent £910 which will now be spent on repairs and maintenance to our beautiful historic church. We are not planning another surplus plant stall at this time as we believe most people have their gardens planted up for the season, however we have been asked to consider a surplus produce stall later in the season, so watch this space. "



## FACE MASKS

As they're now mandatory in shops, we're very lucky to have Jebbie making them in the Village—Ed

Male, female and teenager £4.50 / 3-6 and 7-12 years: £3.50.

Fabrics available to suit men, women and children. The masks are made from two layers of cotton with a woven interfacing and can be worn behind the ears or behind the head. Contact Jebbie on Hullavington Happenings or [jebbiehewitt@hotmail.com](mailto:jebbiehewitt@hotmail.com)

All proceeds from the sale of masks goes to the Hullavington Church Repair and Maintenance fund.

*Thanks so much to Jebbie and Dudley for their fabulous efforts! - Ed*



## THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



**Closure of the village hall** - We are planning to re-open according to Government advice, during September. Before this can happen, however, there has to be put in place a very significant and important range of arrangements and requirements. The work needed is stretching the committee's resources to the full. Things for hall hirers will have changed too and core user groups in particular, will find that they will have additional responsibilities to adhere to when they start to book the hall again.

**Roger Parnaby, Village Hall Maintenance Person** - We were saddened to receive the news recently that Roger intends to step down from his role as "Village Hall Maintenance Person". In the words of our Chairman:- Roger's contribution to the village hall has been astonishing. He has undertaken the delivery of his role with enthusiasm, total commitment and a wonderful creativity. He has undertaken his role in a way that far exceeded basic day-to-day expectations as he proactively carried out work that the committee hadn't even realised needed doing. Roger has been a real champion of the Hall – often caring for it more in a way that has exceeded all of our expectations. The Committee thank Roger most sincerely for the many years of service he has given to the hall and wish him and his wife Yvonne every happiness when they move to a new home.

It is vital that a new maintenance person is found. It is a paid position per hour. Faults are recorded by users and need checking on a regular basis. Some months very little may be required but at other times, if for example a little painting is required, it could involve a number of hours. If you have time on your hands and you are of a practical nature this could be just the challenge for you and at the same time provide a valuable service to the village. If you feel you might be interested please contact a member of the Village Hall Committee.

**The flower pots in the Hall Car Park** - As I passed the main entrance to the hall recently, I was struck by the attractiveness of the pots of flowers either side of entrance. I came across Steve Noon busy re-potting one of the plants there. We would like to express our thanks in providing and maintaining such a beautiful display, particularly through this Covid-19 lockdown period when the hall is not even in use

*David Hunt*

*I'm sure you'd like to join me in thanking Roger for his many years of dedicated, hard work on the Hall. Ed*

## FAVOURITE RECIPE

*Anyone fancy a bit of healthy foraging? This one was kindly shared by Martha Gordon.*

### **Dandelion Greens with Double Garlic**



- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves of garlic, sliced (good for your immune system!)
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Salt and ground pepper to taste
- 1 lb dandelion greens, washed and roughly chopped
- ½ cup water or veg stock
- 1 clove of garlic minced

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat, add the sliced garlic, pepper flakes, and some salt and black pepper and cook for 1 minute. Garlic should soften and become fragrant.

Add the greens and the water or stock, cover and cook until the greens have wilted slightly, about 5 minutes.

Remove the lid, but continue to cook and stir until the liquid has all but evaporated, about 5 more minutes. Add the minced garlic and cook for 1 more minute. Adjust seasonings and serve. (servings—I think this would serve 4, I made about half that amount for the two of us, but I am terrible about quantities!)

We have had this as both a side dish with other vegetables and a meat, as well as on pasta with parmesan grated over it. They are slightly bitter, but I found the taste intriguing.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/what-heck-do-i-do-dandelion-greens-180950389/>

## THEN AND NOW



### The Village Garage

The first photograph was taken in 1986; at that time, the Garage was serving petrol. It was changing from gallons to litres and the Flare sign displays both prices. This was before unleaded petrol was available and the petrol sold was 4 stars. The pumps were in the centre of the forecourt but in subsequent years were moved to the near corner of the forecourt. A light patch in the concrete in the now photograph indicates where they were located. The idea was to give more room on the forecourt for car sales. Petrol sales ceased about six years ago. Note the breakdown pickup vehicle on the right of the then picture with the garage offering a 24 hour breakdown service.

*Many thanks to Dave Hunt for the photos and information. Ed*



## A new NHS service for You

This is a new symptom checking service introduced by the NHS that GP surgeries can opt to use for their patients. Malmesbury Medical Practice is now using the system – if you are registered with Yatton Keynell or Sherston please check with the individual surgeries.

**doctorlink** helps you access the right treatment faster guiding you on a route to better health and wellbeing. If your condition is high risk, you will be prioritised to see your doctor the same day.

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It is a new electronic system which can be accessed on the practice website and can also be downloaded free via your app store. This is a stand-alone system; the only requirement needed to access this system is that you are a registered patient at a surgery using the doctorlink system.

For more information, visit [www.doctorlink.com](http://www.doctorlink.com) or pick up a leaflet from the surgery or the village post office. You can also get more information from the practice website home page at <http://www.malmesburypcc.nhs.uk>

(Please explore the practice website, it is full of useful information and details of services, such ordering repeat medication. If you need any assistance I am happy to help).

Elisabeth Cheshire

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Carer Support Wiltshire, the charity that supports unpaid carers in Wiltshire, has launched a 'Time for Carers Appeal' to raise money that will allow carers to take a break.

Carers often struggle to find time for themselves; for hobbies and to socialise with others. They may not be able to leave the person they look after on their own at home, or they feel guilty taking time to enjoy themselves. Many have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as the closure of day centres and other groups have meant they are caring more than ever, in more difficult circumstances with little or no support.

Research shows that 40% of carers haven't taken a day off from their caring role in over a year. Yet taking regular breaks has been shown to be the most effective way to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and promote good mental health.

Previous appeals have enabled all sorts of breaks, by providing cinema memberships, climbing sessions, spa days and counselling sessions. It has also been used to pay for respite care.

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for individuals, businesses and local groups to help to raise funds for the appeal or to donate. More information can be found at [carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers](http://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers).

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## HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP

We are reading our own choices and recommending books to group members and friends.

**Normal People** by Sally Rooney. I read this after watching the tv series of the book. The tv series is the truest adaptation of a book I've ever seen. I loved both. Reading the book took some getting used to as there are no inverted commas throughout! It's a story of a young couple's relationship which began just before they left school and continued throughout their university years. There is a lot about their sexual relationship but the book is less graphic about that than the tv series! The book leaves the reader wondering what happens next.....maybe the author will write a sequel! I'll be first in the queue to buy it if she does!

**The Beekeeper of Aleppo** by Christmas Lefteri. A young family are living a simple but happy life in Aleppo, Syria. The father is a beekeeper and his wife is an artist and they have a young child. When war comes they are unsure what to do but a traumatic personal incident forces them to escape and they make their way to the UK. The story is about their escape and long journey and life in a hostel in when they arrive in the UK. Are they allowed to stay in the UK? You need to read the book to find out! And you'll learn about beekeeping too! It's eye opening and very, very sad in parts but very well written. The author worked in refugee camps so much of what she writes about is based on her personal observations.'

**The Cuckoo's Calling, The Silkworm, Career of evil** by Rob Galbraith.

I found I enjoyed them equally as much the second time around. I was always thrilled with the way J.K Rowling inspired truculent non- interested readers to become avid followers and was open to look into her adult novels. She developed her two main characters to the point where their personal journeys became as intriguing as the crimes they were investigating. Fun and relaxing reading.

My next re-read is going to be Philip Pullman's **Dark Matters** Trilogy which in turn will remind me of the joy of introducing children to books I have loved.'

**The Final Hours** and **The Turn of Midnight** by Minette Walters. Both based on the plague of 1348. Appropriate reading during the lockdown period.

**The Binding** which was recommended. I loved this book, couldn't put it down, and was sad when it ended.

**The Virgin Blue** by Tracy Chevalier. This is her debut novel. Starting the theme which runs through many of her novels, two women, born centuries apart, are linked through their ancestral legacy.

**A Single Thread** by Tracy Chevalier. Her latest novel. It is 1932, and the losses of the First World War are still keenly felt. Violet Speedwell, mourning for both her fiancé and her brother, and regarded by society as a 'surplus woman' unlikely to marry, resolves to escape her suffocating mother and strike out alone. A new life awaits her in Winchester. Violet falls in with the broderers, a disparate group of women charged with embroidering kneelers for the Cathedral, and is soon entwined in their lives and their secrets.

**After the Party** by Cressida Connelly. In the summer of 1938 Phyllis Forrester returns to England after years abroad. Moving into her sister's grand country house, she soon finds herself entangled in a new world of idealistic beliefs and seemingly innocent friendships. Fevered talk of another war infiltrates their small, privileged circle, giving way to a thrilling solution: a great and charismatic leader, who will restore England to its former glory. At a party hosted by her new friends, Phyllis lets down her guard for a single moment, with devastating consequences. Years later, Phyllis, alone and embittered, recounts the dramatic events that led to her imprisonment and changed the course of her life forever.'

If you would like to let us know about books you have enjoyed, we would love to hear from you.

A return to normal life after lockdown (last newsletter edition):

13th July— yes, I have been to Malmesbury, with a visit to the Summer Café for coffee and cake. And I bought a lipstick. A real treat. No book purchases as the charity shops were closed, but they've opened since. Hooray.

*Elizabeth Parry-Williams*

As Church buildings begin to open to a degree, it is good to remember that a church is not a building but a body of people. Each person has their own gifts and abilities, given to them by God, to be used for the building up of the church. In fact Paul in his letter to the Corinthian church says that God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

Mount Zion has continued to gather together on a Sunday evening using Zoom. Before lock down most people had not heard of Zoom, but few people are unaware of it today. Technology has enabled us to continue to connect with one another even if we are sitting in our own homes. Each week the church has produced an online YouTube video, containing praise, scripture readings and a message, for church members to watch on a Sunday morning and in fact it has been regularly watched by a far wider audience.

During the early lockdown period there is no doubting that people actually enjoyed the slower pace of life, time to think and ponder, and also spend more time with the family. The footpaths of Hullavington have probably never been so busy, and what lovely weather the Lord gave us over that period and of course His creation was reflected in the glorious colours of spring time.

We certainly continue to mourn with those who have lost loved ones to the virus. In the last News we remembered that the village had just celebrated VE Day and what a special day it had been with happy gatherings throughout the village. Many a voice was raised in the singing of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' and since then we have mourned the passing of Dame Vera.

Psalm 147 v 3 tells us that "He heals the broken hearted and **binds** up their wounds"

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.



## SERVICES FOR ST MARY MAGDALENE

and the Gauzebrook Group during Lockdown



HALLELUJAH, our churches are opening bit by bit.....

St Mary's is open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

**And the first Service** will be held on Sunday 9 August at 11.00am. Social distancing will apply and we won't be allowed to offer refreshments yet, but we will be able to offer a welcome to those who are keen to come. See the schedule of Services across the Gauzebrook Group below. During the Summer Holidays we will be offering one Service each Sunday in one of the churches where we can comply with all the Virus regulations and keep everyone safe.

**MORE GOOD NEWS:** We have heard that the Revd Adam Beaumont, our new Rector, will be licensed sometime in the early part of September, date as yet unknown. He and his young family will be moving into the Rectory in Sherston in August so that his children can start the academic year in Sherston Primary at the beginning of term. I am sure he will be in Hullavington very soon afterwards and will be keen to meet people.

**SADLY,** we recently said goodbye to Elveen Mead, our wonderful Curate in Charge who has managed so many challenging demands during the last year of her training curacy. We shall miss her and wish her well in her first incumbency at Stratton.

Services planned over the school holidays:

26 July,	9.30 am	Stanton St Quintin	Morning Praise
2 August,	9.30 am	Sherston	Morning Praise
9 August	11.00 am	Hullavington	Morning Praise
16 August	9.30 am	Stanton St Quintin	Holy Communion
23 August	11.00 am	Luckington	Morning Praise
30 August	9.30 am	Sherston	Holy Communion
6 September	11.00 am	Hullavington	Holy Communion

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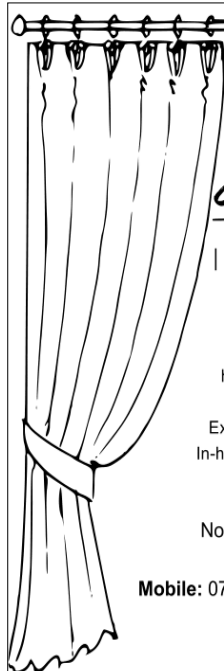
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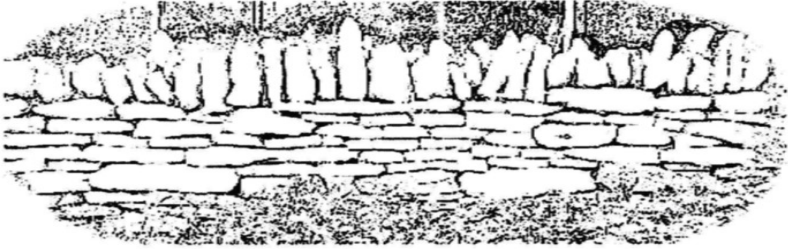
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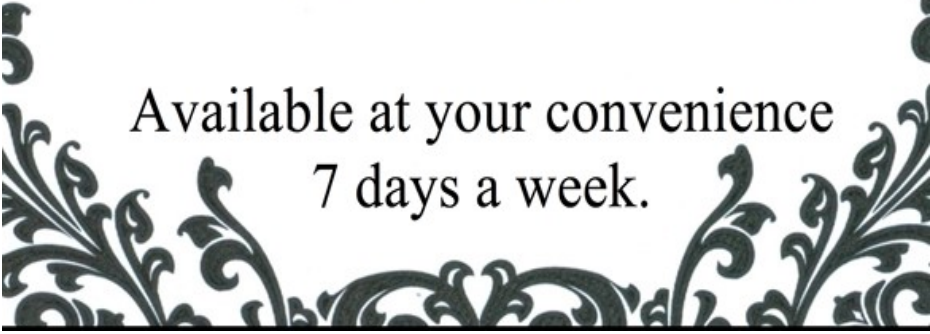
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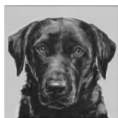
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# RATES FOR HIRING HULLAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

## Rates from 1st April 2020

### Basic charge for Hall £ per session (see note 1)

*(Commercial/Government users see note 2)*

User Category	Core User	Village User	Non-Village
Main Hall	£20	£26	£39
Side Hall	£12.50	£14.50	£24
Both Halls	£26.50	£31.50	£52.50

*Supplementary Charges (below) are cumulative and additional to the above Basic Charge.*

Up to 24 people	nil	nil	nil
25-49 people	nil	£5.50	£9.50
50-99 people	nil	£10.50	£15
100+ people	nil	£12.50	£28
Consumption of alcohol (see note 3)	nil	£10.50	£14

### Notes

- 1 The Hall is hired on a session basis, there are 3 per day:  
**AM** 09.00—13.00, **PM** 14.00—18.00, **Eve** 19.00—23.00
- 2 Booking fees for Commercial / Government use are by arrangement.
- 3 Temporary Event Notices (TENS) are required by law when alcohol is sold on the Hall premises. It is the sole responsibility of the hirer to arrange for the TENS and to declare his/her intention to apply for one when booking the hall.

To hire the Hall, please contact Paul Hadley on 01666 837096 or Bob Fenner on 01666 837320. Full details of hire are on the village website [www.hullavington.info](http://www.hullavington.info). Villagers who would like a one-off event in the hall should book min 3 months in advance.

For other matters concerning the Hall, contact Bob Fenner by telephone or at [bobfenner5@gmail.com](mailto:bobfenner5@gmail.com). **WiFi now available!**

## 200 Club for the Village Hall

The Village Hall 200 Club continues to operate throughout the Lockdown and has held 2 monthly draws.

Lucky winners were:

### **May:**

**£50 Joyce Thomas**

**£25 Neil Hamilton**

### **June:**

**£50 Charles Burkinson**

**£25 Ivor Miles**

We are very grateful to Mr Neil Hamilton for donating his winnings back to the Village Hall—thank you. And thanks to all of you for your on-going support for the Village Hall upkeep through the 200 Club. For further information, please contact Geraldine McKibbin on 837736 or Linda Hadley on 837096.

## Handy Information

**Please note adjusted closing time**

### **Shop:**

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### **Post Office:**

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## **“Meet the Villager”**

***A light hearted chat with a ‘local’  
about their time in Hullavington***

In this edition we meet Cheryl Bond

I bought some land at the end of the Village 17 years ago and moved into my house in Newtown 3 years later.

I lived in Grittleton and Castle Combe before moving here so have always been local and love the area. Before moving here, I worked for a couple of the landlords at what was ‘The Star’ before it became the Hullavington Arms, so I’ve met plenty of the locals over the years which has been great fun!

I have had dogs all my life and started riding horses when I was 9 in Biddestone. I bought my first horse ‘Smileyrose’ when I was 15 and she came with me to Hullavington. Horses have continued to be a massive passion in my life so started up a business at ‘Blackberry Barn’ offering full and part livery and helping others with their horses. I’ve been a member of the Beaufort Hunt for many years and have encouraged others to enjoy hunting. I now have a beautiful little 5 year old grey ‘Bandit’ that I have had since he was 6 months old and broken myself, which is a real achievement. I expect many of you have seen us out riding. He’s an angel.

Alongside horses is a love for dogs. I grew up with Spaniels and was lucky enough to have my own working collie ‘Harvey’ aged 16. It wasn’t long before I joined local shoots and started working my gorgeous ‘Cooper’ a few times a week. We absolutely love it and always enjoy meeting new people and their dogs.



I now have 3 dogs, 'Cooper' a 6 year old Spaniel x wire haired Pointer, 'Henley' who is an 18 month old pure wire haired Pointer who is very keen now he has started working and 'Beau Beau', a 9 year old Irish Water Spaniel who is sadly scared of guns so is a house pet and loves his bed!

I was looking for a new venture and after a lot of research, paper-work and first aid courses, I founded 'Coopers Kennels and received a licence in 2019. It has been fantastic and lots of hard work for me, my friends and family - but worth it! Meeting so many new dogs and watching them settle and have so much fun always puts a massive smile on my face. Lots of Villagers have been really supportive and I now have quite a few on my books for day care and boarding. It's lovely to be able to add another resource to the Village along with the Shop, Pub, School and Garage. Starting a new business from scratch has been a steep learning curve, but completely worth it seeing their wagging tails!

Lockdown obviously affected me and the business dramatically, the same as many others. I just try to stay positive and keep busy - but I'm really looking forward to seeing friends, owners and their dogs again very soon.

**Guilty pleasure?** Watching soaps

**Who would play you in a movie of your life?** Cameron Diaz  
'haha'

**If you could change one thing in the village?** Less dog poo

**Dream dinner party guest?** Jamie Oliver

**Advice to teenage self?** Make the most of it, you'll be old and 33 soon lol

**Cat or dog?** Dog although I have a cat as well - 'Gizmo'

**Happiness is?** Loving yourself first and the things around you

**Bucket list item?** Learning to weld

# HULLAVINGTON COFFEE TIME TRIVIA QUIZ



*Answers on Hullavington Happenings and in the next edition*

**Hullavington was first recorded in the doomsday book of 1086, what was the Village known as then?**

A. Honeytown B. H'utton C. Hunlavintone

**Nearby Surrendell House was known in the 70's as a:**

A. Centre for Hare Krishna B. Hedgehog Sanctuary C. Bohemian hangout for Princess Margaret

**In which year did the last passengers use Hullavington Train Station?**

A. 1961 B. 1963 C. 1965

**In which Century did the construction of St Mary's Church commence?**

A. 12th Century B. 13th Century C. 14th Century

**Which famous person used to live in Hullavington?**

A. Katie Price B. Jamie Cullum C. Pam Ayres

**A major land owner in the Village used to be?**

A. Swindon College B. Eton College C. Beaufort College

**Approx what % of children who attend the school are from families posted to Buckley Barracks?**

A. 10% B. 25% C. 40%

**Local resident Christine Hamilton changed her name by deed poll in 2009 to?**

A. Mrs Doubtfire B. Mrs Battleaxe C. Mrs Robinson

**The Chairman of our Parish Council is called?**

A. Aberdeen Hogwarts-Mawing B. Aggie Bartender-Washwomen  
C. Maggie Bawden-Rawsthorne

