

Hullavington News



The Village celebrates VE Day in style!

A 'virtual' Village Show?

The Community comes together to tackle Covid-19

June—July 2020

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I hope this finds you all well— that seems like the understatement of the decade!

As you can imagine, many of our regular groups are inactive so this Newsletter has a different feel. There are some lovely photos of the Community celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE day, along with some poignant stories and memories from that time.

In the spirit of less waste, I'm trialling a 'collect your own newsletter' approach from the Shop and Church Porch; I'm keen to ensure it's available in hard copy for those that want it and an electronic version for anyone happy with that—it should reduce the cost of producing the News, expand its reader base and hopefully keep us on a sound, financial footing; it is an experiment so please send feedback if you have any.

We also have an insight as to how some of you have been affected by the lockdown and some very important 'thank yous' to Villagers who have gone out of their way to help others.

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Sally Jeeves—Editor



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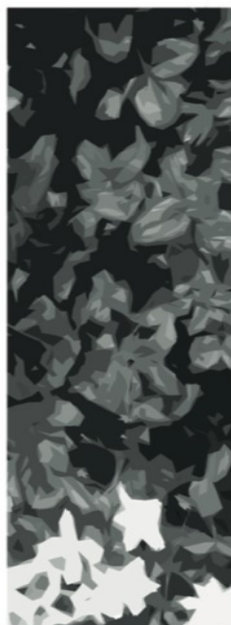
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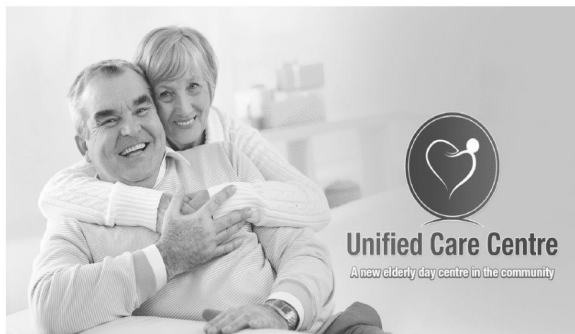


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VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News

Prescription Requests

The service is working well and to date approximately 100 prescriptions have been brought to the village by this method. It is available to anyone in Hullavington who is over the age of 70 or suffers from ongoing health problems i.e. those considered to be in the 'at risk' group.

It is fortunate that we have two people in the village - Jo and Wendy – who also work at the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre and are more than happy to collect prescriptions for this group and drop them off at a collection point in the Village. Maggie Bawden has volunteered to be the drop off point for Hullavington. If anyone in the 'at risk' group has requested a prescription from the surgery which is usually collected from Boots, Lloyds and the Primary Care Centre in Malmesbury, please contact: Maggie Bawden - 837311 or email maggiebawden@gmail.com. The prescriptions will be delivered to Maggie for delivery by a member of the HULLAVINGTON HELP FOR COVID-19 group.

Villagers who are not in the 'at risk' group need to make their own arrangements to collect prescriptions; however, the 'Hullavington Help for Covid-19' group can help with the collection of prescriptions from any of the above Pharmacies by contacting: Issie Greenman - 837958. It would be helpful if they could collect the requests and just go to the Surgery once per week, maybe a Thursday, instead of numerous times each week. Due to the pressure on the Surgery and the Pharmacy, extra time is needed to order your medication, so please allow enough time for the Pharmacy to get them ready for collection.

Please also bear in mind that if you want Issie's volunteers to collect your prescription, you need to let her know: which Pharmacy it has to be collected from, your full name and address together with any payment that is due or what the exemption is. Also please ensure that you give plenty of time between ordering and collecting. Lead time is currently 7 days as both the doctors and the Pharmacies are running behind due to the number of prescriptions currently being requested.

Update from Dyson

Regarding the roundabout at the junction of the A429/C1 roads.

"we are pleased to assure you that activities for the new access road construction for the Hullavington airfield site have been progressing and, subject to potential ongoing government restrictions, we remain on target to commence construction works for the new road by late May / early June and are aiming for substantial completion of the works by the end of this year. With all best wishes,
Chris, Andy, Debbie and the team at Dyson".

Are you over 65 and have symptoms of Covid-19?

The following information has been received from Matt Hancock Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. **Testing is now available to all over 65s and members of their households, if they have symptoms.** Additionally, any worker who needs to leave their home in order to go to work, can also get a test if any of them have symptoms. This means construction workers to emergency plumbers, research scientists to those in manufacturing – can now be tested. If this applies to you, or anyone in your household, please [go online now and apply for a test.](#)

Letter of thanks from Wiltshire Council to Covid-19 Community Volunteers (shortened)

"...the way communities up and down the county have responded to COVID-19 has been nothing short of inspirational. To all those volunteers, we say thank you. We are proud that Wiltshire is leading the way in its community response and want to pay tribute to each and every resident who is going above and beyond to support one another.

Once again, thank you for everything you are doing. It's comforting to know that we're all in this together".

Thanks to the Parish Council for the above updates. Ed

Recycling centres re-open—But **not** at Stanton St. Quintin! Other centres are only accessible on certain days depending on your postcode. It is advised that your proof of address is clearly visible in your vehicle window. Please go to the Wiltshire Council website to see all the opening times and guidelines.

Rights of Way—People from outside the Village are also enjoying our ROWs but sometimes don't always know where they are. It is a critical nesting time for birds at the moment. The increased footfall has also led to increased litter. A plea on behalf of all those who farm around the village. Please, stick to the ROW's, keep your dogs under control and take your litter home with you. Why not take a carrier bag along with you and pick up some of the litter that others have left behind and put it in your household bins?

TV Licence 'phishing' attempt—A parishioner has highlighted what looks like a very convincing email purporting to be from TV Licensing. Fortunately, he noted that the licence number stated did not match the one he holds. I clicked on the 'Renew now link' which led me to a company with a South African email address! However, my computer immediately informed me that it was a dangerous site. Should any of you receive the email please ignore it and report it on the Police Action Fraud link below:
<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>

Thanks to Maggie Bawden for the Parish update

The Hullavington Womens Institute



We all seem to be surviving lockdown but it isn't easy. We miss our monthly meetings and the chats with our friends but we have managed to use Zoom to have get togethers and see one another. It works for those of us who have computers and ipads. I haven't yet worked out how we can get together for those who aren't online.

Hopefully we should be able to have our meeting in August which is a cream tea in a member's garden but before then we still don't know what will happen. It is such a pity that the wonderful speakers we had booked have had to be postponed but I am sure we will be able to book them for later on. Keep safe everyone and I hope to see you all soon.

Isobel Acott

The Village Hall Management Committee

The Village Hall remains closed until further notice. The committee is keen to re-open as soon as possible, but only when it is safe and permissible to do so. The committee is monitoring carefully all advice, guidance and requirements from both government and other agencies that would indicate when the hall might be re-opened. Whilst the hall is closed, the committee is reviewing the procedures that those hiring the hall must adhere to in order to ensure that, when it does re-open, everything will have been done to minimise the Covid-19 risk to all hall users. One day life will begin to get back to some sort of normality and the Village Hall, which is a very valuable village amenity, will spring back to life again. We have received quotes for the new hall flooring and replacement of one or both of the screens. The possibility of grants towards the cost is being investigated. The 2020 Village Hall AGM is scheduled for 1st July.



Dave Hunt

Village Show Update

The show is planned for 29 August in the VH. Some form of show will definitely happen, but it looks likely that it will be more of a 'virtual show' with a reduced schedule. There will be a class for children aged 4 & under entitled 'Seaside artwork'. All children living and staying in the village may enter and all Jolly Tots participants. Rosettes will be awarded for all entries. Further details will be announced on the Hullavington Happenings FB Page and published in the next edition of the Hullavington News. So do keep growing, crafting, photographing and painting and we'll work out how to share the results.

Jonnie Jeeves

HULLAVINGTON HELP FOR COVID-19

At the start of the Pandemic, Wiltshire Council was supposed to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council and instruct the PC to put in place the Community Resilience Plan which is held by Kevin Tillotson on behalf of the village. The Clerk was not contacted!

That didn't stop the village, however, getting on with the job in hand and Issie Greenman wasted no time in forming a support group to help anyone in the village who was having problems with anything. Issie and myself had both been considering who were the most vulnerable people in the village and, when we compared our lists, they were practically the same. I think this shows that we both have a good knowledge of the village where we have both lived for so many years. The best thing is that everyone in the village is helping others even if they are not a member of the support group. It confirms what I have known for a long time - that Hullavington is a caring community and when it comes to the crunch we all work together.

Jo Martin and Wendy Bullough working at the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre is a bonus. Since the prescription delivery service got underway, no one has had to drive down there and endure the queues at the Pharmacy. Paul and Mandy at the Village Store have been brilliant in keeping the shop well stocked and Peter has been running the Post Office single handed - all the services you require and social distancing observed. Jo and Matt at The Hullavington Arms are providing an excellent meal delivery service three days a week for those who are getting tired of cooking every day and it has been greatly appreciated.

Those in the village who are able to get a supermarket delivery slot are also sharing it with their neighbours on a regular basis – every little helps. Issie and I feel that everyone has been brilliant in helping their neighbours through this most unusual of times and hope that, once our lives get back to “normal”, this amazing “togetherness” will continue.

A big thank you from Issie and myself to everyone in the village who has ensured that, even though life is far from normal at the moment we, as a village, are coping well and we will come through this historical experience realising that we are not able to take anything for granted ever again.

Issie Greenman & Maggie Bawden



Thank You



Along with Issie and Maggie's updates and thank yous opposite. A few more 'shout-outs' to people in the Village.

- Jebbie and Dudley Hewitt. Jebbie is currently sewing face masks and at the time of writing has orders for almost 200! They are also running a 'surplus plant stall' which has already raised £275.50—all proceeds from both efforts are for the Church.
- Liz and Peter Parry-Williams for their fabulous, changing window display to keep us all guessing.
- Bev and Charlie Edge would like to thank Jo Martin and Katy Sheard for all their help during lockdown.
- Maggie Bawden-Rawsthorne, Issie Greenman and the 'Covid-19 Hullavington Response' team.
- Victoria Parry who runs 'The Cake Tin' (along with her two colleagues, all from the Village) has been asking people to nominate someone who has gone out of their way—they've received a free 'random act of cakeyness' each week.
- Elizabeth Parry-Williams would like to say "a big 'thank you' to all at the Village Stores for keeping the shop running and so well stocked during this difficult time. Your hard work is much appreciated."
- The Hullavington Happenings Team (Sina JP, Lesley Didsbury, Samantha Godley & Jo Lumb) for running the FB page and their 'Community response' page to allow us all to communicate easily in the Village.

And of course the huge amount of people in the Village, quietly delivering newspapers, sharing online shopping orders and generally going out of their way!

Ed



Photo Anna Durrant



Photo Anna Durrant



Photo Anna Durrant



Photo Anna Durrant



Photo Linda Anderson

VE Day 75th anniversary

The anniversary was celebrated in style throughout the Village. I walked around in the morning and took a few photos and there was a real buzz. So many people had made an effort to decorate their roads and houses; Blinks Close and Greens Close looked particularly fabulous. Here are two accounts from Hullavington residents. Thanks so much to both of them for sending them in. *Ed*

The neighbours of a quiet little corner in Hullavington celebrated the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in such a lovely way. The day started as we stood to attention for the 11am two minutes silence. 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square' was played over speakers to lightly fill our gardens with beautiful music from 11.04am. There was a real feeling of community spirit as we decorated our gardens with bunting and listened (and danced!) to music favourites from the war years carried on the breeze.

After a sunny afternoon and Churchill's iconic speech, barbecues were lit and gorgeous food and Pimms were shared over garden fences. The 1940's music played on and after the Queen's speech at 9pm, we all gathered on the road to bravely sing Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' together, it was so good we sang it twice! One lovely couple were unable to join us as they went into labour at that very moment! Looking back, it was a very touching day - something that we all shared together despite being apart, a memory that we will treasure. Here's to good neighbours, friends and beautiful new-born babies (born the following day!). May we all someday "meet again".

Best wishes, Emma Trickett (37 Newtown, Hullavington)

10th April 1941 – 17th November 1945



April 24th. There is so much to write about - So much has happened since the last entry. Firstly I have left Rudloe at last after 3 1/2 years! And in what a manor! On my last day, I managed to get caught breaking into Camp at 12.30 midnight by "Bushy Brows - the SP! And the series of charges I was held for - breaking out of Camp - breaking into Camp - being in charge of a party of women attending the marine dance and duty NCO into the bargain!

Anyway I had quite a good time (I was a little besotted too) so I certainly didn't care and slept like a top. A little Chat with Sgt Furley was the last I heard of my first charge in my 4 year WAAF career.....Michael - Lt Belshaw has been lost in the swirl of time and fate- after a most decent act of getting my luggage to Corsham for me - he really was frightfully nice about that. I saw him for dinner the last night I was at Rudloe - at the Methuen-

Peace. May 8th VE Day.

May 10th. Two days after the war!

As we sat and listened to the 9 o'clock news on Monday 7th we knew within a little what to expect. The announcer gave out the news of the day - the following day - May 8th was to be VE Day! At midnight all hostilities with Germany would cease and Europe would know peace for the first time in nearly six years.

Winston Churchill was to speak at 3.0'clock that afternoon and all England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales not to mention our allies could plunge into thanksgiving and celebrations of their victory over the enemy. We here were practically in bed but at the last minute decided we would join London to see how the rest of the folk were feeling about it all.

So Jean and I threw our pj's into a bag and sallied forth at 10 o'clock. So our first port of call - Piccadilly Circus. Crowds were even then, thick and tense with excitement. We stayed a while then decided to move South to Trafalgar Square and Whitehall.

Every sort of noise was being made and every sort of flag, streamers, button holes and what have you were being bought and sold. We chose three small red, white and blue feathers - our colours. Bands of all sorts of people - some in uniform, some not were parading through the streets - the high spirits of the crowd leading armed with banners or crashing tin lids.

London was waking up to its release from the horrors and fears of war. We rested a while on Westminster Bridge - listened to Big Ben with his bright shiny smiling face - saw various buildings trying out their flood lighting for the following day, then we decided we would make a bid for the last train home....

Victory morning!

Had a wonderful breakfast then saw Jean up to St Pancras station intending to catch a morning train to Derby but on arrival found that she wouldn't get in by 3.00 to hear Winnie's speech so she decided to stay in town with me till after he had spoken. We decided upon Trafalgar Sq. being the nearest point to an underground and a relayed broadcast system. And there we sat and waited on top of the tube wall till 3 o'clock and amidst masses of cheering folk, heard the final proclamations of peace in Europe.

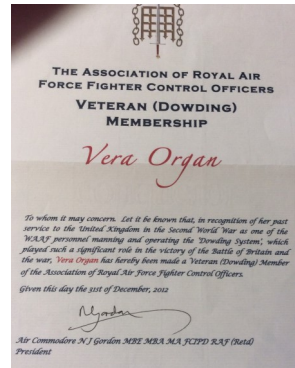
Jean just about made the tube and I stayed on the same one and feeling very tired and in need of a good "cuppa" went home.... It was great to see the folks having a good time - the kiddies enjoying their first bonfires and fireworks.....

VE Day +1

.... That evening again we spent strolling around town gazing at the splendour of unaccustomed lights, signs and flares. It was worth seeing and I'll certainly remember it for the rest of my life. We walked down to Buckingham Palace and were fortunate enough to see the Royal family.

The Palace looked wonderful flood lit. Back to Trafalgar Sq. with Nelson strikingly alive in the spot light and all the old buildings illuminated. Down to Whitehall and again our luck was in – Churchill had just appeared on the balcony of the war Office building and was speaking to the crowds. He was obviously a bit the worse – but nobody minded and all dutifully and lovingly sang Rule Britannia at his bidding.

Parliament and Westminster had their own floodlit beauties to rival the others – and St James's Park was fairylike and lovely. Rockets and fireworks were being let off continually and everybody was happy. Parties sang and danced as they threaded their way through the streets and London policeman – our wonderful London policemen turned blind eyes at many an up-roarious celebrator. And so Jean and I walked back to Baker St tube. And so Peace was celebrated and noted – on Sunday God will be thanked by thousands who have either suffered or been spared suffering but who are all heartily glad it is over.



My mum was born in 1920. When she entered the WAAF, she trained as a plotter at RAF Fighter Command Bentley Priory in Stanmore. She was later stationed in Bath and then in April 1945 back to London. When Bentley Priory was made into a museum she was invited, as one of the few remaining veterans, to the Royal Opening. In the photo my mum is on Camilla's left arm.

Di Hamblin

Thanks so much to Di for sending in her mother's diary, it must have been a proud and emotional journey. Ed

Answering the ‘Call to Arms’

Three fascinating stories of Villagers and their return to the NHS to help with Covid-19 – heartfelt thanks to all of them!



Helen Davies - *Physiotherapy Technical Instructor*. The rally cry was heard for ex NHS staff to return to work. I called up my old Manager (who is also a dear friend) at the RUH in Bath to see if she needed me. Her words were “I wouldn’t want anyone I love coming back to this”. At that point (early March) she was in the planning stages for the Physiotherapy team. Surgical and Medical Physiotherapists are trained to work with patients who are respiratory compromised, requiring ventilation, rehabilitation and very often in ITU for long periods. As the pandemic progressed, I called again to say I was serious about my offer to return. The next few weeks were taken up getting me onto the books of Staffing Solutions. An interesting and somewhat frustrating and time-consuming administrative experience.

By the end of April with an old uniform to hand (strangely I’d kept a set when I retired 4 years ago), I returned to Physiotherapy, a brand new build in the RUH. I went for induction, to be fitted for PPE and started online mandatory training. And that was it... It was very apparent my skills are not currently needed, the number of patients, thankfully, in this area has been low. The permanent team of staff is well able to cope at this stage. I continue to complete Mandatory Training from home or in the hospital as appropriate.

The plan had been that I would join the Post Ventilated COVID-19 patients in Pierce Ward (a brand new ward as seen on BBC Points West). Here I’d be helping to rehabilitate patients to get them ready for safe and appropriate discharge. I cannot deny feelings of frustration and disappointment, mainly because I was fully prepared to come out of retirement, do something useful to support my fantastic team at the RUH and ‘do my bit’. But of course, it’s far better that I’m not needed. My uniform, badge and willingness are still raring to go – should/if I get the call in the next months. Watch this space.

Wendy Wilkins

I qualified at Oxford Brookes University in Swindon in 2002. Four children, studying, placements and part time work meant an average of 100 hours a week. I felt proud of having kept all of the balls in the air until we moved and I realised that I hadn't managed that at all! I obviously hadn't pulled anything out and cleaned behind it for three years!



I loved my training placement in Corsham. It allowed me to treat my patients in a holistic way, more as individuals than working in a hospital did. After a couple of years I got my dream job working for a group of practices around the outskirts of Chippenham, I also worked for a time in the Greathouse as the senior nurse. Eventually I went back to the NHS and worked

as a community staff nurse on the district nursing relief team. It meant that I got to meet lots of other teams and learn how they all had their different ways of working but the downside was that I never really felt that I belonged to any of the teams and that could be a bit of a lonely place.



A time of great change in community nursing, the focus at the time, was to keep as many people as possible out of hospital. I joined the rapid response team and moved to Keynsham to work as a sister. My role was to

care for patients in their own homes—we had a great deal of job satisfaction when our patients returned to good health. I then became a Single Point of Access Case Manager, talking with GP's and taking detailed referrals over the phone. I loved this role and my telephone triage skills became very well developed.

Just before I started my new job in Bristol, I began to feel unwell. I was devastated to receive a diagnosis of Psoriatic Arthritis – a type of inflammatory Arthritis similar to Rheumatoid Arthritis but with the added complication of psoriasis (which contrary to popular belief is not just a condition of the skin). Treatments began but without success until I was started on a the Sulphasalazine, which worked absolute wonders. That was until I awoke with what I thought was tonsillitis.

By the next day, I was so ill I couldn't stand. The GP came for a home visit and two hours later called to say that I had neutropenic sepsis; a side effect that happens when the drug destroys the immune system. It was a life and death battle that I almost lost. I found myself in intensive care in the RUH, my family were told I wouldn't survive. After almost four weeks in hospital I started to recover. Weak as a kitten, I returned home and began the long road to recovery. I was a nurse and decided I needed to get back to work and within six weeks I was back at my desk. It was a big mistake, my sickness spiralled to a level where two years after my illness, my position was no longer tenable and I lost my job—I was too ill to work. I was running out of options and becoming increasingly disabled to the point where I was no longer able to climb the stairs at home. I took ill health retirement from nursing.

We applied to move to a bungalow and within six weeks we were offered a bungalow in Latimer Gardens. We moved here in 2015 and we love the village, the peace and quiet and most of all the lack of stairs. My nursing registration came up for renewal in the same year. It broke my heart to give it up as I felt that it identified me: Wendy, the nurse, now I was Wendy the nobody.

In 2018, my sister came to stay with us and decided to take up golf; something else I had given up when my health fell apart. My consultant tried a new medication - it was working! I have to use a golf buggy and I have a very unorthodox swing but I don't care! I get out in the fresh air and have some fun!

Then Covid-19 happened! My interest in all things medical came back. The cry went out from the Government "Come back to the NHS". I looked into it but they were only taking people who had been off the register for less than three years. I then got the email I had been waiting for - asking me to consider re-registering – within minutes I was re-registered! Nurse Wendy again! Because of my immune system, I don't feel that a public facing role would be sensible. I have to think of myself and my family too, but I so want to do my bit! At the moment I am swamped with paperwork. DBS checks, applications, honesty letters, occupational health questionnaires, telephone calls, uploading selfies of myself holding my passport so they can see it's me! Everything is suddenly moving very fast.

I have applied to NHS 111 and for NHS England's check and trace service, both roles are working from home. They both require telephone triage skills and I cannot think of a more perfect solution for me. Fingers crossed that one of these jobs comes up for me.

.....Breaking news....I have just received an offer to work for 111 COVID response so it's back to work for me - well off to the spare room anyway!

Alastair Davies

I have also joined the army of NHS Retirees, returning to work in hospital. I retired 3 years ago, after working for 10 years at the RUH. I decided to apply directly to my old Department, and after being told that they are managing well, contacted the Friends' of the RUH to see if I could volunteer. The process took about 3 weeks; I had to apply for a new DBS (which thankfully was fast-tracked), together with an Occupational Health assessment – and two Zoom interviews. Finally, I was invited to become a Volunteer Housekeeper, and completed my induction and training online, learning how to mop the floor, wipe down surfaces and use the dishwasher.



What motivated me to volunteer was my experience 2 years' ago, of being a patient in the same hospital. I now see, in a way in which I hardly appreciated whilst working, the vulnerability and fear which is an everyday reality for so many. I also encountered overwhelming compassion and hope amongst the nursing and medical staff – as well as compassion fatigue and incredible stoicism. But I owe my life to this hospital and the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Working as a Volunteer, I am sometimes invisible and have had to learn humility. But I have been privileged to witness at first hand the overwhelming positive 'can-do' attitude of so many hospital staff, in the face of such demands created by the current Covid-19 pandemic. When we meet on a Thursday evening to applaud our NHS heroes, I am thankful that 'they are there for us' – whatever happens.

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Helping during lockdown—one Villager's story

Once the Government announced Lockdown I knew I couldn't just sit at home and do nothing. How long would it be for, what would I do all the time? Many people would be affected and would struggle with daily life, financially losing their jobs, being furloughed or having to isolate. I called the Foodbank in Chippenham to see if I could help and was invited in as a volunteer.

The Foodbank is run by The Salvation Army. They usually helped about 7 or 8 families a week and only accepted referrals from official agencies. People came in to collect their parcels, there were no deliveries. Things are quite different now – people can self-refer as many agencies are now closed; they state why they need help, most parcels are delivered by volunteers to protect both staff and beneficiaries, and now the Foodbank is distributing around 45/50 parcels a week!

I'm pleased I can help respond to this increased demand. My 3 afternoons of volunteering are spent in different ways. We wait for donations/deliveries to arrive then the van has to be emptied and all the packages wiped down. All the items are unpacked and individual tins/packages put into crates ready to be put into a parcel. When an order comes through we are told how many people are in the household, and anything specific they need or don't eat. We then package them up into bags and get a 'parcel' ready for delivery. Items range from tinned food – meat, fish, soups, tomatoes, sweet items, dried goods, toilet rolls, tea, coffee, some cleaning materials, nappies, baby milk to fresh food when that is donated.

The Foodbank also cook for 30 residents in hostels in Chippenham and one of my afternoons is spent helping the Community Support officer doing that. We only use food that has been donated so sometimes we have to be creative but we always try to be healthy and balanced. The homeless will get a good meal 3 days a week.

It's a nice atmosphere in the Hall and we practise our social distancing as far as we can. I've met some interesting people who also want to help and for me having the structure and routine 3 days a week has been an added bonus. It's given me variety to my week and a feeling that I can help those who need it.

Donations from individuals have declined as the opportunity to shop has been reduced and the Foodbank relies on financial support. Rotary Club, Lions and Borough Lands in Chippenham have all helped out. If you would like to support the group, please look for their 'Just Giving' page using the search 'Chippenham-corps-community-centre-salvation-army'.



Geraldine McKibbin



Time for us girls

I'm normally a social girl , I love to meet my mates,
But lately with the virus here, we can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now, we need to stay inside,
If they haven't seen us for a while, they'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did, before we got this old,
There wasn't any Facebook, so not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies, who would never be uncouth,
But we grew up in the 60s - If you only knew the truth!
There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll , the pill and miniskirts,
We smoked, we drank, we partied and were quite outrageous
flirts.

Then we settled down, got married, and turned into someone's
mum, somebody's wife, then nana, who on earth did we become?
We didn't mind the change of pace, because our lives were full,
But to bury us before we're dead, is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside, for 4 weeks, maybe more,
I finally found myself again, then I had to close the door!
It didnt really bother me, I'd while away the hour,
I'd bake for all the family, but I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful, I like a gutsy thriller,
I'm swooning over Idris, or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze, for when I'm being idle,
There's wine and whiskey, even gin, if I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown, to recovery and health,
And hope this awful virus, doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis, and be back to join our mates,
Just hoping I'm not far too wide, to fit through the flaming gates.

*Written by Jan Beaumont from New Zealand in the style Pam Ayres
Kindly sent in by Isobel Acott who obtained permission for us to reproduce it*

Then and now



When we came to the village in 1969, the main village grocery shop and newsagent was on the left as you entered the village from the north just past the village green (or pond site as it was more often called in those days). It was a general store selling fruit and vegetables and groceries, much as the present shop at the garage. In 1998, it was purchased by Ken and Alison Reed, the owners of the adjoining house. In 2003 it was extended upwards and Ali and Ken ran it as a B&B until they retired. For many years they hosted a Friday coffee morning in the B&B building which was very popular with villagers. It was in aid of local charities, in particular the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Doorway.

Thanks to Dave Hunt for the photos and story. Ed

FAVOURITE RECIPE

Who ever thought the words ‘chocolate’ and ‘healthy’ could be in the same sentence—yay! Anna Durrant sent this recipe in and speaking from personal experience, I can confirm they’re delicious. Thanks Anna! Ed

Healthy Chocolate Crispy squares

8 oz cacao butter
2 cups of hulled hemp seeds
2 cups raw cacao powder
3 cups buckwheaties (see instructions below)
2 cups raisins
4 oz coconut oil
about 1/2 cup sweetener to taste (honey, agave nectar or xylitol)
1 tsp salt
1tsp vanilla extract or other flavouring like orange rind or extract.

Method

Gently melt the cacao butter.

Whilst melting mix all solid ingredients together

Add coconut oil to melted cacao butter and when melted add sweetener and vanilla.

Mix everything together and pour into container.

When set (in fridge in the summer) cut into cubes.

I freeze in batches otherwise the coconut can go rancid and I store the cubes in the fridge.

Buckwheaties

Soak raw buckwheat in water for a few hours or overnight. Dehydrate in airing cupboard or warm place until crispy.

I buy most ingredients from Buy Wholefoods Online, but Green Ginger in Corsham is a great shop for all of the above ingredients and a lot more!

A few thoughts sent in by the Book Group on 'life after lockdown'

"Being able to go 'home' to Cornwall and the sea.

Being able to go walking at favourite National Trust properties.

Being able to stop worrying about social distancing." Sue K

"I saw a survey this morning which said that 9 out of 10 people do not want life to go back to 'normal'. So, I would love it if young families could still feel happy to go out on their bikes together, safely. Would be amazing to see many families out walking together and having little picnics. Would be perfect if parents could feel that they could let their children walk or cycle to school instead of jumping into the car. Wouldn't it be really lovely if people could feel they had the time to prepare proper meals and eat together. Wouldn't it be great if people could continue to enjoy what is on their doorstep, love their gardens, love the rambling paths from their villages and towns. And wouldn't it be amazing if people connected more with their neighbours, chose to shop locally, if local businesses could continue to supply wonderful, local food - just like we are doing now."

"So I would love to see people being able to turn their backs on the bad 'normal' and choose the best of what they have been able to experience in the past few weeks." Debbie Lawley

"I want to eat a brownie at Allington farm shop with a friend." Carol Plumridge

"I want to go to Malmesbury and to the 'Summer Café', and after passing the time of day with the staff and other customers, sit with a latte and read my book, (always carry a book), then go across the road to the charity shop and buy more books. Not much to ask for really, but an absolute joy. Oh, and go into the chemists and browse lipsticks." Elizabeth P-W

Book Group



With no meetings or library services since March, the Book Group has been on hold. However, this hasn't stopped us reading. Via email, 'phone and in conversations in the street, we've compared notes on books.

Eileen Fry (shut in for 8 weeks so managed a lot of reading!) Katie Forde books on loan - lovely light reading. 'A Springtime Affair', yet to be started. 'Lineage of Grace', by Francine Rivers, based on 5 Bible women - loving it!

Elizabeth P-W. I have read several Kate Morton books, Elly Griffiths 'the Ruth Galloway' series, and now very much enjoying 'Labyrinths of the Spirits' by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. This is the fourth and last in the 'Cemetery of Forgotten Books' series. 'The Last Hours' by Minette Waters, set in 1348, the year of The Black Death. I loved this book, and have ordered the continuing story, 'The Turn of Midnight'.

Debbie Lawley. Reading the plague book you recommended and they have just found a bag of flour so many similarities with now! Loved Hilary Mantel's 'Wolf Hall' and 'Bring Up the Bodies'. I am looking forward to reading her new book so felt I needed to immerse myself back in the 1500's again. I am fascinated by the past so being able to deep-dive into such a detailed and emotionally switched on period in the Tudor Court has to be one of my favourites. Mantel creates this world so convincingly. The only downside for me is anticipating the end of the final book—I don't want Cromwell to die! I decided to read a few classics for the first time. I enjoyed Shelley's 'Frankenstein' but not so much the 'Invisible Man' by HG Wells. I found it pretty depressing.

Sue Fenner. 'The Wych Elm' by Tana French: Once started it was surprisingly gripping throughout- again showing an awareness of teenage emotional development and their relationships along with their weaknesses and desperate searches for power and survival. The end brought an unexpected twist. A super read. Swing Time by Zadie Smith: Interesting story of long term childhood friendships, acceptances and loyalties along with the divergence of developing personalities and subsequent lives led due to the influences, talents and skills of the two main characters. Written with great insight into the social nuances of life's circumstances and pressures."

Sue Kelly. Some favourites - 'A Man called Ove' and 'All the Light we Cannot See'. The one I didn't like or finish was 'Aleph'. I have re-read some old books—'Katherine' by Anya Seton - based on the true story of John of Gaunt's mistress and eventual wife. Another favourite is 'Mr Rosenblum's List' by Natasha Solomons - a small German Jewish refugee who wants to become a 'Very English Gentleman'. A lovely story with woolly pigs and jitterbug cider. 'People of the Pharaohs' by Hilary Wilson - Ancient Egypt is one of my weaknesses and this is a social history from peasant to the king himself. Fascinating if you like ancient Egypt facts, etc. Finally 'Mistress of the Art of Death' a novel by Ariana Franklin -- a murder mystery set in the time of Edward II. Although fictional, it is based on historical facts which I found interesting.

Carol Plumridge. 'The Binding' by Bridget Collins—highly recommended! In this time books are something to be feared and as the story unfolds you realise that what binders do is relieve people of their painful memories and write them into books. The books are then stored, hopefully safely, but as the story unfolds you realise not always. Emmett is apprenticed to an ancient lady binder who lives out on the marshes; he learns initially to literally bind the books and there are sumptuous descriptions of bindings. Life is quite bleak and he had suffered from a fever. The first part of the book is 'swirling' like Emmett's fever and you feel as if you cannot really understand what is happening. Part two goes back into the past and things start to clarify a little; fundamentally it is a love story. The plot weaves backwards and forwards in time until you are up to date. There are a number of plot twists and turns right up to the last pages and I found myself reading more and more quickly as I wanted the protagonists to arrive at a resolution.

There are some very horrible characters in this book and the binding is used in very manipulative ways to cover up and continue wrongdoing. Interestingly, there are acknowledged binders and fake ones who make the stories up—these books are called novels..... Writing this review has made me realise that the story has a surreal, mysterious quality to it. Descriptively it is deep and rich and even the weather becomes part of the plot. If you like a sort of gothic dystopian mystery this would be for you (normally not my cup of tea!). I would highly recommend it.

The Church Buildings may be closed but the Church is still alive and active – a phrase that has been used worldwide. How have we coped during this pandemic? We have given thanks and trusted that the Lord Jesus is still in control!

We are thankful for technology which enables us to still connect with people from church. It was a real challenge to know how to operate at such short notice! YouTube and Zoom have been great tools for us to keep in contact. A survey commissioned by Tearfund said that ¼ of the UK's adult population had watched or listened to a religious service since lockdown, so more people have heard the good news of the gospel as a result of this pandemic than ever would have done if we had not experienced it.

As with everyone we have had time to stop and smell the roses. Time to be still and understand how much God loves us and how He is still in control, even in the difficult times. A friend recently told me that she had knocked an orchid flower off its stem and felt bad about it. The thing was that she had opportunity to really study the orchid and saw much more of its beauty and complexity because of this.

We mourn with those who have lost loved ones to the virus and indeed any other reason.

Psalm 34 v 18 tells us that "The Lord is close to the broken heart-ed."

In the Bible we read in ***Psalm 46 "God, You're such a safe and powerful place to find refuge! You're a proven help in time of trouble – more than enough and always available whenever I need You...."***

Psalm 23 tells us that "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want."

Let us give thanks to God for all His blessings in the middle of this pandemic and pray for those who are hurting from losing loved ones, suffering themselves and key workers.

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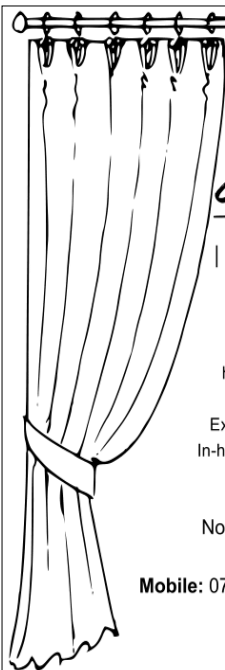
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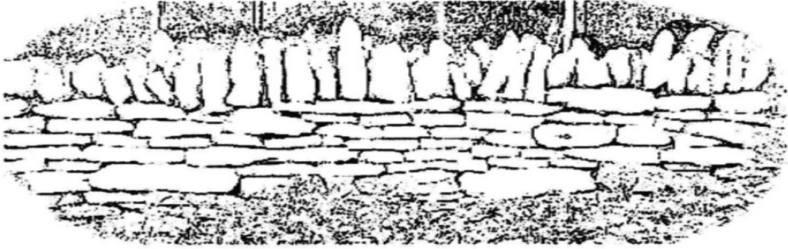
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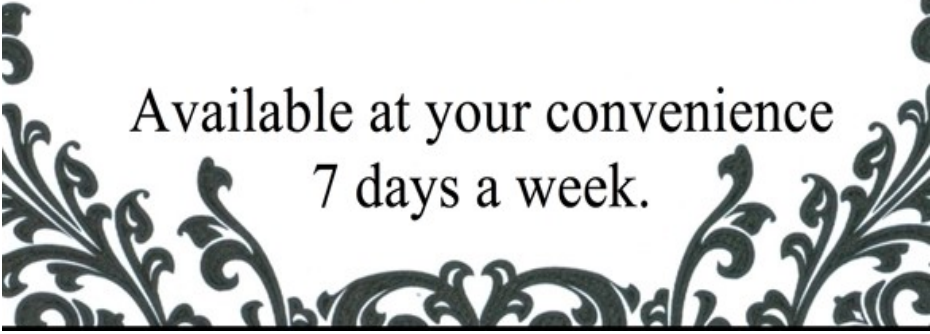
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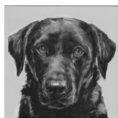
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RATES FOR HIRING HULLAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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. 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. **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:

March:

£50 Maggie Dyson £25 Ann Hawker

April:

£50 David Perry £25 Aura and Dougie Fuller

Congratulations to them all; I'm sure we're all looking forward to being able to get back into the Hall and enjoy our classes and entertainment there.

We continue to look for new members to help support the Village Hall. For further information please contact Geraldine McKibbin on 837736 or Linda Hadley on 837096.

Handy Information

Please note adjusted closing time

Shop:

Mon—Fri 08.00—17.00
Sat 08.30—16.00
Sun 09.00—13.00

Post Office:

Mon, Tues, Thur 09.00—12.30
Wed 09.00—12.00
Fri—Sun Closed

Book group	Liz Parry Williams	01666 837713
Film Group	Sarah Harmer	01666 837704
Football Club	James Nation	07894 715080
Golden Threads	Alison Reed	01666 837661
Village Hall Committee	Bob Fenner	01666 837320
Health Liaison	Lis Cheshire	01666 837558
Jolly Tots	Rachel Cripps	07850 176901
M'bury & district link for medical transport		01666 840861
Mnt Zion Church	Hugh Greenman	01666 837958
N'hood Police Team		101
Parish Church (Mon day off)	Rev Elveen Mead	07905489044
www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk	Sharon Neal	01249 659842
Primary School & Little Hoots Nursery	Sue Tudge	01666 837604
Recorder Group	Maggie Dyson	01666 837358
Rights of Way, Roads & Pavements		0300 4560105
Short Mat Bowls	Pat Harper	01666 838646
1st Stanton Rainbows	Sandra Hayes	01249 656224
200 Club	Rachel Hurst	01666 837671
Yoga	Nicola Williamson	07557 641204
Women's Institute	Isobel Acott	01666 837458

“Meet the Villager”

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



In this edition we meet Mary (Maria) Greenman

My first knowledge of Hullavington came via my father who was a “lay preacher”. He would occasionally come across from Colerne to take a service at what was the chapel at the top of Gibbs Lane. In 1958 I met my husband here—what a joy it gives me, through the pain of bereavement, to be able to look back over 5 years of friendship and 58 years of marriage with all of the multitude of memories .

The village has changed so much during my time here, but for those who look for a solid, caring and friendly community, it will be found here. We purchased a cottage that was originally under ownership of Eton College; it was in need of much work.

In 1974 I helped to prepare many aspects of Court Farm as it was then — furniture and effects for the auction sale. I used to love wandering down to Court field , a beautiful 40-acre meadow then, and the children would love to play there.

From 1970-1982 we held a Sunday-School with over 200 children. In 1985, due to expansion, we moved to the Hall for church time and worship.

For a number of years I played the piano for Over 60s Meetings, the old school, and one year for the village pantomime. I have “had a go” at playing the church organ , which I thoroughly enjoyed! Mothers with their babies went to the clinic at the Hill Hayes centre, and afterwards an army of large-wheeled, beautifully sprung prams could be seen as we walked up the lane !

I occasionally do a floral arrangement for the church and I really enjoy the Friday coffee mornings.

Grocery shopping used to be done at no.61 The Street, Tarrant House. It was a real Aladdin's Cave— bacon rashers cut while you waited, biscuits from a large tin weighed out into paper bags, wool and paint. A happy afternoon spent in the fair-ground on bumper cars, the helter-skelter and the merry-go-round have given way to Royal Field Close. Scores of starlings used to roost in the row of conifers opposite Vine Tree Row and one evening almost succeeded in having me off my bicycle as they decided to go for an evening's flight!

Happiness is my loving ,caring family that mean the world to me, now down to the fourth generation and the third great grandchild expected any day. Friendship means so much to me; I suppose I feel very much like C.S.Lewis when he said that friendship has no survival value, but it gives great value to survival. I have certainly been brought to sense that deeply with all the contacts and the sea of cards received following my operation in January. The greatest thing of all to me, that rides higher than anything else is the truth of an old hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus" He is my dearest Friend and gives me my identity.

My Maker is my Saviour, my Creator is also my Friend, And to find Him and His favour, is all that matters in the end.

Guilty pleasure? Fruit jellies, not pastilles?

Who would play you in a movie of your life? Julie Andrews

If you could change one thing in the village? Resist too much expansion

Dream dinner party guest? Julie Andrews again!

Advice to teenage self? Carpe Diem

Cat or dog? Dog

Bucket list item? Nothing springs to mind

Weekly Events and Coming Soon....

- Mon:**
- Short Mat Bowls 19.30 VH (VH = Village Hall)
 - (1st) Film of the Book VH
 - Refuse Collection
- Tues:**
- Jolly Tots (term time) 09.30 VH
 - (2nd) Book Group 14.00 VH
 - Recorder Group 19.30 Church
- Weds:**
- Yoga, Level 1, 10.00, Yoga Extra Gentle 11.30 VH
 - (2nd) Parish Council 19.30 VH
 - (3rd)Women's Institute 14.00 VH
 - (4th) Film Group 19.15 VH
 - (Last) Golden Threads 14.00 VH
- Thur:**
- First Stanton Rainbows 17.00 VH
 - (Alt) Short Mat Bowls 14.00 VH
 - Art Group 14.00 VH
- Fri:**
- Coffee Morning 10.00—12.00 Church
 - Little Lights 10.00—11.00 Church
 - Village Voices Choir 14.00 VH
 - (1st) Baby and toddler clothes sale 09.00 Church
- Sun:**
- Mount Zion Church 10.30 & 18.00 VH
 - Church Service 11.00 St Mary's Church

Keeping the above calendar in place in the hope that it'll be relevant for the next edition!