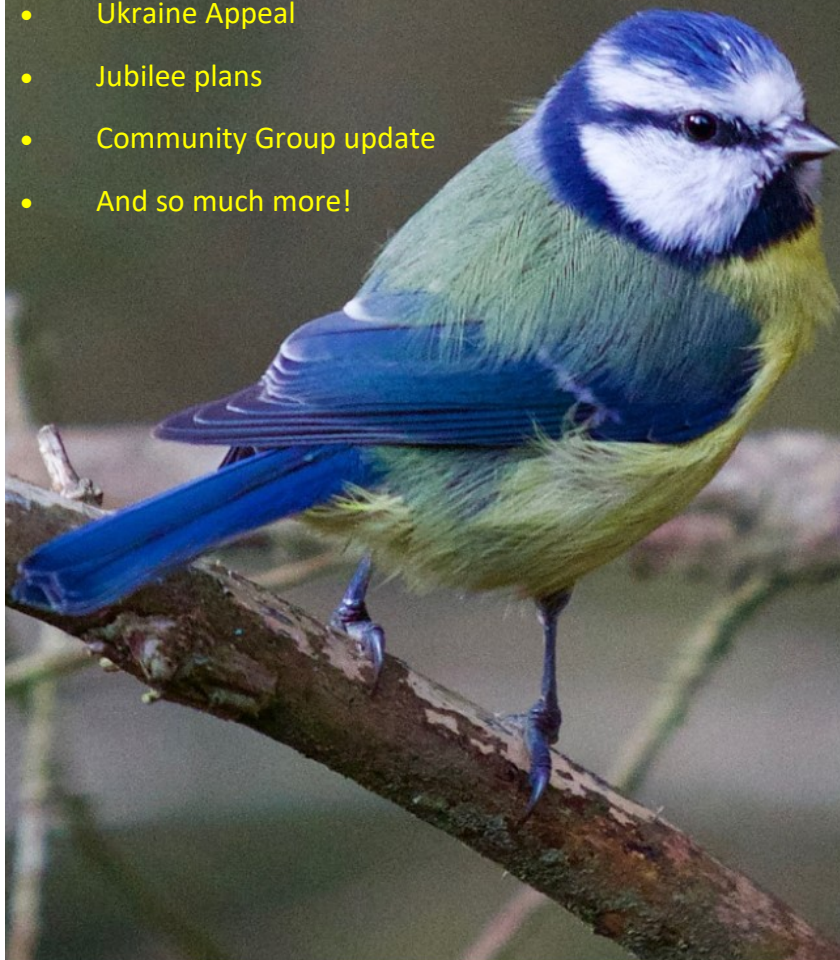


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In this edition, we have a few new advertisers—Elly's Spa offers some lovely looking treatments (p.12). Dreamscape Electricians have updated their ad and include electric vehicle work (p.45) and Just Heating (p.37) are well known and trusted local heating engineers. There are a lot more trades in the magazine, hopefully you'll find someone for all your needs locally —thanks to all our loyal advertisers for your support.

We meet one of our local farmers and gain an insight into their efforts to balance commerce and the environment. They have won so many farming and environmental awards that I couldn't fit a picture of them all into the piece!

The Hullavington Community Group have produced an update on all of the exciting new projects running in the village (p.20), along with the parish council; they're all working hard for the benefit of the whole village, which is much appreciated.

And last but by no means least, I'm finally reinstating the 'what's coming up' page—I haven't dared to do it for a while as everything kept being cancelled at the last minute. Nice to be looking forward.

Best wishes, Sally

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SHINGLES—Is not funny at any age but as we get older the after effects can last for a long time. Hopefully, all those in the village between the ages of 70 to 79 will have received a letter from the Care Centre calling them forward for vaccination.

Malmesbury Primary Care Centre

You're eligible for the shingles vaccine when you're aged 70 to 79. Shingles can be very painful and uncomfortable. Some people are left with pain lasting for years after the initial rash has healed. Shingles can also be fatal for

around 1 in 1,000 over-70s who develop it.

It's fine to have the vaccine if you've already had shingles. The shingles vaccine works very well in people who have had shingles before, and it will boost your immunity against further shingles attacks.

If you are aged 70 to 79 and have not had your shingles vaccine yet, we will be inviting you to have your vaccination - But no need to wait! Please call and book your appointment today 01666 825825.

LED STREET LAMPS

Good news from Wiltshire Council regarding Climate Change. The village is doing its part of course as, following a consultation with residents a couple of years ago, the village opted to change to Part Night Lighting of the village street lamps.



Since then some of you may have noticed that all our street lamps have been converted to LED units. Each street lamp may have different outputs depending on the road illumination class, existing spacing etc. This means that the standard dimming operation is Full Output from dusk to 8pm, with 75% output between 8pm and midnight when they will then turn off - apart from ones at junctions and cul-de-sacs.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE



We're delighted to have received an excellent rating of 81% in Climate Emergency UK's Council Climate Plan Scorecards, ranking us as the fifth best unitary authority in the UK for our response to climate change. Wiltshire Council rated as fifth best unitary authority for climate change strategies and received an excellent rating of 81% in Climate Emergency UK's Council Climate Plan Scorecards published 27 January 2022.

The scorecards are a wholly independent assessment of the climate plans and strategies of councils around the country, with each council being rated against nine different categories, including governance; engagement and communications; setting targets and more.

Wiltshire scored maximum points for the community, engagement and communications; ecological emergency; and co-benefits criteria, and also scored highly across the other categories to receive an overall rating of 81%. The average rating for unitary authorities was 50%. The council's two key environmental strategies - the Climate Strategy and Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan, will be considered by Full Council on 15 February for final approval and adoption.

Cllr Nick Botterill commented "We recognise that there is more to do, but as this scoring shows, we're making huge progress and leading the way when it comes to tackling climate change." To see the full Council Climate Plan Scorecards, people should go to [Council Climate Plan Scorecards](#).

Thanks to Maggie Bawden for the Parish round-up

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We are lucky in this village to have an excellent bus service to both Malmesbury and Chippenham. Do please use it if you can, especially if you have a bus pass. The hourly service is excellent. No fuel, no parking fees, dropped off in the middle of the town. Friendly bus drivers! Connects directly with trains to Bath, Bristol and London. All these benefits, plus you make a small "Green" contribution. In fact the more people that use it, the greater the contribution.

MORE WALKS!

Jon Atkey is kindly updating a series of village walks (p.52); additionally, here is some more information on other Wiltshire walks.

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Wiltshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you! John Harris

THE LONDON COACH TRIP IS BACK!

Up to 2019, 17 annual coach trips had been arranged for those people in the village who wanted to have a day away and see the sights that London has to offer. The suggested dates for the trip are below, we'll go with whichever is most popular:

Saturday 19th or 26th November



Andy James Coaches have been asked to quote. The coach leaves the village at 8.30am, leaving London for the return journey at 7.30pm. A full day in London with time for: German Xmas Market, museums, galleries, Xmas shopping, the Xmas Lights, Winter Wonderland, afternoon matinees, sightseeing and soooooo much more. Please register your interest early, we will not be taking your money until the 1st November. **Contact Liz Parry Williams on: 01666837713 or peac@globalnet.co.uk**

Thanks to Elizabeth and Peter Parry-Williams who put a huge amount of effort into organising events for the village. Ed

HULLAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL



NEW! “Bat and Chat” drop-in table tennis sessions are now running every Monday between 2-4pm in the hall and are very popular. The 2 tables and bats and balls were provided for us through a grant by Table Tennis England. Members of the Hullavington Table Tennis club (fee of £5/year) will be able to book the hall on an ad-hoc basis to play table tennis, once they have had a quick induction course on how to use and set up the tables safely.

Yoga sessions have stopped on Wednesday evening and the Thursday morning class has been split into two classes, offering a class at 10am followed by a more gentle class at 11.15am. No booking required.

The hall is booked for **Jubilee celebrations** for Friday, Saturday and Sunday 3rd, 4th and 5th June. Activities have still to be decided.

Bob Fenner continues to give us excellent and entertaining questions for our **quiz nights** – the last one on February 25th was a little short on numbers but big on enjoyment!

There is still plenty of availability in the hall on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday mornings. For more information about all the village hall activities please see the website below. *Anna Durrant*

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

Farming and the environment in harmony

It's been great to see the amount of interest and activity in the village regarding supporting nature and wildlife. We all try to do our bit in our gardens, but the biggest impact can be from large land-owners. I was delighted to be invited to spend some time with the Hawker family recently, who own Gardner's farm – and to hear about their approach.



Ashton, Anne & Will Hawker

Gardner's farm has been under the care of the Hawker family since the 1950's when they were originally tenants of Eton College. The farm has grown steadily since that time and is now approximately 1500 acres in size.

If you've walked past the Farm, you'll notice the milking herd that total almost 400, calmly making their way to the milking parlour. The parlour is currently being upgraded to the latest technology. Solar panels on the shed roofs and LED light fittings make it as efficient as possible; it has already won many awards from the premium supermarket that they supply milk and Aberdeen Angus to.

The farm is driven by an ethos of sustainability and encouraging nature. This can sometimes come at a cost in terms of reduced profit but it's not an area the Hawkers are prepared to compromise on.

Since the early 2000's, many changes have been made and a Higher Level of Stewardship; now Countryside Stewardship, level attained. The farm also exceeds the Red Tractor standard. Stanton Wood is a good example of how proactive changes have impacted the area. Although it's frustrating for people to see areas they used to be able to access with their dogs are now fenced off, the flipside is that now it's a conservation area, with improved biodiversity and a huge increase of ground nesting birds; now that they're undisturbed.

There are some downsides to farming of course, rural crime is on the increase; gateways have to be blocked by logs – just recently 4 sets of gates have been driven through and smashed by hare coursers and GPS units have been stolen from tractors. A commitment to the farm means no holidays for more than 10 years, but the Hawkers aren't complaining, it's a vocation.

After many years of effort, the farm now has some impressive environmental statistics: 13 ponds exist – some being created to provide habitat for great crested newts, 152 acres of native woodland with all deadwood timber left to create habitat for invertebrates, bats and woodpeckers, butterfly glades, wildflower meadows.

There are 8.5 acres of semi improved grassland using nectar flower mix, 2 acres of ditch/stream areas, 4 beetle banks, more than 48 acres of floristically enhanced buffer strips, tussock grass and woodland edge buffers.

Hedges are left shaggy on a 2-3 year rotation to provide food and shelter for birds and pollinators, participation in the annual bird count (over 55 species counted including some red listed), tree sparrow & barn owl boxes and bee hotels are dotted around the farm.

In total 322 acres (22%) of the land farmed is in environmental management.



Hullavington Community Group

Your local community groups are now working together

****LATEST NEWS****

FIBRE OPTIC UPGRADE: If you are a member of the Community Partnership you will have received our latest Keeping in touch email. We are anticipating the OpenReach survey soon and once completed we will be pressing forward as quickly as possible.

Calling all tenants and landlords in Hullavington, please get in touch, we really don't want you to lose out. We have special information packs for you pass on to your landlords.

Both housing associations in the village, White Horse and Green Square Accord, have also confirmed their tenants are free to proceed with the upgrade, so make sure you don't lose out on this government funded upgrade.

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Please email for further information.

FOOTPATHS: Twenty Hullavington residents have combined to form the Hullavington Footpath Group. Our main aim is to enjoy, preserve, improve and promote the footpaths and other Public Rights of Way in and around Hullavington. With support from Wiltshire Council's Countryside Access Team, our activities are wide ranging, from footpath working groups,

to organised walk events. The benefits we hope to achieve include:

- Improvements that allow more people to enjoy the paths
- Maintaining and improving links to local facilities and neighbouring communities
- Meeting like-minded people and enhancing our sense of neighbourliness
- Exploring our surroundings, enjoying the beautiful Wiltshire countryside
- Getting and staying healthy

Sociable physical activities with heavy and light tasks, learning practical skills. If you support these aims, you'll be most welcome to join us - please see our contact details below.

BIODIVERSITY: Ben Raskin, author, podcaster, Head of Horticulture and Agroforestry at the Soil Association and local Dad gave a popular talk on wilding our gardens in the village hall. A timely start to planning our gardens this year.

If you are interested in all things wild in our community, then do take a look at the Hullavington Wildlife Facebook page for plenty of advice and ideas.

On the 2nd March, Chippenham Town Council voted through the new Grass Cutting policy created in conjunction with Wiltshire Wildlife trust. This includes the creation and encouragement of new wildflower areas.

As they banned Glyphosate usage in the Ecological emergency declaration last year, the wildflower areas will be created with manual methods. It's a small act of democracy, but somehow that seems more important than ever.

Paradoxically, the new roundabouts near M4 Karting junction, have been seeded with low maintenance grass seed!

We now have a detailed report from Wessex Water on the quality of the Gauze Brook. It doesn't make for good reading. I have asked what more we can do as a community and am waiting to hear more.

POSH UPDATE: *“Provide a Public Open Space suitable for all the community to use, to incorporate a large playground and village playing field with sports facilities”* - Neighbourhood Plan (page 30 ref 7.08)

Where are we now? - It is now clear that the open space that will be a part of the development by the school, will not be able to provide space needed for community facilities in the way we had hoped. The initial proposals from the developer included a large drainage pond, compromising the area’s useability and its value to the community.

Last February, there was an amazing and overwhelming community response objecting to the proposed plans and since then POSH has worked hard to ensure your voice remained as a central part of the planning process.

This has resulted in revised plans, crucially with a smaller drainage pond with sympathetic planting. So, although it’s not what we were aiming for, this revision will allow the remaining land to be developed into a wildlife area, fully accessible to the community, and will provide the community with a valuable public open space.

However, that leaves us with a challenge - We must still find a home for all the facilities we need but don’t currently have - a village field providing a community space for fetes, local and national celebrations such as the Jubilee etc., as well as sports facilities, and a large playground.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will support the Group on speaking to the Landowners seeking land for recreation and sports provision. It was agreed that no financial commitment is to be made with the Landowners on behalf of the Parish Council. Minutes of the relevant Parish Council meeting can be found at http://www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/UserFiles/Files/Minutes/137632-Minutes_22_02_09_February_2022_GS_MB.pdf

We will share progress in our next communication

ENERGY PROJECT: The Government’s Climate Change Committee is recommending the phasing out of new oil boilers by 2028, and discussions are underway to see if this date can be brought forward.

The majority of us in Hullavington rely on oil heating and so will need to switch over to renewable energy sooner rather than later. To avoid anyone getting left behind, and to make the process as cost effective and efficient as possible, it would be ideal if we could make this transition together as a village. Some preliminary work has been done to identify a consultant who can help us pull together a plan, but we need someone to lead this workstream, with the support of other villagers, so please do get in touch if you'd be interested in learning more.

Also, if you are thinking of updating your home insulation, then a thermal camera is invaluable. Sustainable Sherston has organised the purchase of one of these valuable bits of tech and you can hire it for £10 for 24 hours. Interested? Contact Debbie Lawley below.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to be actively involved in the Hullavington Community Group, the team would love to hear from you. The next meeting is on 3rd May.

After each meeting, we will let you know what has happened; what the next steps are and the date of the following meeting. We want to keep you as informed as possible and on occasions we may also call out for your help - either technical or practical. Our emails are below.

Current Projects and co-ordinators

Fibre optic community partnership: Sarah Price-Tompkins and Toni-Ann Grant. **hullavingtonsustainability2021@gmail.com**

Footpaths: Jon Atkey. **jon.atkey@willowdna.com**

Biodiversity: Debbie Lawley. **debbie.lawley@willowdna.com**

POSH: Gemma Lovering, Sarah Price-Tompkins and Toni-Ann Grant. **poshfor2022@gmail.com**

Energy: Looking for a coordinator who has the passion to take forward the good work done by Tessa Clarke so far.
tessa@olioex.com

Many thanks to Sarah Tompkins for this summary and to all the volunteers taking part, your efforts are much appreciated! Ed

HULLAVINGTON HISTORY—THEN AND NOW



The original Village Green area - This month's then picture was taken by Eric Gough in the mid 1950s. It's behind the bus shelter and was originally known as The Green. The part shown in the photograph was walled in the 1950s and was pleasantly laid out with a seat, grass and small rose gardens. The building on the left is the pub with its sign 'the Queens Head Inn' on the top of a post set into the pavement. Sadly the Queens Head closed a number of years ago. On the right is the back of the bus shelter, built in 1953 to commemorate the Coronation of our Queen Elizabeth II.

In times past, most villages had a village pound, a small walled area used to house stray animals, either found in the village streets or in other farmer's fields. The owners could retrieve them from the pound but often at a small fee, the fee being used for the pound's upkeep.

Hullavington was no exception in having its pound, and it was in this same area just to the right going into Watts Lane. In the distance in the picture can be seen the village telephone box. At that time it was a very important village utility. It was not easy to repeat the high angle for my 'now' photograph, but it does show how attractive the walled area is looking at present with the early spring flowers. As I mentioned in a previous article it had a complete makeover in 2006 at the hands of the WI, and another more recently for which we can give thanks to Jo Martin and John Granger. *Dave Hunt*

HULLAVINGTON WI



We all enjoyed meeting Sara Bottomley in February with her large collection of quilts which she had bought when she lived in many countries with her husband who was in the army. Each quilt had a fascinating story attached to it. Members also enjoyed our New Year's lunch at The Old Royal Ship in Luckington.

Our Annual meeting will take place in March followed by games of Bingo. In April, we are to meet the Medical Detection dogs and expect to find out all about their work. Also in April members will attend the John Aubrey Group meeting at Kington Langley when Jane Moore, head gardener at Bath Priory, will tell us about 'Planting for Butterflies'. In May Phil Yates will be returning to give us a talk entitled 'Made from Stardust'. Phil last spoke to us on Zoom during Lockdown about his travels with mountaineers as the team doctor. It will be interesting to actually meet him and find out what the title of this talk means.

We meet in the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Isobel Acott

MARATHON NEWS

Sunday 6th March saw the inaugural running of the **Hullavington 20-mile** run which was initially scheduled to be run last year but was delayed by “you know what”. We had a small but perfectly formed field of less than one hundred runners which was down on the anticipated numbers. Even so, we had some good performances with Andrew Kirkup of the Lonely Goat Running Club leading home in an impressive 1-hour 58-minutes 38-seconds ahead of Thomas Smith from London Fields Triathlon Club and Will Langdon from Bristol. In the Ladies’ race Francesca Rawlings of Clevedon AC recorded 2-hours 15-minutes 43-seconds to take victory ahead of Maree Jesson of Corby AC and Louise Letmen from Newbury.

Our next event being held in the village will be the **Hullavington Half Marathon & 5K** run on Sunday 15th May. It will be hosting the Wiltshire County championships so it is expected that we will see some pretty impressive times recorded, perhaps seeing the 70-minute barrier broken on this playfully undulating course. Many others will be attempting to complete the chal-

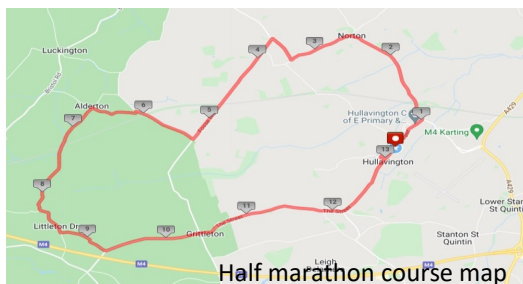


Runners coming through Parklands

lenge of running 13.1-miles and earning a specially minted spinning medal as well as getting free cake at the Hullavington Arms. Entries are open for both race distances at

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but if you don't fancy running but would like to get involved I have some £30 “beer” vouchers for the Hullavington Arms to pass onto anyone that is able to assist in ensuring that we can get the runners around the course safely. If you are interested then please drop me a line at info@stampedesports.co.uk . *Darren Wrintmore*





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Holy Week

APRIL

Sun	03	11.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church
Sun	10	11.00	PALM SUNDAY Morning Praise
Mon	11	21.00	Compline
Thur	14	19.30	MAUNDY THURSDAY Sherston Church (for details see below)
Fri	15	10.00	Messy Easter for mums and toddlers
		14.00	The Final Hour, a reflective Service for Good Friday
Sun	17	11.00	EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION
Sun	24	10.00	Group Service in Luckington

MAY

Sun	01	11.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church
Sun	08	11.00	Morning Praise
Sun	15	11.00	Holy Communion
Sun	22	11.00	All Age Family Worship
Sun	29	10.00	Holy Communion: Group Service in Norton

The Maundy Thursday Service in Sherston will be a re-enactment of the events of the night before Jesus was crucified. Using readings from Luke's Gospel it will include the foot washing, the Last Supper, and the Disciple's Watch. It will begin at 7.30pm and you can leave when you want. A powerful and moving event to help us focus on Jesus' death on the Cross for us.

HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



January 'Force of Nature' by Jane Harper

The second book by Jane Harper after the success of 'The Dry', which we had read previously.

"A good book to occupy a day or two reading on holiday."

"If the idea of a team building event with your work colleagues fills you with dread then reading this novel will only reinforce your worst nightmare. Having now read several of Jane Harper's novels I was once again captured with the question of just who did it and why!! Harper has an ease of style that evokes unease and fear. All the women are flawed and rather more unpleasant than pleasant, which in many ways makes the novel more intense."

"A good fast-paced read."

"If people liked it they may wish to read The Lost Man by the same author. I thought that one was excellent. I really enjoyed this book. The author's descriptions of the area were very good, easy to conjure up a picture of the terrain involved. The characters all seemed very believable and the story reached a satisfactory conclusion. I never wished to go on any team building exercise when I worked and am rather glad I won't ever have to now! It reminded me of Lord of the Flies."

February 'The Marble Collector' by Cecelia Ahern

At the March meeting, the group enjoyed an excellent discussion about 'The Marble Collector', including how difficult it could be to hide 'another life' from your family—in this case, collecting and the playing of games with marbles. We also talked about other games, less popular in modern times, including 'shove ha'penny'.

"The story tells of a father and daughter, as the father, suffering from post stroke memory loss, comes to the end of a life, of which he actually remembers very little. His daughter is triggered to discover his past life when she receives several crates of his belongings, in particular an extensive and valuable collection of marbles, of which she had no knowledge.

The first part of the book seemed to me to be fairly mundane and even pedestrian. Cecelia Ahern has probably written better novels than this one.

Towards the end the novel comes more to life and she shows she can write, especially in the key scene where Sabrina, the daughter, finds the pub where her father won the World Marbles Championship and meets the fellow members of the team. All this he had kept secret from his family. The underlying themes of what memory actually is and what even close relations never know about each other are touched on but the emphasis on marbles as a literary device does not really bear the weight the author puts on it."

"The novel takes you on a bitter sweet journey following a daughter's surprise discovery of her father's marble collection. The story is made all the more poignant by her father's severe stroke and loss of memory that forces her on a journey of surprising discovery.

The secrecy around Fergus' double life at times seemed rather baffling and Sabrina's reaction and angst somewhat over the top. However it does beg the, question of exactly how well we know and understand our loved ones and ourselves.

Overall I found the novel rather hard going especially at the start, and the switching between characters chapter by chapter seemed rather confusing but I am glad I stuck with it."

March—'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens

'For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. The time comes when she yearns to be loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.'

Film of the Book. We show a film on the **first Wednesday** of the month, in the side room at the village hall. These evenings are enjoyed by both book group members and friends. Doors open at 7.15, the film starts at 7.30. Due to space, numbers are limited, so please book seats in advance.

For information about Book Group and Film of the Book evenings, please contact Elizabeth Parry-Williams, 20 The Street, Tel: 01666 837713 email: peac@globalnet.co.uk

The church has had a busy few months. On the 7th February, a tree was planted to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Many villagers joined in with singing the National Anthem and enjoyed a glass of bubbly to celebrate.



During March, volunteers helped to maintain the inside of the church and tidy up outside—not glamorous but much appreciated! Sorry if I didn't catch your picture, I captured a serious amount of 'bending over bottoms' that I thought I'd best leave out! Ed





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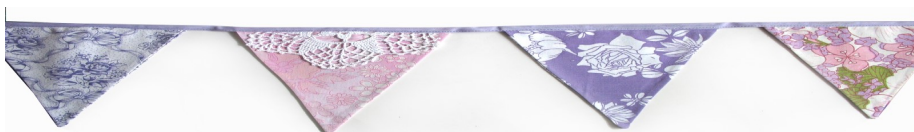


In the last edition of the newsletter, we explained why films have been shown in the small hall. We've missed the pre-pandemic times when we showed films in the main hall to audiences of 20 – 40 people—where we could enjoy social interaction with larger numbers of people.

There are now modest, but encouraging signs of “recovery” in numbers. Significantly, we have had enquiries from current and former film goers as to when films will be shown in the main hall again which is a welcome development. We are planning to show **one film per month in the main hall** – with effect from **May 2022** – providing the hall is free on our proposed dates. In addition, we acknowledge the fact that the main hall has now been fitted with ceiling panels which have substantially improved the acoustic characteristics of the room. (Thank you to the Hall Committee.)

Hopefully, this proposal maybe a useful first step on a journey when **all** (Fourth Wednesday in the month), Film Group films will be shown in the large hall. Watch this space for further details.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Don't forget the Church Fete and

Dog Show on 11th June 2022

Details: Anna-Kate 07375 306881





LONDON HOUSE PLANT SALE

In aid of the church building

Our plant sales are back again this year, and the planned dates are 16th & 30th April and May 14th and 28th from 8.30 am to 12 noon outside London House.

Depending on the weather we are expecting to have a range of flowers and vegetables available over the four Saturdays. We will be selling red geraniums and white geraniums plus blue lobelia and white lobelia to help you create Jubilee themed pots and baskets! Cosmos, marigold and other annuals will be available. Tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes and beans will be among many varieties of vegetables also on sale. Once again, we hope to have strawberry plants available.

If you have any surplus plants that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful to receive them. The last two plant sales have raised over £2,500 for the upkeep of our beautiful church and our sincere thanks go to everyone who has supported this initiative. *Jebbie Hewitt*

HULLAVINGTON HUB

We are delighted that we have been able to restart the Hub following all the Covid restrictions. The Hub takes place on the first Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm and you can get coffee and cake as well as light lunches.



Saturday the 5th March saw many people from the village support the Hub as all the money taken on the day went to support the people of the Ukraine. It was so successful that we ran out of cakes, sausage rolls and soup and we raised nearly £1,000 on coffee, cake and lunches. This was boosted by some generous donations - we have sent off almost £2,500 to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukrainian Appeal! Thank you to all who have donated to this appeal.

It was a delight to see so many people packed into the church, and such a pleasant atmosphere! The next Hubs coming up are the 2nd April and the 7th May and our special Jubilee themed Hub will be on Saturday 4th June. *The Hub Team*

Wow—what an amazing effort! Ed



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Suggestions proposed at the meeting of interested parties held in Hullavington Church on Thursday 24th February.

Over the extended Bank Holiday weekend there will be four National days of celebration and it is suggested that we consider the following: (national events in **bold**, *Hullavington in italic*)

Thur 5 June. Trooping the colour & lighting of beacons. *Parish Council PC event on the Village Green, possibly lighting a basket/beacon*

Fri 6 June. Service of thanksgiving Westminster Abbey. *Village Hall Open Games Day in Village Hall and possible Jubilee Quiz, Jubilee Coffee Morning in Church*

Sat 7 June. Party at the Palace. *Hullavington Hub in Church with Jubilee theme and a family fun day * (pm) venue tbd (fancy dress—1950s?)*

Sun 8 June. Jubilee Lunch & Pageant. *Thanksgiving service in Church at 11am followed by celebratory refreshments. Village Picnic—venue tbc*

*The Family Fun Day (Sat) and the Village Picnic (Sun) may be one event on either the Saturday or Sunday. It was assumed some streets may wish to have a party and we hope this timetable might be of assistance to them in their planning. Other ideas:

The planning and mapping of a Jubilee Walk route around the village to be published for others to use

Debbie Lawley / Walking Group

Co-ordinating other walking groups in the area for a Jubilee walk around local villages

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The purchase and distribution of Jubilee mugs. Could be advance orders only—who would do it?

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A village pageant/carnival/lunch or party for elderly

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Monday night's matches, however, were rather different from the usual league games, as these were competing pairs of players from the league using our village hall as a neutral venue for the end-of-season matches. Six pairs should have been competing but, due to Covid, only four pairs were able to attend. Three pairs of players from Crudwell and one from Little Somerford competed in the play offs, the winning pair going through to the final match of the Malmesbury League on the 9th of April. During the interval, over a much earned cuppa, the players praised our village hall and our short bowls mats, which are still quite new as they haven't been used for the last two years due to Covid!

It made a refreshing change to watch league matches again; it is a rare event in our village hall because we are no longer league members due to the shortage of players willing to play competitively. Hence, our Monday night bowls club has become more of a social gathering, playing for enjoyment and personal challenge. However, we do have two excellent mats and plenty of room for new members, competitive or otherwise, so do come along if you would like to join our friendly group on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30.

Pam Brelsforth

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AGM

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HULLAVINGTON NEWS FUTURE

You'll remember from the last edition that we're looking for a fresh pair of hands (or several) to take over editing the news. It's fair to say I haven't been inundated with offers, in fact I haven't had any interest at all yet—still hopeful! I think it would lend itself to being a shared role and therefore really wouldn't take much time.



Please have a ponder and let me know, I'd be delighted to have an informal chat with anyone considering it—no commitment!

PLATINUM JUBILEE AND 50TH BIRTHDAY

SOUVENIR EDITION OF THE NEWS

I'm planning a colour 'special edition' of the news to celebrate our 50th birthday and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I think it would consist mostly of pictures of events that take place in the village during the celebrations and also stories of the village in the past—kind of a massive 'then and now' issue. Not sure yet whether it will be a one-off or be the focus of the August-September edition, open minded at this point.



I'd love to have your inputs please. Photos and stories from the past, perhaps of previous village celebrations or carnivals etc. I'd particularly like to invite villagers who have lived here a while to contribute. If you have anything to share, please send them (don't need to wait!) to me at 'editorhullavingtonnews@gmail.com' or drop them into 1 Gibbs Lane. If they're not digital, that's fine, I can scan them and get them back to you.

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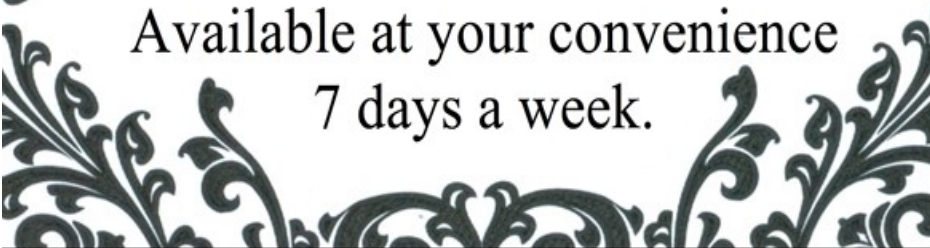
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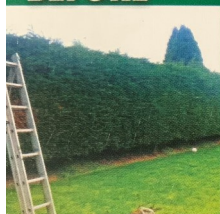
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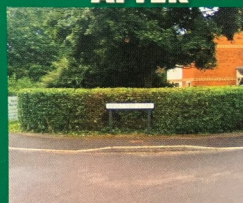
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WALKS AROUND HULLAVINGTON – Jon Atkey

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1. Starting by Hullavington Garage, go down Frog Lane and take the footpath at its end. Just before the camp boundary fence, cross the stile on your left and follow the path through a gap in the hedge opposite.
2. Continue along the path, now with the hedge on your right. At the end of the field, cross the stile and footbridge on the right to continue in the same general direction, along the boundary fence to follow a narrow path for about another 100 yards before emerging into a large field on your right.
3. Follow along the edge of the field, now with a hedge and the little stream on your left. The Stile at the far end leads you into an old marshy track Watery Lane and, after another 100 yards, you climb a stile to emerge onto the main road out of the village.
4. With great regard for road safety, turn right and then left to follow the small back-road to Malmesbury for a few yards. At the first bend of the road, go straight ahead to enter the field across the stile by the gateway.
5. With the hedge on your left, proceed for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile until you enter a small patch just before the track goes under the railway through "Chowell Bridge". When you emerge at the other side into "Chowell Mead", take the stile and the footbridge on the right by the gateway and turn left.
6. Two stiles are very evident as you cross old pastures into a larger field which you traverse bearing diagonally left to the corner to cross a stile and a footbridge into the next field. The field route now runs parallel to the A429 over The Downs, with good views of the surrounding countryside.

7. As you keep the hedge on your left, the path along the next field ends in a small thicket, which you pass through, also crossing the Parish Boundary into St Paul Malmesbury Without, and then gently downhill to a gate into the next field. The path at this stage has a boundary fence on your right as you cross a field about 1¼ mile long.

8. At the end you will see a gate which leads you across a field for about 200 yards, over the stile and into a small hawthorn and hazel copse. Go straight ahead and after 100 yards you will be out of this, cross a stile, descend a grassy slope with a very nice children's playground to the main road. The Radnor Arms is 100 yards on your right. Enjoy!



9. From the Radnor Arms, walk 200-300 yards towards Malmesbury, over the bridge, then turn left into Mill Lane. In another 200-300 yards you will pass some old cottages and the old mill. Soon you will see the on your left a bridleway, which you follow with the Gauze Brook first on your left and then on your right. The bridleway runs lower and parallel to the outward path.

10. Pass through a gate, then follow the left-hand hedge until it becomes a boundary fence. Take the gate in this fence into the adjoining field and cross to the hunting gate at the end into a larger field. At this gate you re-enter Hullavington Parish. As the ground rises, you will see the beginning of the old cart track Down Lane, which will take you back to Cemetery Corner. You then continue straight on up The Street to your starting point.

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Jolly Tots	Rachel Cripps	07850 176901
M'bury & District Link	-	01666 840861
N'hood Police Team		101
N'hood Watch man- dy.hullavington.nhw.@gmail.co m	Mandy House	07955 410350
Parish Church	Adam Beaumont	01666 311177
www.hullavingtonparishcouncil. org.uk	Sharon Neal	01249 659842
Poetry Group	Catherine Sander- son	01666 838824
Primary School & Little Hoots Nursery	Sue Tudge	01666 837604
Recorder Group	Maggie Dyson	01666 837358
Rights of Way, Roads & Pave- ments		0300 4560105
Short Mat Bowls	Pat Harper	07462 136889
200 Club	Geraldine McKibbin	01666 837736
Village Hall anna@hullavingtonhall.org.uk	Anna Durrant	01666 837569
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 Simon Durrant



We moved to Hullavington from Scotland in 1998, having previously lived in Biddestone when our children were young.

I was staying with Anna's parents and looking at houses with Anna's mother as surrogate Anna. We just fell for the house. There was nothing else we wanted. The Cullums who lived there at the time wouldn't take our offer until Anna flew down to see the house. Then our sale fell through so we had to pull out. Then we sold and John Cullum called and offered us a lower price if we could close. Lots of stress for Anna but it was better in the end.

I like that Hullavington is "real". Not pretty enough to have lots of second homes and so everyone lives here and works here, or from here. The proximity of the open farmland is great although, sadly, the decline in wildlife has been evident while we have lived here. I think there is an increasing energy in the village now, with lots more people getting involved, creating initiatives, which is great. If urban living is about amenities; access to shops, cinema etc then village life is about community. Hullavington is a great place with some great people, so get involved.

I am involved with the village hall—I had a 'foggy moment' and went from being a member of the Village Hall management team to being the chair! Anna has been secretary for about 20 years and I've been a member for about 8 years.

This coincided with a number of long serving members of the committee leaving, so we have built a largely new team.

I see the village hall as an asset for the whole community and some of the changes we have made are intended to make the hall more available to more users. I work from home but must confess I don't work that often. I do some woodwork and do a lot of DIY (ancient homes are lovely to live in but do need a lot of TLC!). I'm also on the Friday coffee morning rota in the church. I'm interested in audio and do recordings of any concerts, local events and "things". One example of that is a recording on the Gauze brook at dawn that I did last May.

I was asked about anecdotes I might like to share; I was chatting with the late Victor Rawlins of Mays Farm and he mentioned going to Surrendell Farm on his tractor to do some ploughing. "They never had a stitch on!" said Victor.

Quick Fire Questions:

Guilty pleasure? Computer gaming.

Who would play you in a movie of your life? Sean Connery.

If you could change one thing in the village? Have more people involved in the great initiatives that are underway.

Dream dinner party guest? Kate Adie – eye witness to so many globally significant events. Her memoirs are a great read.

Advice to teenage self? Get off your butt; I was a late starter.

Cat or dog? Dog, every time.

Happiness is? Listen to "Switching off" by Elbow and you'll get some idea.

Bucket list item? New Zealand.



Regular Events:

Monday	Bat & Chat Table Tennis, weekly 2-4pm. See p.39 Short Mat Bowls, weekly 7.30-9.30pm. See p.38
Wednesday	Film of the book. 1st Wed of the month. See p.29 WI. 3rd Wed of each month, 2pm. See p. 25
Thursday	Yoga, weekly. See page 50
Saturday	Hub. 1st Sat of every month. 11-1pm. See p.35

Future Dates:

April	2nd Hullavington Hub—church p.35 4th Bat & Chat AGM, Village Hall—p. 39 10-17th Easter Church Services —p.27 16th Plant Sale London House 8.30-12pm - p.35 30th Plant Sale London House 8.30—12pm - p.35
May	Film Group re-commences—p.34 3rd Community Group Meeting—p.23 7th Hub. 11-1pm—p.35 14th Plant Sale 8.30—12 noon—p.35 15th Half Marathon & 5K—p.26 28th Plant Sale 8.30—12 noon—p.35
June	3,4 & 5, Jubilee Celebrations—p.36 4th Jubilee Hub—p.35 11th, Church Fete & Dog Show—p.34
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