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Well, we've made it through another winter and we're finally (at least officially anyway) into spring so well done everyone!

Not only do we enjoy three family birthdays in this edition but we also have the coronation of our new monarch, King Charles III on Saturday 6th May - hands up everyone going to London? (my hand is up right now!) and to celebrate we have a very royal front cover and great article on our 'local' king on page 14!

We have our own new features too; a tear out and stick on your fridge 'what's on guide' (fridge credit to Maggie Dyson) which can be found on the back page. We have also moved the walks around Hullavington to the centre pages (28/29) so you can pull it out and take it with you!

Other new features include 'sweet and savoury' on page 16 to tickle your taste buds with a recipe and restaurant reviews from local 'eating out' expert and editorial team member Amanda Opperman. There is a new local 'History Spot' on page 26 from Villager and Malmesbury Athelstan Museum volunteer Graham McDougal, 'Mind your own business' on page 32 featuring an interview with a local business owner who might be just who you were looking for, a new 'Councillor Questions' with Nick Botterill on page 18 and finally a couple of new 'editor' based features on page 19 so make yourself a cup of tea and settle down for a good read!

Hullavington News can be picked up at the Village Shop and Post office, Village Hall foyer and Queens Head bus stop and don't forget to take an extra copy for any less abled neighbours you might have.

If you have any ideas, village news, views, information or photos you feel should, would and could be included in the next issue, please send them to: editorhullavingtonnews@gmail.com

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London House Plant Sales in aid of St Mary Magdalene Church



We are planning to hold our plant sales again this year starting on Saturday April 15th from 8.30 am 'til noon.

Subsequent sales will be held on the 29th April, 13th and 27th May.

We will have a range of vegetable plants and bedding plants available together with a few garden plants and even house plants.

If you have any surplus plants, or indeed any garden related items you would like to donate to the cause we would be very grateful, and if plants were labelled that would be brilliant!

We are always in need of small flowerpots, seed trays etc. and so if you have any spare lying around in a corner of your garden somewhere we would be very grateful to receive them, just pop them inside our gate at London House (51 The Street).



Every penny raised at the sales goes to the St Mary Magdalene Church Building Fund. We have a beautiful old church but the expense of keeping it in good condition is extremely high and we have to rely on support from the local community. Last year we raised £1780 at the plant sales thanks to the wonderful generosity of all those in the village who supported us.

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The Coronation of King Charles III a time for 'celebration and pageantry'

The weekend of May 6th will be a time for the country to come together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. For most of us this will be the first time we have had the opportunity to witness the wonderful pomp and ceremony of a royal coronation, something that our nation does so well.

The coronation itself will take place on Saturday May 6th at Westminster Abbey and while the event is set to be shorter than the one for his mother in 1953 I am sure that this will not lessen its significance or splendour. As a statement from Buckingham Palace said, this is to "reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry". I am sure that many of us will be tuned in to watch the days events unfold with pride and joy.

While nothing specific has been arranged for the village it would be lovely to see the red, white and blue bunting out in abundance and I am sure that many will also take the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful event with friends and neighbours. So whatever your plans are please raise a glass or a cup of tea to wish our new King a happy and successful reign.

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Makes 12 – 14

Marguerite Patten's Every Day Cook Book first published 1968

Restaurant Review - JOYA - Bath

Joya is an Italian steakhouse located in Bath near to Pulteney Bridge and Bath's rugby ground. A great place to eat if out at the theatre, shopping or before or after watching a game. Our party of 5 went to celebrate a birthday and we were not disappointed. Service was great if perhaps a little slow but you could taste that everything was freshly prepared and the presentation of each dish was superb.

If you decide on a steak you have the option of cooking it at the table or having it prepared for you in the kitchen. The former can add a bit of fun to the meal but can also make the restaurant a little smoky if wonderful smelling.

Starters: 3 *Bruschettas*, 1 *Calamari*, 1 *Meatballs*

Mains: 1 *Fillet Steak (birthday boy)*, 3 *Rigatoni Pollo & Gorgonzola (chicken in creamy Gorgonzola sauce)* and 1 *Linguini Marinara (seafood in garlic, tomato, white wine sauce)*

All were truly delicious. Prices were a little on the steep side if you went for the steak, but the pasta dishes were very reasonable for Bath and gratuity is included in the final bill. It was a lovely, leisurely meal and we will definitely be back.

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Members enjoyed January's meeting when we were given a bird's eye view of an investiture. It was fascinating to learn what really goes on behind the scenes, told to us by Sue Roberts who received her CBE from the queen.

The royal theme continued in February when Daphne Atkinson talked to us about all the queen's hats.....so many of them, so many colours all beautifully designed to match her outfits. And of course there were the hat pins which matched each outfit!!



Our WI year ends in March with our AGM and then our new year commences in April with 'Brunel's Box Tunnel', the first event in our new programme. This talk by Claire Dimond Mills is about the building of Box Tunnel and its impact on the people and places of Box.

Also in April our John Aubrey Group of WI's will be holding a meeting in Kington Langley village hall. 'Shakespeare's Women' is the title of the talk with a competition for members 'as you like it'. This can be interpreted through any medium and it will be interesting to see the different entries.

Throughout the winter our skittles team has been playing matches against other local WI's. We actually did very well until our last match which we lost so now we are waiting to see if we have reached the finals where the winners of each group play off against one another

We are looking forward to our new WI year. We meet in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

This year we have several talks which may interest the men in our community. All are welcome, however we do ask for a donation of about £4.00 to help cover our costs.



Councillors Questions

with Nick Botterill

As the local Wiltshire Councillor for the area, I get asked all the time 'what do you and the council do' and 'how is this different from the parish councils'?

Wiltshire Council (excludes Swindon) has just over half a million residents spread over 1,257 sq miles. It is divided into 98 divisions, each of which has around 5,000 residents and is represented by a councillor elected every 4 years. Hullavington is one of 7 parish areas within the By Brook division.

Wiltshire Council's major services include providing Social Care services to adults and children, everything to do with Highways, Planning and Licensing, Refuse and Recycling, some Public Health and Housing services, Environment, Leisure Centres and Libraries. Spending directly or indirectly is around £1 billion pa which comes from Council Tax, Business Rates, fees and charges, council rents, borrowings and grants from central government. Like all major councils in the country the majority of the net budget (over 60% in Wiltshire) is spent on providing Social Care services to adults and children.

Local councils comprise both democracy at work and professional managerialism. Around 4,000 salaried staff manage and deliver day to day operations but the 98 elected councillors have oversight of all of this and scrutinize all the outcomes. The election every 4 years generates a political balance and the councillors of the majority party (or parties) form the council Administration which (subject to national laws) sets the policies, strategies and plans for the Council. From out of the Administration comes the Council Cabinet of 9 councillors (including the Council Leader) which provides more hands-on leadership with direct areas of responsibility. Councillors are thus not only representatives, champions and servants for their residents, but also under our system the trustees of public money with a duty to ensure equity and efficiency as best they can in all the council does. We can all take issue with things we would like to see Wiltshire Council do better (I can think of plenty!) but for all the flaws at the end of the day I would argue that basically the system of local government works. To suggest that any part of the 'system' works these days is perhaps a bit of a controversial view but it is one which stands up to analysis. Also the role of a local councillor is worthwhile (and dare I suggest important) and one I take very seriously.

Cllr Nick Botterill – Wiltshire Councillor for By Brook division* Cabinet Member for Finance, Strategic Planning & Development Management

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VILLAGE IMAGE

* EDITORS CHOICE *

We are a village full of many things (insert your own gag here if you like!) but brilliant amateur photographers is one of them and we'd love to share your fab photos with everyone!

Please send your photos of the wonderful, beautiful or just plain silly village scenes, events or oddities to the editors desk and maybe you'll be editors choice in next issue of Hullavington News!



This time it's the turn of
(drum roll please...)

JAMES SALKELD

with this stunning image of
our glorious church!

Please ensure you have all the necessary permissions before you submit and don't forget to let us know all the names, places & faces so we can credit you all....



Letters to the EDITOR

Dear Graham M,

Thank you very much for your correspondence and kind words. As you are both the first letter and first suggestion of a timely 'letter to the Editor', in reply to your suggestion, here is our very first letter in our new section 'letter to the Editor'!

Best wishes,

The Editor

Dear Editor

I have just received the latest copy of the Hullavington News and must congratulate you on the quality of your first edition.

One suggestion I would like to make is possibly include a section on letters to the editor. This would allow the readership to comment on items in the Hullavington News thus bringing the community further into their village publication.

Best Wishes,
Graham M.



HULLAVINGTON COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Can I get my upgrade to full fibre paid for by the government?

There are 448 households Hullavington Exchange which are eligible for government vouchers and therefore able to apply for a fully funded upgrade to the new fibre optic circuit. 284 have already registered to be included. If you live in Hullavington or Norton and haven't yet done so you may be eligible.

The telephone system is being replaced throughout the UK. It is changing, exchange by exchange, from a system based on Copper Wires to Fibre Optic Cable.

This is important because currently all telephone and internet services run through these copper wires. So, the moment we plug our router or telephone into the wall-socket, it connects to the copper network; emergency pendants, alarm systems, telephone calls, Alexa, Siri etc whether hardwired or Wi Fi all are delivered via copper wires.

This change is happening for everyone; from those with no internet access through to households which rely on the internet for their livelihood. Hullavington Exchange, along with the rest of the UK is moving to full fibre which delivers a gigabit capable connection all the way into your home or business.

Openreach have targeted 2026 to complete the decommissioning of the copper wires, and whether you use the internet a lot or not at all you will need to connect to the fibre optic cable. **It is a case of when, not if, you transition to the new infrastructure.**

And whilst the reasons behind this national change are not essentially internet / broadband speed driven. it is a **bonus** that the change we will bring a faster, more reliable broadband service.

What's the benefit of upgrading now - To receive your fully funded connection to a new fibre circuit you will need to upgrade your broadband contract to one that will run on full fibre. However, you pay nothing for your home to be connected to the 1GB fibre optic cable. Additionally, if there are any extra costs discovered during the build phase or installation, regardless of whether they are big or small— you pay nothing. The upgrade is fully funded by the government.

What if I upgrade later. Even if all your neighbours are upgrading you could still choose not to do so. But bear in mind that you are going to have to upgrade probably not longer than 18 months to 2 years after everyone else has already done so, this is so, this is because your existing copper connection will no longer exist affecting all landline or other (non-mobile) phone calls, internet, Wi Fi, Alexa's, Siri's, smart technology, Sky Glass, Alarms, Medical Alerts etc. Unfortunately, your upgrade will not be funded or subsidised by the government, the funding we are using is limited, finite and can only be accessed via this project.

If you choose to wait, Openreach will charge the full cost of providing your upgrade connection, including the cost of any necessary civil engineering work that may be required. This will be fully charged to your service provider who will then decide how much of that cost to pass on to you. It could be small or equally very large, there is no way of estimating what your liability will be.

To let us know you'd like to be a part of the upgrade simply email your Name and Address to

hullavingtoncommunitygroup@gmail.com or phone 01666 837917.

For more information on

- Our timeline and how to take part.
- The process and why it's happening.
- The areas being upgraded.
- The Government Voucher scheme and what you must do to qualify.
- The Cost of Full Fibre Broadband, and
- Why we chose Openreach.

Please see our pages on the Village Hall website: **www.hullavingtonhall.org.uk**

Any questions or to register please email: **hullavingtoncommunitygroup@gmail.com**

MORE PARISH NEWS - Hullavington is getting greener!

The recycling of blister packs has been an enormous success for the village. With climate change and the biodiversity challenges in mind, we are now looking at ways to support the community to extend their recycling to other items that would normally go into general waste.

You will soon see new recycling bins appearing in the Village Hall Car Park. These will cover:

- Dental items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste containers, plus tepee dental cleaners.
- Empty asthma inhalers
- Writing instruments excluding pencils
- Toner cartridges

And continuing empty blister packs.

We will let you know when the bins are ready via Hullavington Happenings on Facebook and the village notice boards.

Many thanks in particular to Councillor Mandy House and Gill Rothwell.



If you like a crossword then this is the issue for you, again put together by our puzzle queen at the HHNQ!

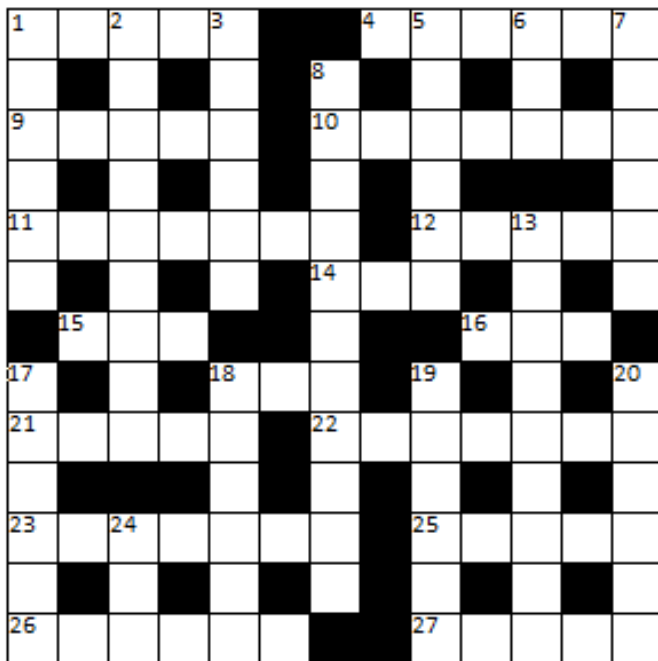
Crossword Questions

Across

1. Sanguineous fluid (5)
9. Heathers (5)
10. Shrill cries (7)
11. African river (7)
12. Due (5)
14. Obtain (3)
15. Insect (3)
16. Tap (anag.) (3)
18. Char (3)
21. Hurry (5)
22. Reprimand (sl.) (4)
23. Ontario's capital (7)
25. Make one (5)
26. Pungent root (6)
27. Boat race crew (5)

Down

1. American Republic (6)
2. Trinkets (9)
3. Vagrant (sl.) (6)
5. Remove forcibly (6)
6. Genetic code (1,1,1)
7. Badge flag (6)
8. Go in as saint (anag.) (11)
13. Getting better (9)
16. Tap (anag.) (3)



17. A ----- Shade of Pale (60's song) (6)
18. McEnroe's game (6)
19. Blame for a crime (6)
20. Influence (6)
24. Colour of "1 across" (3)

(Answers on base of 26)

HULLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Chair of the Parish Council Update

<http://www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Good news on your Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) to bring Fibre Broadband to your home. The majority of the Parish Council members have joined the cause, it is a one-off opportunity to take advantage of a Voucher Scheme that ensures there is no cost for installing fibre cable from the road to your home by Openreach. It is the aim of the Fibre Broadband Group that the community should not miss out on receiving this funded upgrade.

There will be local road disruptions in April. Wessex Water is conducting minor but essential improvement works. Signage will be in place as it will affect some households in the areas, works commence:

Newtown 10th April 2023 (3 days) access either side of the works only.

Frog Lane 17th April 2023 (3 days) road closed 90meters south towards the Wellington Place Footpath.

Hill Hayes Lane 20th April (2 days) road closed between the Street and Belfry Drive.

Outline Planning Application at the Street. The Developer Outline Planning Application has been approved by Wiltshire Council. The next stage in the process is the Reserved Matters Application, where the detail designs are brought forward. Due to unexpected delays with round 1, it is unlikely that the development will commence for several years, it is still early days.

The replacement Speed Indicator Device will be located at the Parklands end of the village, I'm sure many of you will have seen the new 5m tall Pole awaiting the device which will be solar powered this time, no more moving up and down the village reliant on the goodwill of the older generations in the village, I thank them all for what they have done for us all over the past few years.

The Ambulance Service has been able to use the Hullavington Garage Defibrillator again this month, it has been inspected and is back in service.

Whilst the Hullavington Oil Purchase Scheme has been in place for a while now, new members can still join the scheme, it is free. You receive a confirmed price from Ford Fuels every Monday, you are not obliged to purchase through the scheme, you can shop around 500Litres minimum order, 5 day delivery turnaround. If you would like a form, you can contact myself g.slaymaker@btinternet.com or telephone 01666 837073 and I will drop one off for you.



HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP

The group meets on the second Tuesday in the month, in the side room at the village hall, 2.00 pm, when we enjoy refreshments and lively discussion about a wide range of books.

January: 'V for Victory' by Lissa Evans

This book was enjoyed by most members of our group. An easy light read.

Review:

"The third novel in Lissa Evans' successful trilogy set partly during and partly before World War2. The story follows the developing relationship between two characters introduced in the first novel, Vee, a woman existing on the edge between right and wrong and Noel, a gifted reclusive boy, she originally takes in as an evacuee. Their interaction turns around both their lives. These two are supported by other strongly drawn characters in a well written story that also combines gentle comedy and the tragedy of war.

The other two books in the series, Crooked Heart and Old Baggage, are also well worth reading, perhaps before this one."

February: 'Station Eleven' by Emily St John Mandel

We will be discussing this book at our next meeting on Tuesday 14th March. I am sure it will generate a lively session. Look out for a write up in the June/July newsletter.

Here are some reviews to be going on with....

"An apocalyptic novel that covers the affairs of characters pre and post the arrival of Georgia Flu, a virus that quickly sweeps the globe destroying 99% of mankind in its wake.

The transition between pre-epidemic and twenty years on is smoothly handled and the characterisations are rich. Despite the underlying huge sense of loss of life as it was, you are left with a quiet sense of hope with communities re-emerging and relationships and love developing. This is far from an easy read especially as it was written pre-COVID, and does beg the question "what if"? While certainly unsettling it is a novel well worth giving a go."

"My thoughts on Station Eleven:

"I did not like or particularly enjoy Station Eleven but I did manage to read it to the end.

Continued:

"It was a very strange story, not only the subject matter but the telling of the tale - it jumped around different times and people so much that it was hard to follow. I didn't warm to any of the characters at all. None of them seemed likeable people.

I think it would be even harder to follow this story if you are a person not familiar with Shakespeare's play King Lear - fortunately it is a play I know well and also as I have visited Toronto I was familiar with the city layout and weather descriptions. The comic book was a bit beyond my comprehension and I know nothing about Star Trek so I didn't understand those references. The story about a post pandemic world with few people left was rather far fetched I think! The whole book was rather weird and random in my humble opinion. I gave myself a gold star for getting to the end!

The book group discussion will be interesting but maybe not so interesting as it would have been if discussed before the pandemic we have all recently experienced? Or maybe it will make it more interesting!?"

"I just wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed reading Station Eleven. I have LOVED it! I found the situation fascinating and the characters so engaging. The Traveling Symphony are endearing and believable. The tone of the novel is quiet and dark with multi faceted stories gently intertwining in the post pandemic world. I really did find it difficult to put the book down and cannot help talking about it."

March: 'The Enchanted April' by Elizabeth von Arnim



Sunday 23rd April - World Book Night.

Come and celebrate world book night (and Shakespeare's birthday) Weather permitting! 6—8 pm. Meet at the Hullavington book shelf Bus Shelter, at the corner of Watts Lane. Pick up a book, swap a book, talk about books. Drink tea/coffee eat cake Celebrate your love of reading.

Film of the Book evenings are held on the first Wednesday in the month, in the side room at the village hall, 7.00 for 7.30. Space is limited, so please book seats in advance. If you would like to know about the films or Book Group, please contact Elizabeth Parry-Williams tel: 01666 837713 email: peac@globalnet.co.uk

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HISTORY SPOT

THIS EDITION : Hullavington & The Domesday Book

Hullavington, known as “Hundlavinton” was one of 13 settlements of the Hundred of Startley listed in the Domesday Survey of 1086. With 35 households it was in the larger 20% of those listed in the Domesday Book.

By 1086, Hullavington was valued at £12.00 per annum. The adjoining hamlets of Surrendell and Bradfield were valued at £7.00 and £1/10s respectively. All three settlements were owned by Ralph Mortimer.

Earlier occupation of Bradfield is indicated by the discovery of 8 Romano British coins and Jewellery found in the area of Bradfield Manor. Today Bradfield is the home of the Flying Monk Brewery and Tap Cafe which is situated in the beautifully refurbished barn there.

Surrendell contains a “Pillow Mound” which is a scheduled monument and a field survey of 1665 shows a conyger or rabbit warren for the breeding of rabbits and hares for their fresh meat and skins. More recently in the 1970’s Surrendell Farm became known as a Hippie Commune frequented by Princess Margaret and Roddy Llewellyn amongst others. Villagers may also remember the news hounds staying at the Queen’s Head or the Star and queuing up at the phone box in The Street to file their stories.

The Hundred of Startley remained intact until 1377 when, together with The Hundred of Chedglow, it was merged with Malmesbury to form the Hundred of Malmesbury.

Editorial Quiz - Crossword Answers

ACROSS -

1 Blood / 4 Curdle / 9 Lings / 10 Screams / 11 Zambesi / 12 Owing / 14 Get / 15 Ant
16 Apt / 18 Tea / 21 Haste / 22 Tick off / 23 Toronto / 25 Unite / 26 Radish / 27 Eight

DOWN -

1 Belize / 2 Ornaments / 3 Dosser / 5 Uproot / 6 DNA / 7 Ensign / 8 Assignment
13 Improving / 17 Whiter / 18 Tennis / 19 Accuse / 20 Effect / 24 Red



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SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2023

APRIL

Sunday	2	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	2	3.00pm	Group Service: Messy Church
Sunday	9	11.00am	Easter Day: Holy Communion
Sunday	16	11.00am	Morning Praise (informal)
Sunday	23	11.00am	Family Service

MAY

Sunday	7	11.00am	Coronation Celebration
Sunday	7	3.00pm	Group Service: Messy Church
Sunday	14	11.00am	Morning Praise (informal)
Sunday	21	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	28	11.00am	Family Service

CORONATION TREE PLANTING Many of you may recall that last year a tree was planted in the churchyard to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This year we have the opportunity to plant a second new tree to commemorate King Charles' Coronation. All are warmly invited to attend the service to celebrate the coronation, following which a variegated holly tree will be planted to mark this very special occasion.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY HUB The Hub, normally held in the church on the first Saturday of the month, is moving from Saturday the 6th, Coronation Day, to Bank Holiday Monday, the 8th May. Come along between 11.00am and 1.00pm to enjoy good company and a delicious range of lunchtime refreshments which will, of course, include Coronation Chicken! We look forward to seeing you there.



WALKS AROUND HULLAVINGINGTON by *Jon Atkey*

The village centre footpath network

Walk Eight – Bradfield Wood and Malmesbury Common

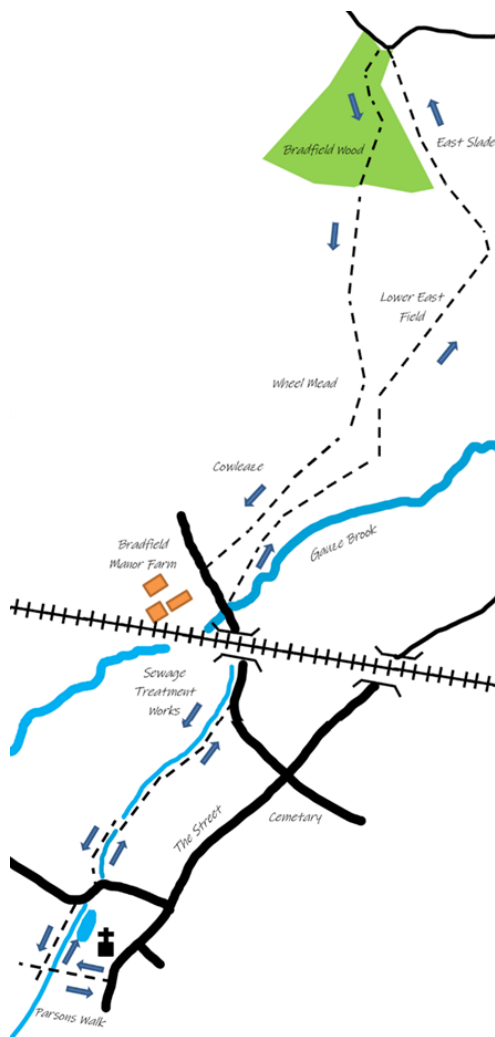
Distance: 4 Miles

This month's selection from the "Walks Around Hullavingington" takes you over the fields to Bradfield Wood and back.

Bradfield Wood lies about 2 miles north of the village and is well worth a visit in early spring. On a chilly, windy April day, drifts of bluebells scent the air and wood anemones and primroses provide varied colours.

From The Street, go down Parsons Walk near "The Hullavingington Arms", turn right and follow the field paths behind Court Farm Lake, Latimer Gardens, Newtown and the school playing field before meeting the Norton road, going under the railway and passing the little Brookside estate.

Turn right almost immediately after crossing the Gauze Brook (you see the footpath sign) and take the stile to the rear of the Bradfield cottages (now a large bungalow) car park and then the stile in the barbed wire fence.



For the first 1/4 mile or so, the trail runs parallel to the brook at the distance of about 100 yards. You can't miss, especially in Spring, the noisy rookery which occupies the line of trees on your right. Where this large field Cowleaze ends, you take the stile and bridge, bend left across Wheel Mead and soon cross a drainage ditch.

Here you go diagonally right to the far corner of another big field Lower East Field, about 600 yards ahead. The path is not evident when crops are growing but there is a stile at the corner which will only become visible a few paces before you get there. Turn right to the gateway at the end of this field East Slade, then left and a small footbridge takes you over the ditch and a gate leads into the further field.

The next part of the walk is very pleasant as you follow the hedge slightly uphill and proceed in the field along the edge of the Wood, which provides welcome shelter from prevailing westerly winds. Through a stile and you meet the byway track from Foxley to Corston on the edge of Malmesbury common. Here turn left and in a few yards you will see the track into Bradfield Wood.

Like all woodland paths it will be muddy in wet weather. It's peaceful in the Wood and the track is well defined. Once again in the open field East Slade go straight ahead for 200 yards, cross the drainage ditch (there is a bridge) go through the gateway and follow the right-hand hedge. At the next ditch you are less than 100 yards from the outward path and may wish to re-join it, or you can take the cart track through several gateways to enter the large field Cowleaze again. There is no possibility of losing your way if you keep to the right of the yellow bungalow.

From here retrace your steps to the village.

The full set of 10 Walks is available on the Parish Council website: http://www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/Walks_Around_Hullavington_31117.aspx

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IN THIS EDITION : The Flying Monk Café/Tap



We are a family-owned brewery & café based on the outskirts of Hullavington.

We took on the brewery in 2020, just before we were all plunged into lockdown - a stressful time for all business owners!

However, during this time we turned our attention to a derelict barn situated less than 10 meters

away from our brewhouse - this old Cotswold stone barn needed a lot of work but it was easy to see the potential; a place onsite where people could come and interact with the brewery and try our latest releases on tap; the idea of the Flying Monk Café/Tap was born!

We officially opened our doors in May 2021 and we haven't looked back. We've worked to create a space that is open and inviting to everyone, a place where you can bring your mate one day and your nan the next. In the months since our opening we've expanded our menu so whether you're after a burger and chips, a toasted sandwich or a full English breakfast, there's something for you. Of course no café is complete without coffee, and our locally roasted coffee and homemade cakes have gone down a storm!

We've got lots of exciting things planned for the months ahead and to keep up to date with events and offers, don't forget follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@flyingmonkbrewery) or check out our website.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last 10 months and to anyone who hasn't walked through our doors yet, we hope to see you soon!



VILLAGE HALL NEWS



NEW! Hullavington Table Tennis Club are offering **Sunday morning coaching** for 9 – 16 year olds, starting in April. Suitable for all abilities. Please see poster advertising the event or contact Anna Durrant at anna@hullavingtonhall.org.uk.

For the over 60's a new **"Stayfit"** class is starting on Thursday March 23rd from 2-3pm with the first taster session for free. See advert in this edition of HN for more details.

Rural Arts Touring (previously Rural Arts Wiltshire or RAW) is returning! It will be wonderful to have professional theatre/dance/music on our doorstep again. We hope to have a show in the autumn.

Warm space which ran after coffee morning on a Friday from noon until 3pm has now finished. After a slow start it became popular with many people enjoying the homemade soup, bread, teas and coffees amongst friends in the warm. Friday coffee mornings are now back in the church from 10am to noon.



First Friday fun continues in the hall. As the first Friday in April is Good Friday we are moving it to Friday 31st March. Following the success of the last one, it will be another bangers, beer and board games evening. Free entry with bangers available for £3.50 each and the bar will be open, as usual. Please feel free to pop in just for a short while if you are unsure about whether you'll enjoy it! The games played are very varied from Scrab-

ble to card games, dice games and board games. You are welcome to bring your own game. We accept both card and cash at the bar.

There is still some availability in the hall on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For more information about all the village hall activities please see the website:

<https://www.hullavingtonhall.org.uk/>

For all bookings and enquiries contact Helen or Lizzy at

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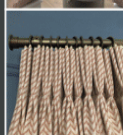
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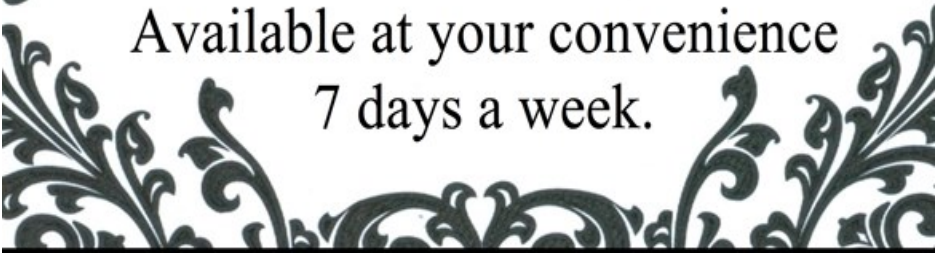
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NON VILLAGE USER – one off bookings (not parties)	£8.00	£12.00	£15.00	£5.00
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For any queries, please contact:

Lizzy@hullavingtonhall.org.uk or helen@hullavingtonhall.org.uk



200 CLUB FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

This year we have been able to give the Village hall £1000 towards maintenance and updates. Thanks to all our members for your help in making this possible.

Our recent winners are

January	Lucinda Abbs	Andy Ford
February	Lis Cheshire	Sarah Harmer



(Sarah left the village in November but asked that any winnings should be put back into the pot. Thank you, Sarah)

We do have some limited tickets available if anyone would like to participate, or buy another ticket.

Please do contact Geraldine McKibbin (837736) or Linda Hadley (837096)

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HULLAVINGTON FILM CLUB

Films are shown in the main hall on the fourth Wednesday in the month.

£3.00 for adults and £1.00 for under 18's. This includes refreshments. Doors open at 7.00, the film starts at 7.30. There is no requirement to book.

Wednesday 26th April

LIVING

2022

1 hour 40 minutes

Certificate 12

Starring Bill Nighy, the cast also includes Aimee Lou Wood, Alex Sharp and Tom Burke.

Nominated for a BAFTA and an OSCAR, the film is set in London of 1953. With screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro, the film is based on an earlier one of 1952, which in turn was inspired by a novella by Leo Tolstoy.

Wednesday 24th May

NB Please note this is a five Wednesday month, the film evening is on the **fourth**.

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: ONE AND ALL

2022

1 hour 51 minutes

Certificate 12

The cast includes James Purefoy, Dave Johns, Maggie Steed, Sam Swainsbury, Richard Hainsworth and Imelda May.

Following the success of their first album, the fisherman struggle to adjust to their fame and work towards a new album.

Film Group EXTRA

Evenings are held on the third Wednesday in the month, in the side room. Due to space, there is limited seating, if you are interested in attending these sessions, please contact us.

For information about films, please contact Bob Fenner tel: 01666 837320 or Peter and Elizabeth Parry-Williams tel: 01666 837713



Meet the Villager....

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

.... Alastair Davies



I am a retired Anglican priest, and Helen and I have lived in the village for 21 years. We chose to move here whilst living in Married Quarters at RAF Lyneham. My first glimpse of the village was from 900 ft up from a tethered balloon at RAF Hullavington, as I made my first descent during TA parachute training in 1979. I was studying for a Master's degree at Nottingham University at the time and wanted some adventure! I count being awarded the coveted Red Beret as one the great-

est achievements of my life.

My life's dream was to join the RAF as a Chaplain. After a brief career in teaching, I trained for the ministry in Cambridge, before going on to serve in 2 parishes in South London - and in 1989 I finally joined the RAF. Our first posting was to RAF Lyneham, and over a period of 18 years we moved 13 times; our daughters were born in Berlin and Bedford. Returning from a Middle East detachment in 2002, I was posted back to RAF Lyneham, as Senior Chaplain. We naturally returned to Hullavington, where we have lived happily ever since. As teenagers, our girls often complained that we 'lived in the sticks'- yet as adults they much enjoy returning 'home' and keep up with all the news of Hullavington on Facebook.

On retiring from the RAF, Hullavington proved to be an excellent location for my new career as a Hospital Chaplain at RUH Bath where Helen and I both worked for 10 years.

I am an active member of the Gauzebrook Ministry team, taking services around our lovely villages and further afield. My time is also taken up with voluntary work: as a driver for Malmesbury Link, a Bereavement Volunteer for Cruse, and helping in the Malmesbury foodbank. We both enjoy e-biking with friends from the village. Our plans for retirement include overseas travel, and with our daughter and son-in-law now living in Singapore we are making inroads in to South East Asia and beyond.

I can't imagine who might play me in a film. And if I could change one thing in the village, it would be to have a decent footpath leading straight to The Tap. I'd invite Sandy Denny to dinner, with Rowan Williams and Bob Hoskins. My advice to my teenage self would be simply to 'work harder'! I'd like both a dog and a cat. My secret of happiness is 'wanting what you have - not vice versa. My bucket list destination would be to visit my mother's birthplace in Bombay.



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Hullavington Church Fête and Dog Show

Dog Show Classes and Agility; BBQ;
Cream Teas; Pimms Tent; Fantastic
Stalls; Pony Rides; Children's games &
races; Tug of War; Raffle; Silent Auction

10th
June

When:

10 June 2023
1pm - 4pm

Where:

Court House, Hullavington, SN14 6DU
<https://www.co.uk/free-purse-currently>

We would love to hear from you if you could offer
a prize or experience for our Silent Auction.
Donations of Bottles, Cakes and Local Produce
would be also much appreciated.

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Then & NOW by *David Hunt*

Long standing villager David Hunt has thoughtfully taken photos of well known Hullavington landmarks over the years, so we are now lucky enough to benefit from some brilliant comparisons!

This editions' feature is... **The Cottages in Hill Hayes Lane**
(Or 'Hillayes' as the area is shown on old maps)

The 'then' photo was taken in 1987 when there were five separate cottages each with its own front porch. Old maps show, and even into the 1970s, the area behind the cottages had allotments. I rented one in the mid 1970s and they were administered by a Mr Norris who lived in the furthest of the five cottages on behalf of the owner of the land who lived in Devon.

Unfortunately the two years I tried to cultivate my piece were the two hot dry summers of 1975 and 1976. There was no access to water on the site (the well had been filled in) and my crops were not good. I must confess that I gave up. The entrance to the allotments was further down the road on the right about where the small holding is now.



'Then' in 1987

As you walked up the path you passed on the left the wooden sheds still being used by old Mr Wicks the Hurdle Maker still producing his hand made hurdles. I remember them being stacked outside of the shed ready for delivery. Although I never witnessed it running I am sure that he had a stationary vertical Lister petrol engine in one of his sheds to provide power.



'Now' in 2023

How I wish I had taken some photographs at the time because it was soon all swept away and an old village craft was no more.

As can be seen from the 'now' photograph the first two cottages have been made into one dwelling but the other three remain much the same. The area behind ceased to be allotments not many years after I gave up my piece.



HULLAVINGTON WHATS ON...

APRIL

- **Singing Workshop**—2nd with Charlie Amaro. Village hall. 2-3:30pm. Suggested donations £2.00. Everyone welcome & no prior experience. 07972 564999 or simon.durrant@outlook.com
- **Knit & Chat Group**— 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. Village Hall, 2pm—4pm. £2 includes refreshments. Bring along any craft you like, it does not have to be knitting. We have spare wool and needles if you want to learn knitting.
- **Stay Fit with Emma**— 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. Village Hall. 2-3pm. Fun, exercise to music for the over 60's (seated or standing) £7 PAYG or £30 for 5-week term (try first week free!). Emma Taylor, 07968 814965
- **Plant Sale**—15th & 29th. London House - 8.30 am 'til noon.
- **World Book Night**—Sunday 23rd April. Queens Head Bus Shelter Book Shelf. 6—8 pm. Weather permitting! Come and celebrate world book night (and Shakespeare's birthday) Pick up a book, swap a book, talk about books. Drink tea/coffee eat cake Celebrate your love of reading.
- **Film Club**—26th. Village Hall. *£3.00 for adults and £1.00 for under 18's. This includes refreshments. Doors open at 7.00, the film starts at 7.30. There is no requirement to book.*

MAY

- **Plant Sale**— 13th & 27th. London House - 8.30 am 'til noon.
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- **Film Club**—24th. Village Hall. *£3.00 for adults and £1.00 for under 18's. This includes refreshments. Doors open at 7.00, the film starts at 7.30. There is no requirement to book.*