

Hullavington News



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What a strange year it's been; editing the newsletter during 2020 has been an 'experience' - from publishing the first edition during lockdown that advertised a whole load of events that were no longer going to happen, to asking the 'delivery angels' to stand down due to the restrictions, to removing (hopefully a temporary change) the 'what's coming soon' column as there was nothing....and so it goes on!

I'm really hoping 2021 firstly brings good health to all our readers and perhaps some ability to plan ahead would be nice too! I'm sure many of you like me would love to take part in the Village activities and groups we all enjoyed before lockdown or perhaps even book a holiday—here's hoping things will have improved enough for us to do that.

In the meantime, I'd like to thank Liz Greenman for her continued help with running the News, our printer Jason at Jamprint and all of our contributors and advertisers for their continued support.

Wishing you all a very healthy, Happy Christmas and New Year!

With best wishes, Sally Jeeves, Ed.



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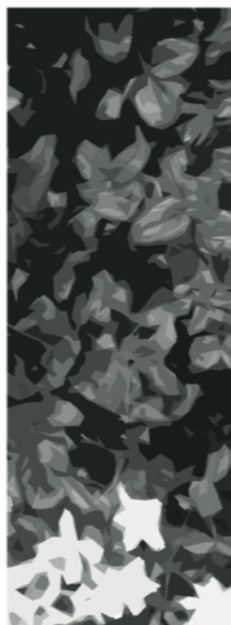
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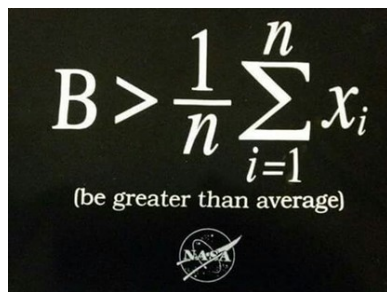
After completing their time with their Puppy Walkers, the puppies will then move on to a training school where they begin their formal guide dog training.

Apply to be a Puppy Walker by visiting <http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/supportus/volunteering/what-can-i-do/puppy-walkers>.



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Bill Sandiford and his wife Ruth recently moved from Scotland to Hullavington to be closer to their family. They have a daughter in Chippenham and a son in Bradford-on-Avon.

Prior to their move south, Bill had been tutoring maths in Scotland for 20+ years. He has also tutored maths in England, and is therefore familiar with the requirements of both the English and Scottish maths systems.

Bill has never “taught”. That is to say, he has never been a “teacher”. In his youth, and after a short spell as a Senior Technician working on V-Bombers with the Royal Air Force, Bill went on to gain a degree in maths, computing and statistics, and then spent the rest of his career as an Operations Analyst, both in the Military and Civil aviation sectors. He is now semi-retired.

In view of the newly discovered Coronavirus, Bill is currently tutoring via Skype.

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Polly and Robin walking their pet duck 'Solly'

Solly was hand reared, from an egg hatched on its own, he is a domestic 'accidental'* mallard x with a domestic white runner. He hatched on Summer Solstice 2020, hence the name.

During the second week of this autumn term, Solly followed Polly to school, and because of the one way system, he was missed, and was then seen in the playground. Polly was called out of her class to see if it was her duck; please could she get him, and a member of staff carried him home. Solly runs to the field on lead, or goes in the car. He potters around the stable or swims in the pond while Abi and the children muck out the pony.

Elizabeth Parry-Williams

VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News

REPORT IT! – 'MyWilts' app

The My Wiltshire App has been around since 2013 but it has been updated and is now known as "MyWilts"

It replaces the previous MyWiltshire, which was introduced in 2013. MyWilts allows you to report issues such as: abandoned vehicles, fraud, weather emergencies, fly tipping, graffiti & more. This is the app to have if you have any issues for which Wiltshire Council is responsible. It even includes our old favourite "potholes" and so much more! It is very user friendly and you can keep a check on how your report is being progressed by Wiltshire Council. Do have a look at the video by copying the link below into your browser. It will tell you all you need to know about making complaints to Wiltshire Council! <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

The logo for Wiltshire Council, featuring the words "Wiltshire Council" in a green, sans-serif font. Below the text is a stylized green swoosh that underlines the word "Wiltshire".

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

We are all fed up with the pandemic and all that it entails

but...we are all in it together and as a village, we have been doing very well. Below is the latest news from Wiltshire Council which has several links for support from various sources.

Please remember that our village support group, Hullavington Community Response Covid-19, is still there for anyone who needs it. If you have any problems, please let Issie Greenman or myself know and we will try to help you or, if we are not able to, then we may be able to point you in the right direction.

Issie Greenman - Phone: 837958 or email: issiegg@aol.com

Maggie Bawden - Phone: 837311 or email: maggie-bawden@gmail.com.

The attached PowerPoint provides the latest position on the NHS Volunteers. Important things to note, they are able to offer support with shopping, medication or other essential supplies as well as check in and chat and some patient transport. Residents can be referred or they can self-refer - call 0808 196 3646 between 8am and 8pm or visit: www.nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk .

The Wellbeing Hub remains open Monday to Friday, 9-5pm via the helpline on 0300 003 4576 or email wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk. The hub will not be providing food parcels directly, but have a range of support options to ensure that residents get the help they require. This includes sign-posting to community groups, as well as referring to the NHS volunteers, supporting with priority supermarket slots and working with pharmacies to arrange direct delivery of prescriptions. There will be a further press release on this tomorrow.

The Community Pharmacy Swindon & Wiltshire organisation have advised that pharmacies are well set up to support residents. They have options to get prescriptions directly to residents including direct deliveries and will be utilising the NHS volunteers closely. This will hopefully reduce the demand but local pharmacies are again happy to work with community groups as required.

There has been some information released today for the clinically extremely vulnerable who are advised to stay home and not go to food shops and not go to the pharmacy. The term 'shielding' is no longer being used, but the link here has some key info: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>."

MALMESBURY PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

When the pandemic hit, every UK practice was instructed to ensure all consultations be conducted in a safe socially distancing format i.e. via telephone or video. Home visits could only be considered when remote methods would not be sufficient, and of course when clinically essential (eg a need for a doctor or nurse to physically examine the patient). Currently approximately 20% of GP consultations at MPCC are face to face.

This new way of working has been adopted by staff and patients alike and with more success than we could have hoped for. We are aware that getting through on the phone has been more difficult recently. We are looking to improve this over the coming days/ weeks. One service that has been halted is Ear Syringing. The risk to nursing staff performing the procedure in times of Covid is too great because of their proximity to the patients' head. We are pleased to say this has recently been reviewed and that from October we will be holding a weekly clinic to provide limited access to patients needing the procedure, but the rules are somewhat tighter and more restrictive as nationally the evidence for its effectiveness has been clarified. Over the following couple of months thousands of patients will be having their flu vaccination. The vast majority will be given in special clinics held at MPCC in accordance with all of the latest safety advice. Our early clinics have been a great success and patients who had been apprehensive about coming to the surgery have commented on how efficient and safe it has been for them.

DOG OWNERS BEWARE

Dog owners are being warned to remain vigilant for symptoms of the potentially fatal disease, Alabama Rot following a confirmed case found in Devizes.



The disease is fatal in 90% of cases. Symptoms include skin lesions, fatigue, loss of appetite, fever and vomiting. Avoid taking your dog for a walk in muddy wooded areas, especially after a period of heavy rainfall. You should also wash dog paws and legs after a walk. For further information and advice visit: <http://www.vets4pets.com/stop-alabama-rot>

DOG THEFT

There has been a report of suspicious activity in the local area where individuals posed as Battersea Dogs Home canvassers, asking about the breed of dog in the house, asking to meet the dog and asking for bank details for a Direct Debit. After the interaction the dog became ill and after examination of a local vets it is believed the dog had been drugged, possibly to be stolen by the alleged canvassers. Battersea Dogs Home have confirmed there are no canvassers in the area at present. You can see door-to-door canvassing plans on the website.

THE VILLAGE SHOP

Paul is pleased to announce the hours in the shop are back to normal. Please see page 52 for the latest. Contact numbers for the shop and post office are: Shop 01666 837279, P.O. 01666 837384



Some more good news for those who like a little flutter now and then! The National Lottery terminal is working again so Lottery tickets and Scratch Cards are available again.

THE LONG-AWAITED ROUNDABOUT

Please click on the link at the end of this message for the latest news regarding the roundabout. I must say that Griffiths are being brilliant at keeping us updated with how the works are proceeding. There will be more traffic lights - well managed if the current ones are anything to go by - but, no pain no gain! By next July we shall have that roundabout and residents of Hullavington will be able to exit onto the A429 towards the motorway - or do a right turn to the village from the Malmesbury direction safely.

<https://community.alungriffiths.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/10/A429-Roundabout.pdf>. *Thanks to Maggie Bawden for the updates*

HULLAVINGTON WOMENS INSTITUTE



Over the past 2 months our WI has met virtually. The John Aubrey group of WI's, of which we are a member, met to hear Jan McNeill talk about her life as an entertainer on cruise ships and all the famous people she has met, including singing at Sir Cliff Richard's birthday party.

Our own WI heard Phil Yates talk about his life after retiring as a doctor and pursuing a job as an expedition leader and medical expert on these tours. It was really interesting and it was such a pity that no one from our village took up our invitation to join us, although members from Kington St Michael WI accepted our invitation. We are having a further virtual meeting in November but hope that in December we may be able to meet in small groups to celebrate. Only time and Boris will tell.

Our WI normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the village hall and look forward to meeting again at some point in the new year and hope that some new people to the village will come and meet us.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas even though family gatherings may be restricted to small numbers.

THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sadly, as a result of the latest Covid-19 lockdown and regulations, the Village Hall must close again.



A statement from the Chairman Bob Fenner:

"As part of the recently-announced Covid-19 national lockdown restrictions for England the Village Hall Committee is required to close the village hall from **5th November 2020 until further notice**. Whilst the national lockdown is due to end on 2nd December there is no guarantee that restrictions on high infection risk venues such as theatres, cinemas, gyms, village halls, community centres etc. will automatically be lifted on that date. The hall committee will monitor government information, guidelines and requirements on a regular basis to ascertain when it will be possible to re-open the village hall – once again!

The requirement to close the village hall again is frustrating to the essential core user groups who had just started to use the hall again after its re-opening. The hall committee will do everything possible to support their activities once the hall can be re-opened again."

Access Through the Hall Car Park, Christmas/Boxing Day: To comply with our obligation to ensure that the path through the hall car park between Greens Close and Hill Hayes Lane is not claimed as a public footpath, the gates into the hall car park from Hill Hayes Lane will be locked for a 24-hour period over the Christmas Day/Boxing Day period.

The Village Hall Committee would like to wish all users of the Village Hall a very Happy Christmas and thank them for their patience and support over the past year and with a hope that we may have some sort of normality in the New Year.



Thank You

"We would like to thank everyone for their help, kind words, deeds and flowers after the burglary at our home on Thursday 22nd October.

We have been overwhelmed by all the amazing support we have received! It's lovely to know how much everyone cares and it has been a great help after such a nasty incident, we feel that our home has been violated and having the support of our village has been a real positive following what has been a really vile experience.

I can only urge everyone to be aware and take sensible precautions. You just never know. Thank you!"

Linda and Richie Anderson



This Wonderful Village

"I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the tremendous support I've had from people in the village following the death of my husband, Dave. I've had cards, flowers and telephone messages from friends and neighbours, from my church family, my fellow dog walkers, friends from Pilates and all at our amazing village shop. All of this has brought me tremendous comfort over the last few weeks.

Five years ago Dave and I made the difficult decision to leave our home in rural Worcestershire where we'd lived for 28 years and look for somewhere in North Wiltshire to be nearer family.

We spent a weekend driving round a number of villages in the area. Many were lovely but somehow didn't feel like places where we would want to settle. However when our search brought us to Hullavington, we both knew straight away that this would be the place for us. We went into the pub, then called The Star, and were struck by how friendly people were. As we walked along the street there was not one person who did not smile and say hello. Being strong Christians, we read the church noticeboard and were struck by the variety of services on offer, ranging from the traditional to the more informal, family orientated, all of which appealed to us.

The decision we made five years ago to move to Hullavington is one we never regretted for one moment. Life for me from now on will inevitably involve coming to terms with a different future from the one Dave and I had hoped to share for many more years. But I feel truly blessed to be living here amongst such caring people whom I know will help me along this journey.

So once again my heartfelt thanks to you all.”

Sue Richardson

Gardening Corner

Beyond the Basic Heap

If we are lucky enough to have a garden or allotment most of us probably have a compost heap. Any organic matter left to rot down will eventually give you a substance with some nutritional benefit but getting the process right will ensure you make the most of this precious resource. Ingredients are key; balancing the carbon and nitrogen elements (for instance adding plain cardboard when the heap is wet); avoiding cooked food like bread and rice, and excess citrus fruit and so on. Assuming this all works the product of the heap will be a valuable source of nutrient for the garden.

But how can you make your compost pile do better? A good composting process leads to more stable compost which in turn helps the soil you add it to. Composting activators can help improve speed of composting and quality. Many professional growers use compost teas, which are the liquid produced from “brewing” compost in aerated water, as a plant tonic. You may also want to start growing plants specifically for the compost heap. Although this sounds slightly counterintuitive it can be a great investment for your garden.

QR (or Quick Return) composting

This was a method popularised by May E Bruce just before the first world war and has recently been rediscovered by a wider audience. The principle is that you add an “activator” to the compost which stimulates the activity of the organisms in the heap. By sprinkling it between the layers of compost as you add them the composting process is speeded up.

Other activators are available but the QR “activator” is made from six common herbs; nettle, dandelion, chamomile, yarrow, valerian and oak bark, honey is also included. The QR activator is available commercially but you can also make your own by collecting and drying the above ingredients.

Compost Teas

Good aerobic compost contains vast numbers of beneficial fungi and bacteria and other organisms. If you could brew this compost in clean (non-chlorinated) water, you get a compost “tea” that can be applied as a foliar feed to plants and / or soil to boost health and help prevent disease. Small home scale kits for brewing your own are available but do be warned this is definitely one for the experienced compost maker. The quality of the compost is crucial – bad compost makes bad tea and could result in spreading harmful organisms on your plants. You can also buy ready made compost teas from professional brewers which is a safe way of getting a good product

Growing for the heap

Of course, almost anything of plant origin can go onto the heap, but how about some super plants. Comfrey is a popular one, it has high levels of potassium and will grow in areas of the garden that might not suit edible plants (shade and damp). Nettle is also great as a more fibrous addition to give the heap some more body – as well as being a good wildlife attractant. If space is not an issue though growing some woody plants like cornus or hazel and shredding the wood to have as an addition during the summer when there is often too much green nitrogen rich material for the heap. Alternatively check out the website “ArbTalk” to register yourself as a site for getting free woodchip from local tree surgeons.

Ben Raskin has worked in horticulture for more than 25 years and has a wide range of practical commercial growing experience. Ben is an author of gardening books for children and grownups.

Hullavington's Large and Ancient Oak Tree



From late spring and through to autumn, Eric and I have met up once a week to have a leisurely walk along the footpaths around the village. Our favourite walk is along the banks of the Gauze Brook.

Eric grew up in Hullavington and can remember as a boy catching minnow and stickleback fish from the brook, and being aware that there were water voles in the banks and Moorhen nests in the spring time. On one occasion with the land owner's permission, we followed the brook to the north of the village towards Corston. We noted an oak tree with what to us seemed to be a considerable girth. We measured it and found that it was 8.8 metres in circumference, nearly 30 feet.

Eric contacted the Woodland Trust and following a number of emails, a representative travelled from Ross-on-Wye to have a look and verify it. In his estimation, the tree is about 600 years old and probably hollow. It is now marked on the Woodland Trust's national map of ancient trees. It's almost the biggest in Wiltshire.

David Hunt and Eric Gough



Following on from Anna's last article, she's kindly shared some more tips on good photography for us. I'd be keen to have a Village photo on the front cover so please send in anything you have to editorhullavingtonnews@gmail.com. Thanks, Ed

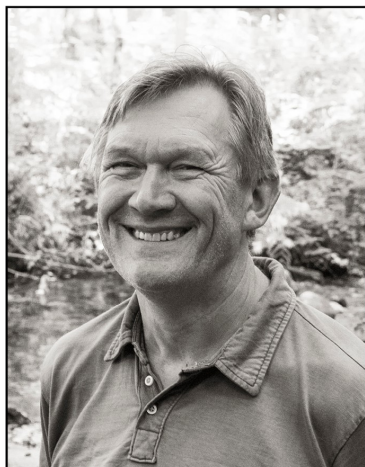
Portrait Photography - Part 2

Reflected light

In this article we will look at using reflected light in outdoor Photography.

Without a flash on the camera you may think you have no control over the lighting, but there is so much you can do to make sure you have the best lighting for your subject.

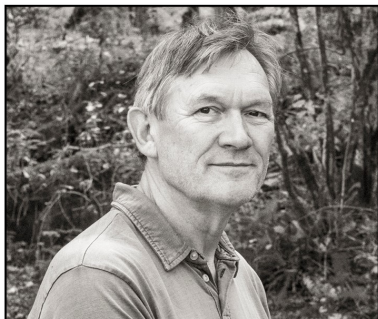
This technique works best with the low winter sunlight we have at this time of the year.



This is Simon on a walk around Lustleigh in Devon. The September sun is shining on the trees behind him but the light on his face is coming from above and is casting shadows in his eyes - the typical “panda eyes”!

We sat down on a log for one of our many snack breaks and I noticed that the light was completely different.

The sun reflecting off the trees on the other side of the brook gave just enough light to fill in the shadows and gave a lovely soft light.



In this close up you can see the catchlight in his eyes which shows the direction of the main light source.



This is the scene - it looks better in colour!

This lighting technique works really well with sun reflecting off buildings and walls. Also, try wearing light clothing and see how much light bounces off that with the sun shining on it! When you're next out and about in the sunshine have a look at other people's faces and see what the light looks like!

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THEN AND NOW



The 'then' photo was taken in 1973 in Hill Hayes Lane looking up the hill towards the cottages on the right hand side. At that time the lane was flanked by magnificent Elm trees, just some of the many that surrounded the village. Sadly they were all destroyed by the Dutch Elm disease in the late 1970s. However, the roots of the trees are still living and all around the village elm trees continue to re-grow, but the disease is still with us and unfortunately when the trees get to 15/20 feet high it kills them. An elm in the hedgerow between the Green and Blinks Close sprouted leaves in the spring-time but died as the summer progressed. Sadly all round the village the hedgerows are full of the 'skeletons' of dead elms that tried to grow again.

Dave Hunt

THE HULLAVINGTON HALF

Back in the dim and distant past, well the 12th May 2019 to be precise; with the assistance of Jo and Matt at the Hullavington Arms, we hosted the inaugural Hullavington Half Marathon with a supporting 5 Kilometre fun run. On that sunny Sunday morning we had 120 runners take on the 13.1-miles of the Half Marathon and another 50 runners take on the 5K.

The second running of the event was scheduled to take place on Sunday 19th May but like so many races it was forced to be cancelled. As the summer progressed a light appeared at the end of the tunnel and a plan was formulated to stage the races in a manner compliant with the UK Government's recommendations. We would start the runners in waves of up to six runners with a one minute gap between each. We would also take the temperature of each runner using Infra-Red thermometers; to minimise contact further, race numbers and timing chips would be posted out to runners before the event and if any were fortunate enough to grace the podium with their performance then their awards would be posted out after the event. Of course, the item that all runners like best at our Hullavington events is the post run FREE CAKE and this would be pre-bagged and collected by the runners as they cross the finish line along with their medal.



The 5K race provided an opportunity to run through our COVID19 compliance processes and we limited our entry to just 100-runners (we could have filled the race twice over as runners were desperate to engage in some real-world racing rather than virtual races.) This was also reflected in the distances that runners were prepared to travel to participate (*remember that local lockdowns were not in force at this time*).

Our winner was Ben Cole of Tonbridge AC in a time of 15-minutes and 10-seconds, ahead of Ethan Pierce of Swindon Harriers; the Ladies race was just as competitive with Chloe Ride-wood of Abingdon AC leading home in 19-minutes exact, just ahead of Kelly Dicks from Bristol's Great Western Runners. Several lessons were learned on the day like giving constant race briefing to each of the departing waves is hard on the vocal chords, especially behind a face mask; and that a runner who collapses in exhaustion after crossing the finish line is particularly difficult to move on out of the finish area, which we needed to keep clear to maintain social distancing!



We were prepared for the 200-runners that had signed up for the Half Marathon on Sunday 18th October with 45 waves scheduled to take place, and runners graded according to their estimated finishing times so that we could minimise the number of runners at given points of the course which headed out of the village to Norton, down the Fosseway to Alderton before heading to Littleton Drew and then back through Grittleton to the finish line outside the Hullavington Arms. Local lockdowns meant that there were a number of late withdrawals as the socially responsible runners withdrew from the race to adhere to the restrictions.

The race proved to be a fast one with the first three runners all recording seventy minutes (over 13-minutes quicker than the winning time set the previous year). The overall winner was Adam Stokes of Bristol & West AC ahead of the Stroud AC pair of Nicholas Coyle and Lee Stopford. The Ladies race saw last year's winner beaten into second place by Charlotte Taylor-Green of Clevedon AC in a time of 1-hour 18-minutes and 42-seconds, a new course record.

The next race will be the Secret Santa 10-mile run on Sunday 20th December and again the entry will be limited to 200 runners with early signs that this will be a sell-out event. Quite how Santa will manage with PPE is a challenge that we are still working on.

Darren Wrintmore – Stampede Sports



HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP

We have had one meeting since the hall re-opened in September and are now hoping that we can get together in December.

Malmesbury Library opened again at the beginning of September, so I was able to return a huge pile of our books which we have had since March. The plan was for the mobile library to visit in November but that was cancelled. I have arranged to collect books from Malmesbury, so with the help of the lovely Kathryn, we should be able to continue to have new titles each month.

It was such a relief to get together again for our meeting on October 13th, when we discussed books read during the last few months. Our October title is '**The Underground Railroad**' by Colson Whithead. Perhaps not the most cheerful of reading, but this has proved to be a popular book. The story tells of Cora, a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia, who, with fellow slave Caesar, escapes and starts a perilous journey to freedom with the help of the 'Underground Railroad'.

Our book for November is: '**Birdcage Walk**' by Helen Dunmore.

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Elizabeth

FILM GROUP

Depending on lockdown, on Wednesday 16th December the film group hopes to show...

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The hall will open at 7.00 for the film start at 7.30. Please bring your own refreshments. Face coverings are required, but these can be removed to eat and drink, of course. You will be required to book seats in advance, please.

For the latest information, please look out for posters, and also on the village hall website: www.hullavingtonhall.org.uk

FILM OF THE BOOK

We managed to squeeze in a Film of the Book evening in October, when we very much enjoyed 'Summerland', starring Gemma Arterton, Penelope Wilton and Tom Courtney. Not strictly a book, but a lovely film and worth catching if you get the chance. We hope to show a film in December. Space is limited, due to social distancing regulations, so booking a seat is essential, please. If you would like up to date information about the film nights and book groups, please contact me. Also, do look on the village hall website. **email: peac@globalnet.co.uk Tel: 01666 837713** Elizabeth Parry-Williams

Sadly, although probably necessary, the nation has lost much of the greater freedom that it has enjoyed these past few months with a second lock down. It has certainly been a very different and often difficult year for all of us, including Mount Zion Church, and one of the disappointments is that because of Covid-19, there is not a Mount Zion Christmas meal in the village hall this year.

Coronavirus has affected the lives of many people and caused much suffering and fear and our hearts go out to those who have been affected by the virus. We may be fearful of what the future may hold for us. Aspects of our lives that we have always taken for granted are changing. We face an uncertain future. Not knowing what our future holds can be very stressful.

For Christians, however, this time of year is a happy reminder of the hope we have because of Jesus Christ, irrespective of how Covid -19 may have brought about changes in our lives. At Christmas we celebrate that God sent His Son into the world, born as a baby in simple surroundings. He came not to condemn the world but to save the world and whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. Christ means hope—to the person out of work, to the struggling single mother, to the dying believer. Even if you're just slogging your way through the disappointments of life, if you have Jesus, you have hope. And he is not a false hope. Our hope in him is solid and it is real. Hope has to do with trust and confidence. It is the resting of the human heart on God, with full trust that He will care for us and our salvation, and will give us the happiness He has promised.

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DECEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021



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If however, Lockdown is lifted on 3 December, Services will resume as in the schedule below.

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	6	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	13	11.00am	Informal Morning Prayer
Sunday	20	11.00	Holy Communion
Thursday	24	4.30pm	Crib Service: Hopefully in Church or the Church yard: details to follow
	24	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Wednesday	25	11.00am	Christmas Day Service – All welcome
Sunday	27	9.30am	Group Communion in Sherston

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	3	11.00am	Holy Communion with Junior Church
Sunday	10	11.00am	Informal Morning Worship
Sunday	17	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24	11.00am	All Age Worship

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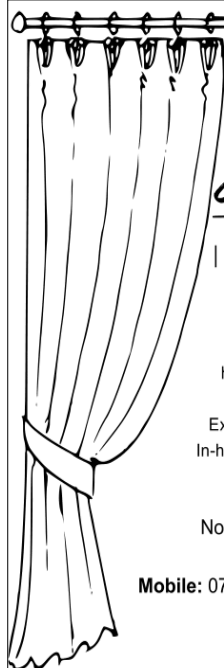
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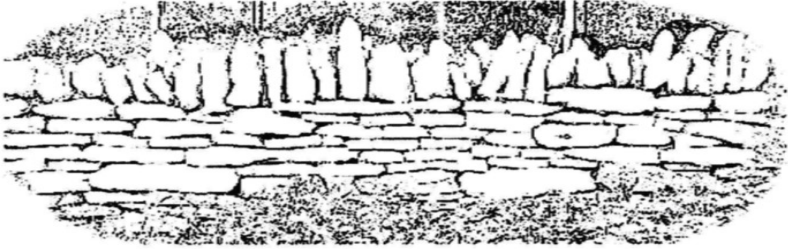
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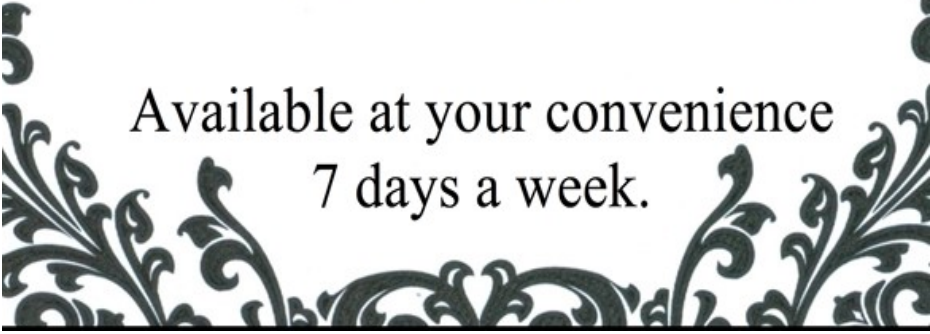
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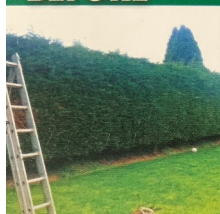
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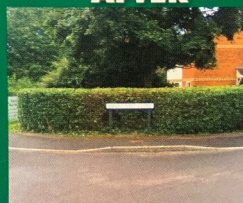
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Meet the Villager

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

In this edition we meet Alicia Hawker



I have lived in the village for 26 years on the family farm at the end of Hullavington. Robert Hawker (Grampy Bob and Granny Marion) moved here in the 50's having bought Gardners Farm from Eton College. Originally the farmyard was situated in what is now Gardners Drive – the old cow kennels still remain and are still in use at the end of the close. The big barn next to 93 The Street was the old grain dryer. In the late 80's, the farm was relocated to its existing site on the edge of Parklands. Bobby died last year at the age of 89—he never entertained the thought of retirement and was still getting up at 2am to milk his cows aged 86! Dad and my brother, William, now continue to grow the farm. Alongside farming, Dad (Ashton) has a keen interest in the wildlife that shares the space, in particular the birds. You might notice the hedges are two or three times larger than many other farms and are full of a huge variety of birds. The farm has won multiple national and regional awards for wildlife and environmental sustainability – the RSBP record many rare birds here.

Grampy Bob's second passion was HORSES - in the 70's and 80's he bred and trained racehorses. He and mum sometimes used the airfield to gallop the horses – they all had to be worked and off by 8am for the RAF to start operations. They enjoyed lots of success and many winners under rules including a winner at the Cheltenham Festival. Bobby told the BBC he couldn't stay for an interview as he had to get back for afternoon milking.

I've now taken over the stables and run an Event yard. Most of you will probably have passed me at some point hacking through the village! Bobby was always desperate for me to have a racehorse, so he could train again.

Unfortunately, I fell in love with Eventing (combined dressage, show-jumping and cross country) and managed to persuade him that what he actually wanted was a young event horse! So 8 years ago, a very unruly 5yo called Charlie arrived. For the first few years both Mum and I spent a lot of time walking home from a ride having been deposited somewhere along the way! He is now the sweetest, kindest horse you could ever meet. Charlie has made his way to the very top of the sport and last year won the U25 prizes at both Badminton 5* and Burghley 5*. I have him to thank for really kick starting my career in Eventing and keeping the dream alive to ride at the Olympics one day.

I am very fortunate to have parents, grandparents and aunts that have encouraged and supported me. My other grandfather 'Grampy Ken' Snook moved into Belfry Drive in 1997 after Granny Barbara died. He has been a huge supporter of my career. He would often look after William as Mum and I set off around the country to compete, or he would be found at the yard mending and fixing practically anything. At 95 he still lives in Hullavington and walks at least ½ mile a day!

Hullavington is a great place to live and I hope to stay for many more years. We are really lucky to be able to get to London, Bristol and Bath so quickly as well as lots of beautiful Cotswold countryside! I also think we've got one of the prettiest churches – I love it when the Christmas tree goes up.

Guilty Pleasure? Gin

Change one thing in the village? A big green in the middle of the village

Dream dinner party guest? David Attenborough, he's a living legend!

Advice to teenage self? Wear less make up

Cat or Dog? Dog

Happiness is? Being around horses

Bucket list item? Ride the Grand National track

“After all of this is over, all that will really matter is how we treated each other.”

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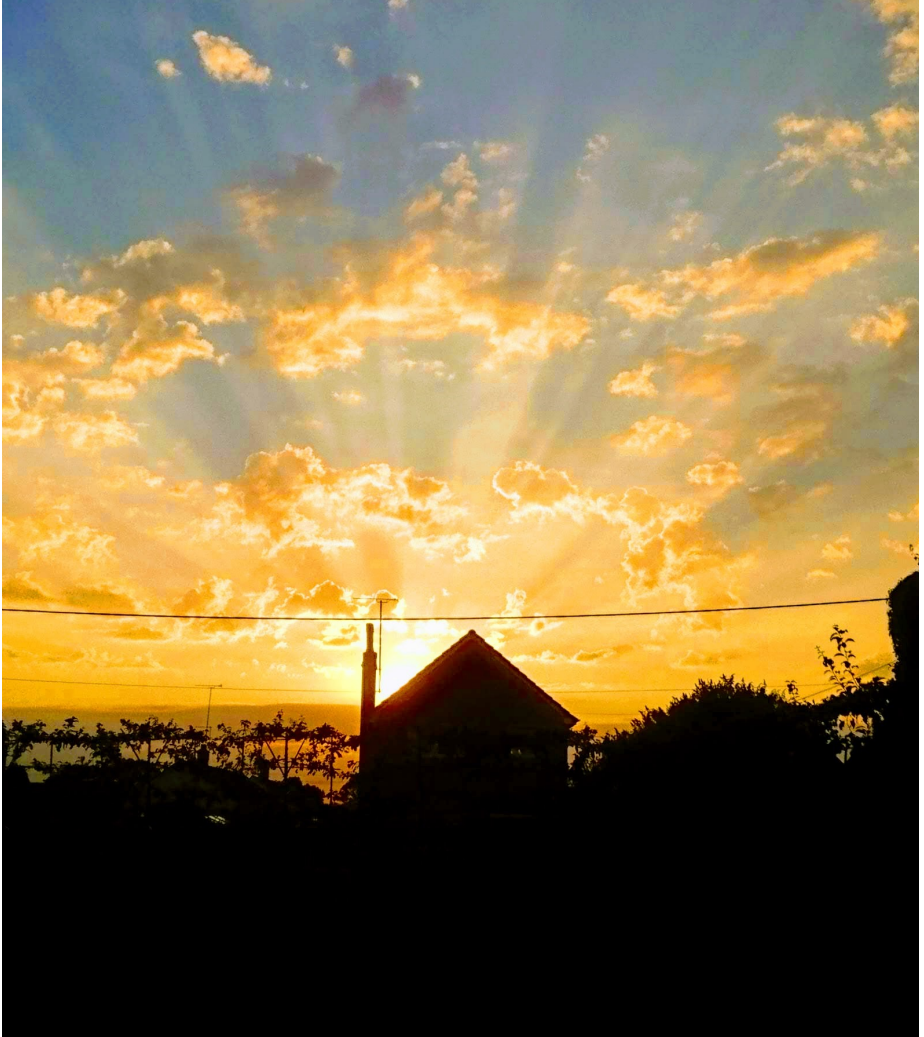


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