Hullavington News



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Feeling hot, hot, hot......

I'm sure by the time this comes out, the weather will have calmed down a bit but currently it's 39 degrees and I'm having a proper 'boil in the bag moment'!

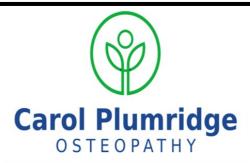
Anyway, a lovely cover photo sent in by Maggie Dyson. On a beautiful morning in June, she heard an unusual sound and popped out just in time to capture this lovely steam traction engine and trailer coming through the village.

Some sad news in this edition as we say goodbye to a couple of residents who made a very big difference to the village, more on page 14.

On a brighter note, the village show schedule is on page 22. Jon has some interesting new classes this year, let's hope for another lovely day like last year so we can sit outside after admiring the exhibits and catch up with friends and neighbours over a cup of coffee and a bit of cake!

Best wishes

Sally Jeeves, Editor



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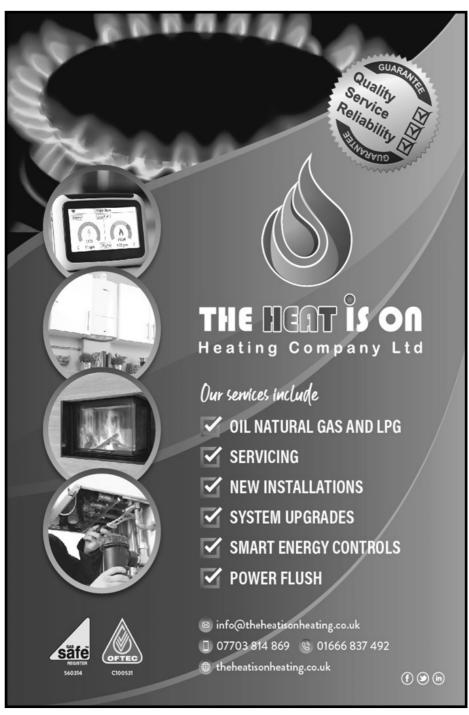
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VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News



Maggie Bawden

Many of you will have heard the sad news that Maggie Bawden passed away on the 10th July. It would be difficult to start this column without mentioning her as she was such a major contributor to the News, as she was in so many other areas of village life. Rachel Hurst commented "she did such a lot for the village and never asked for anything in return. Her strong character got

things done. During lockdown she was brilliant, organising medicines to be delivered to those that needed them and adding several households' shopping onto her online shop to save people going out; she had a huge, positive impact on the village". Maggie also served for many years on the Parish Council and of course kept us up to date with her email messages. Our condolences to her friends and family. *Ed*

Village Email Updates

Following on from the note above, it's become clear that we're really missing the regular email updates Maggie used to send, particularly for those not on Facebook. Several people have asked if anyone would like to continue this useful service. It was something Maggie did as a personal favour to the village and is not linked to the Parish Council or any village group. It was a private email list so anyone considering it would need to start their own list keeping GDPR in mind—hope there is someone out there who can take the initiative!



Caroline Napton

We also lost Caroline Napton recently. Caroline ran the very popular 'Muddy Dog Paws' business in the village. Many of us with dogs and cats used her business and enjoyed her boundless enthusiasm and incredibly caring personality. She'll be greatly missed. Heartfelt condolences to her family and friends. *Ed*

50 years on!

Many thanks and congratulations to all the editors and teams of assistants who have kept the Hullavington News in production for the last 25 years, thus enabling it to reach the 50 year mark.

As I sat at my portable Olivetti in September 1972 I never gave a thought about what I was starting. For the first 20 years it remained in "portrait" multi-sheet A4 formation using wax stencils and ink printing, produced by me with help from our daughters with collating. However, technology was moving on and by late 1993 the current A5 book had arrived. As I read present day editions I feel like a 'proud mum' seeing her 'offspring' flourish.

Here's to the next 25-50 years!

Margaret Roberts

The School Fete took place on the 9th July

Sue Tudge wrote in Hullavington Happenings: "Thank you to the Friends of Hullavington School for organising the School Fete and raising over £1700. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event which will benefit all of our pupils.

What a great effort! Ed

Update from the Chair of Hullavington Parish Council

We all know of the good work that Maggie Bawden has done over the years for this village and as a long-standing Chair of the Parish Council, it is with sadness the Parish Council pass on our condolences to Simon, Johnathon and their families for their sad loss.

Thanks to all that came to see the lighting of our Jubilee Beacon, it was a big surprise to Dave Martin and me to see so many people there and mark the occasion by lighting the Queens Silver Jubilee Beacon.

Very soon, new shelving will be fitted into the Watts Lane Bus Shelter for the Book Swap facility. Whilst provided by the by the Parish Council, it comes with a warning, please take care of it - books and the shelving, it is for everyone's enjoyment so please keep it tidy, it can just as easily be removed.

We have a new project at the initial scoping stage. The wall surrounding the Watts Lane Raised Flower bed is falling into a state of disrepair. On safety and Insurance grounds, action needs to be taken. The extent of the repairs or rebuild are still being considered.

Finally, we should all thank the Sustainability Group for their considerable time and effort to bring High Speed Fibre connectivity to the village. It is not their fault, there is nothing that anyone could have done about it, Open Reach have decided to pause progress until the outcome of the new Wiltshire Council Contract to roll out fibre cabling across the county is known.

Graeme Slaymaker

The Hullavington News Future

You'll know by now that we've been looking for a new Editor for the news—it's getting kind of time critical now. Just two more issues before I file my last copy. I've asked lots of people. Many, I believe, would help in some way but aren't willing to take on the role of editor. That does suggest that if someone will make the leap, I'm convinced there are plenty of people who will help with background work to ensure the role isn't too onerous and of course, Liz Greenman has kindly offered to carry on with managing all the finances and advertising.



Talking of which...to our loyal advertisers, we have put funds aside to reimburse you if the magazine doesn't carry on.

Please consider it and let me know if I can answer any questions. Thanks. 'Editorhullavingtonnews@gmail.com'.



Closure of the local Rotary Club

It is with great sadness that we report that the local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds closed with effect from 30th June 2022. The Club was chartered in June 1967 and had as its first President Charles Nicholls, the popular manager of Lloyds Bank in Tetbury, who continued to be an active member of the Club until his death in December 2020 aged 96.

The Club was based on the two towns of Malmesbury and Tetbury, historically great local rivals! Initially the club met weekly with one week in Tetbury and the other week in Malmesbury. Over the years it has met in a number of locations including the Kings Arms in Malmesbury, the Horse Guards at Brokenborough, the Mayfield at Crudwell and finally at the Old Royal Ship at Luckington.

Throughout its 55 year history the Club has carried out numerous activities raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for both local and national charities. In addition to its fund raising events, community service projects were carried out.

The Club has also through the wider Rotary movement engaged in International Activities. Old tools were collected for the "Tools for Self Reliance" project in Africa, computers were procured to be sent to South Africa and the Sight Savers initiative was strongly supported with millions of eye patches supplied. More locally, the club made significant contributions to the Brighter Futures project to provide radiotherapy facilities at the Great Western Hospital and to the Life Education Centre (LEC) mobile classroom that visits many of the primary schools in Malmesbury and the surrounding villages.

When the Club was originally Chartered most of the members were in their 40s but as with all organisations the members get older and unfortunately we were not able to attract new younger members in sufficient numbers to continue. Times, family priorities and work pressures have changed and the absence of a single geographical focus did not help. However we have had a good run and achieved a lot of good over the past 55 years through our enthusiasm, teamwork and capabilities – and lots of fun and fellowship.

Doug Hughes (Club Secretary) and Peter Wyman (Past President).

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- Free activities, such as rhyme times and reading groups
- Large print books for people who need a bigger font
- A mobile library service with regular stops in areas without a nearby library
- A Home Library Service taking books to people in their homes who are unable to visit the library themselves
- Seating throughout for you to enjoy a book or read the newspaper

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The 46th

Hullavington Village Show

Saturday 27th August 2:30 - 4pm in the Village Hall





Vegetables and Fruit
Flowers
Flower arranging
Food
Crafts
Art
Photography
Children's classes





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Free exhibit entries for all competitors 50p entry for all adults







Timetable

- 10.15 Doors open for staging of exhibits
- 12.00 Staging of entries to be completed
- 12.30 Judging commences
- 14.30 Show opens to the public
- 16.00 Close

Veg & Fruit for The Hawker Challenge Trophy

- V1 4 potatoes same variety
- V2 3 Onions trimmed and tied
- V₃ 3 Runner beans
- V4 1 Any other home grown veg with seed packet
- V₅ 3 Carrots
- V6 1 Cucumber
- V₇ 6 Soft fruit same variety
- V8 3 Rhubarb sticks trimmed
- V9 2 Courgettes same size
- V10 3 Dessert apples
- V11 3 Cooking apples
- V12 4 Tomatoes (with calyx)

Flowers for The Vic Rawlins Trophy

- F1 4 Asters
- F2 4 Cosmos
- F₃ Dahlias, any variety
- F4 3 Rose heads, any variety
- F₅ Minimum 4 sweet peas
- F6 3 Stems Annuals
- F7 3 Stems Perennials
- F8 3 Salvias, any variety
- F9 1 sunflower
- F10 Flowering pot plant

Flower arrangements for The Harmer Shield

(max 30cm x 30cm base unless stated)

- FA1 Dining table centre (max 30 x 30 x 30cm)
- FA2 "Platinum" (max 60 x 60cm x any height)
- FA3 What! No Flowers? arrangement of greenery (max 30 x 30cm x any height)

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FA4 Petite (max 10 x 10x10cm)

FA5 Novice* freestyle (max 30 x 30cm x any height) someone who has not won a flower arranging class

Food for The Hullavington Village Hall Cup

FO1 Jar of marmalade FO2 Jar of soft fruit

FO3 Jar of something pickled but safe to eat

FO₄ Quiche

FO5 Apple pie on a plate FO6 4 Savoury bites

FO7 Traditional Victoria Sandwich

FO8 4 biscuits on a plate

FO9 Individual platinum pudding

FO10 Cordial

Crafts for The Hamilton Cup

C1 The Queen in miniature

C2 Made from scraps C3 Anything "stitched"

Art for The Parry Williams Trophy

A1 A portrait of the Queen

A2 Pen & Wash A3 Mixed media A4 'Village view'

Photography for The Star Inn Trophy

PH1 'Surprise!' (black and white)

PH2 'Modern Farming" PH3 'Wild Hullavington' PH4 'Village Jubilee'

Children Under 9 for The London House Cup

UC1 A child size crown fit for a Queen or King

UC2 A drawing of your family

UC3 Garden flowers in a jam jar

2022 Entry Form

No entries after 6.30pm on Thursday 25 August

Please circle all the classes you're entering

Vegetables and Fruit V1 V2 V3 V4 V5 V6 V7 V8 V9 V10 V11 V12

Flowers F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8 F9 F10

Flower Arrangements FA1 FA2 FA3 FA4 FA5

Food FO1 FO1 FO2 FO3 FO4 FO5 FO6 FO7 FO8 FO9 FO10

Crafts C1 C2 C3

Art A1 A2 A3 A4

Photography PH1 PH2 PH3 PH4

Children under 9 Years UC1 UC2 UC3

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Show Regulations

- Open to all residents of our lovely village, members of Hullavington WI and any lucky visiting children
- 2 The decision of our esteemed judges is final
- 3 All entries for flowers, fruit and veg must be home grown for at least the last two months
- 4 Flower arrangement classes may include purchase flowers
- 5 All cut flowers to be shown in vases—the show organis ers will not be responsible for loss or damage to any containers
- 6 Please don't enter more than once per class, but please do enter lots of classes
- Please look after your trophies as we need them back for next year. Please do engrave your trophies with your name and year of your victory

HULLAVINGTON HISTORY—THEN AND NOW





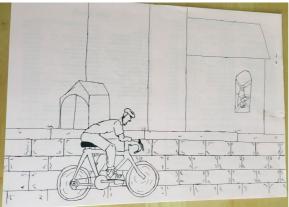
The 'then' picture one was taken about 1986 from the piece of grass between Greens Close and Newtown and shows the farm buildings that once stood on the land opposite, now occupied by the houses of Blicks Close. It was a fairly small farm and certainly at one point, was owned by a Mr Norman Woodman who lived in the farmhouse to the right of the barn buildings. He kept and milked about twenty cows in the buildings shown. To the very right of the picture is the end of the building which at the time was the village shop.

The 'then' picture two was taken from the village green looking across towards Greens Close and again shows the same farm buildings. It is not really possible to take a 'now' photograph.

The 'now' of picture one does show that the field wall seems to have been retained almost completely, apart from the gate entrance, while the farmhouse remains but probably much modernised. The former B&B of Ken and Ali Reed is now on the right. Dave Hunt



This image was sent in by a previous editor Margaret Roberts— _____ many thanks, Ed!



I am attaching a photo of the back page of the 21st Birthday issue of the Hullavington News. This was drawn by Ian Wilkinson who drew it to depict the Great Cycle Ride in 1993. Ian's mother, Pat, still lives in Royal Field Close. Margaret

HULLAVINGTON WI



Our members enjoyed themselves creating their own flower arrangements under the guidance of Edith Cook at our June meeting. Everyone went home with a flower arrangement to be proud of. At the Scrabble day organised by the Federation Maggie Dyson and Hilary McDougal excelled themselves finishing first and second. Well done ladies!

In July we are looking forward to Liz Watts telling us how she creates superb pieces of pottery in her studio at Monkton Farleigh. Entitled 'From Clay to Art' she will display some of her work as well as giving us a slide show of pieces of work too big to transport to Hullavington. In August we will hold our Summer garden party/BBQ. Let's hope the weather is fine. Our September meeting brings a visit from one of the guides at Highgrove House who will talk about the gardens and work done there.

If you would like to visit us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm then do come along to the Village Hall. You will be very welcome.

Isobel Acott



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AUGUST				
Sun	07	11.00	Holy Communion	
Sun	14	11.00	Morning Praise	
Sun	21	11.00	Holy Communion	
Sun	28	11.00	All Age Family Worship	
SEPTEMBER				
Sun	04	11.00	Holy Communion	
Sun	11	11.00	Morning Praise	
Sun	18	11.00	Holy Communion	
Sun	25	11.00	All Age Family Worship	

Ride+Stride Sat 10th September, between 10am and 6pm

Have fun, get fit and raise money for your church! This year's national sponsored Ride+Stride event, coordinated by Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust_is open to cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters of all ages (under 13s must be accompanied by an adult). It could be as simple as enjoying a gentle stroll from one church to another. Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues – so much per church visited or a lump sum for the whole of your excursion – then visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route. For further information visit wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

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Please help us to help others. Donations of food items are now being collected in St Mary's Church, for *Doorway*, the Chippenham based charity supporting rough sleepers, people in temporary accommodation, and those with housing problems. Items welcomed are tinned foods, jars of cooking sauce, savoury noodles, rice packets, instant coffee, instant hot chocolate, sugar, biscuits and laundry detergent. Currently they don't require cereal, rice and pasta. Please bring them along to the church and place them in the clearly marked donations box, where you will also find an up-to-date list of items that *Doorway* would love to receive.



Village History

Blond Bomber Bicknell

I received a telephone call from a Marcus Bicknell, who, although not living in this area, has been a reader of the Hullavington News. He has recently completed the biography of his father Wing Commander Nigel Bicknell R.A.F., D.S.O., D.F.C. & bar, "Blond Bomber Bicknell", and as his father spent time at RAF Hullavington during the war he felt he would like to contribute a short article for the News with regard his father's experiences here at Hullavington.

It briefly describes his father's time at the base, but also mentions that his father liked to sketch, and that while at Hullavington he had sketched an attractive WAAF. On the sketch he has written the word "Ponds" and Marcus is intrigued as to what exactly his father meant. He has his theories as indicated in his article but if anyone in the village could throw further light he would be delighted to hear. If you have any thoughts please email him as indicated at the end of his article.

David Hunt

Hullavington, the war pilot, the ponds and the face cream

By Marcus Bicknell

In 1943 Hullavington village was an oasis of relative calm where pilots from the nearby airbase could seek a warm pint of beer, some warm words with friends and, with any luck, the warm touch of a female hand. Then back to the Lancasters, seven hours in the air at -20°C, enemy fire and the risk of being one of the 57,205 Bomber Command pilots killed in World War (a 46% death rate). This little article is to say you might have family members with similar experiences and answers to the questions posed.

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WAAF poster



Ponds WAAF 1943



Hullavington, the war pilot, the ponds and the face cream

By Marcus Bicknell

In November 1942 Squadron Leader Nigel Bicknell DFC was posted back from Canada to the prestigious R.A.F. Empire Central Flying School at Hullavington where he trained new pilots on many types of fighter-bombers and flew operational missions over Germany including in Lancasters. He had already been decorated for bravery in saving his Observer when on 19th August 1940 his Bristol Blenheim, ditched in the North Sea. They had suffered an engine failure at night over Holland; "Bicknell decided to abandon his original target, Antwerp, and bomb an alternate target, Haamstede aerodrome". He was at Hullavington from November 1942 to April 1944, and again from December 1944 to July 1945. His intensive operational and training flying averaged two flights a day, month after month. In mid-1944 Nigel was with 1409 (PAMPA Meteorological Flight) at Wyton. Notable flights by Nigel provided photos of V2 launch sites and weather data which contributed to the delay of the D-Day Landings by one day from 5th to 6th June.

My father Nigel was a talented artist and documented much of his life with pen and ink sketches. It's not surprising considering the stress of his wartime flying that the subjects of his sketches would be of happier subjects. I published last month a biography of my father BLOND BOMBER BICKNELL available on Amazon. On page 40 is his sketch of this attractive WAAF with the caption "Ponds". What did he mean by that? Which Ponds?

The sketch was done during his time at Hullavington, probably mid 1943, and I have been wondering who she was and where he met her. In Hullavington village surely. Was the term "Ponds" used for Hullavington in 1943-1945? There was indeed a pond where the village green is now and it was mentioned in David Hunt's article in the April/May 2021 edition of this newsletter. Did it fall into usage, or shorthand, for example, would an airman have said "I'm just off to the Ponds to meet a lady friend"?

Would it be attractive to wander off from the Star Inn (now called the Hullavington Arms) to the ponds behind St Mary Magdalene Church for a quiet moment? Or from the Queen's Head which was open in the war? Were there two ponds in the village?

Maybe Nigel was thinking of a different meaning of Ponds. He had a maverick sense of humour and a *double entendre* would be his choice for a caption to such a sketch. Clearly my dad thinks this young lady has terrific looks, maybe even some inner quality. What about Ponds face cream? During the 1930s the American Pond's company expanded slowly, adding Face Powder and Angel Face products. There is evidence that Ponds would be a brand that was widely known in the UK too and sought after, maybe traded like silk stocking. Nigel had been in North America with the RAF for a year so would have been more exposed than some to their brands. "Ponds" could therefore be his shorthand for a girl who looks great and who looks after her appearance; or even a girl who looks after her appearance too much, someone supercilious and cold.

The other caption to Nigel's sketch is interesting. He has written in the top right in faulty French "chapeau à la anglaise". Indeed, comparison of his sketch with a period poster shows both caps have the same peak. Was the girl an American?

Two years later my dad's Hullavington experience was not so great. He nearly killed himself. His Gloster Gladiator iced up and crashed on the runway. His facial injuries were so bad that he was unrecognisable five months later when he left Wroughton hospital. But he survived and I, his son, am here to tell the story; and stir some memories and ask the questions.

Please do contact me at marcus@bicknell

Many thanks to Marcus for sending this fascinating article, I hope someone can fill in some gaps! Ed

Many thanks to Sarah Tompkins & the team for the following update. Ed

Community Fibre Partnership

We said from the beginning that our journey to upgrade to fibre optic cable was likely to have a few bumps in the road. Until we had signed on the dotted line that there were certain things that could affect the process, and to our huge frustration we have indeed hit one of those obstacles.

The BDUK (the government's independent executive in charge of the broadband rollout) have placed us into another procurement round of bidding for the National Gigabit rollout – there are currently few details. This means that at the moment, until the bid process is concluded, our Community Fibre Partnership has been paused by OpenReach.

There are 3 possible outcomes

- 1 No one bids for us (as was the case last time)
- 2 OpenReach bid on us and win the tender
- 3 A smaller provider wins the bidding process

Toni-Ann and I will continue to progress the CFP where we are able, so that if Option 1 above is the outcome, we will be able to minimise time lost to us while waiting for the tender process to run its course

As soon as there is any news, we will share it with you.

Take care, Sarah and Toni-Ann

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Summary:

PROGRESS

- OpenReach have confirmed the conclusion of the survey
- Final offer costings outlining the exact project details due w/c 18th July

POSITIVES

- •We now have 2 potential delivery vehicles for the project CFP and Gigabit
- •Both of which could see OpenReach delivering our service.

NEGATIVES

- $\bullet \textbf{We cannot progress the CFP until the outcome of the Gigabit tender is known/published} \\$
- Regardless of future delivery vehicle (CFP or Gigabit) timescales will be pushed back

RISKS, ISSUES & OTHER

No bid = carry on with the CFP

OR win bid = need to understand the total cost / time to deliver the upgrade under Gigabit

Other bids

= impact assessment needed to understand how this affects us regarding future broadband options

and delivery timescales

Hullavington Village Hall



The BJ Big Band entertained us with some fabulous music on Friday 8 July in the Hall. The band rehearse in our hall every Tuesday night, so it was fantastic to hear the 18 piece band live. An eclectic mix of music, song and instrumentalists. We hope they will play again for us later in the year.



COMING UP IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL

5 August 2022 - *Games Night* from 7.00pm. Come and try out some new board games, or Table Tennis. The bar will be open. Teenagers and adults welcome! Very informal just come along, for a get together with friends.

2 September 2022 – *QUIZ NIGHT*, make up a team of 4 - £12 per table. Email Sophie@hullavingtonhall.org.uk to book a place!

The Church Fete and Dog Show (raising funds for church maintenance) took place on Saturday 11 June. It was a warm, sunny day and the dog show was really popular.

Lots of volunteers manned the stalls with everything possible on offer from local honey, plants, ice



BOBBING

cream, local venison burgers, pony rides and a silent auction. It was a lovely day, particularly through Pimms coloured sunnies! Thanks to everyone involved, especially John and Henny Metters for hosting it in their lovely garden. Ed

More photos overleaf.....













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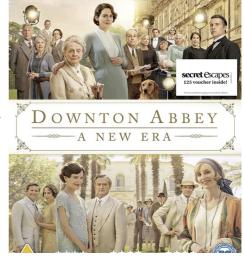


Fourth Wednesday film evenings have now returned to the **main hall**. £3.00 for adults, £1.00 under 18's.

Doors open at 7.00, films start at 7.30. All welcome, and no need to book.

Some films coming soon include: The Outfit; Downton Abbey, A New Era; Benediction; Fantastic Beasts: The Secret Of Dumbledore.

Film Group EXTRA has limited seats for the third Wednesday in the month. These popular sessions are held in the side room at the village hall and needs to be booked in advance. Please contact Peter or Elizabeth on 01666 837713, peac@globalnet.co.uk, or speak to Peter at the Post Office.





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HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



The group meets on the second Tuesday in the month, 2.00 pm in the village hall. We held our last two sessions outside, enjoying the sunshine, and shade. Refreshments and chatting about the books (and other things), made for very pleasant afternoons.

In May we read 'The Storyteller' by Jodie Picoult

This book didn't appeal to everyone, but it prompted a good discussion.

Reviews:

"This is the story of multiple characters over three generations with the holocaust impact as the overwhelming theme, still touching them all. A young woman bakes bread for a living, whilst grieving for her own mother. There she meets an elderly man who, it turns out, was a Nazi SS commander in the same concentration camp as her still living grandmother. He seeks forgiveness from her. The young woman requests help from the FBI agency dealing with these crimes and meets a man, clearly Simon Wiesenthal in disguise.

The tension sits around two unfolding stories, one the grand-mother's, the other the grandmother's allegorical work of fiction."

"This is a novel I will find hard to forget. Given the subject matter of Nazi occupied Poland and concentration camps it is a far from easy read. A cleverly written story switching between modern day USA and war time Europe, it is a novel of redemption and forgiveness.

It has compassion, anger and even a touch of happily ever after. If you can cope with the horrific realism of life in a concentration camp it is well worth the effort and wait for the twist at the end."

June: 'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth Hogan

Once a celebrated author of short stories, Anthony Peardrew has spent a lifetime collecting lost objects. Realising he is running out of time, he asks his assistant Laura, the only person he can trust, to fulfil his legacy and reunite the thousands of objects with their rightful owners.

A lovely book to read during the summer months, do try this.

The novel was enjoyed by nearly everyone in the group. Some comments during our discussion: "If you are feeling a bit down, an ideal book to cheer you while drinking a cup of tea; a delight; I couldn't put it down, and left reading the ending for a while because I couldn't bear it to finish...."

Review:

"A truly wonderful, charming and undemanding read. This is a gentle and unique novel, sprinkled with a little magic, that will pull at your heartstrings but leave you with a genuine feeling of hope.

The main characters have all suffered setbacks and challenges in their lives but through humour and kindness they all win through.

Although the novel definitely has a "feel good factor" it is not sickly sweet and in places will have you laughing out loud.

My only criticism is I am not sure how much the parallel story, of Eunice and Bomber, added to the main protagonists story-line, but all in all well worth a read."

July: 'Enigma' by Robert Harris

In this 1995 novel, Tom Jericho is a young mathematician, based at Bletchley Park, working on the Germans' "Enigma" ciphers during World War 11. Reaching the point where he is physically and mentally exhausted, Jericho must break a new code before a traitor among his group can stop him.

In 2001, the book was made into a film, starring Kate Winslet and Dougray Scott.

Film of the Book evenings are held on the 1st Wednesday in the month, 7.30 in the side room at the village hall. Due to limited space, seats need to be booked in advance.

August title to be confirmed.

Please contact Elizabeth Parry-Williams Tel: 01666 837713 email: peac@globalnet.co.uk for information about Book Group, or Film of the Book.

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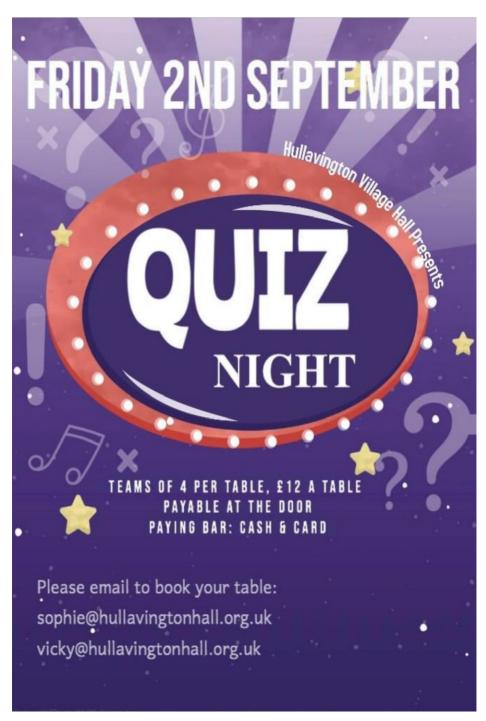
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WALKS AROUND HULLAVINGTON – Jon Atkey

Walk Five – To Stock Wood and Return – Distance: 2.5 Miles



This month's selection from the "Walks Around Hullavington" series offers views behind Gardners Drive and of Stock Wood on the edge of the airfield. In the past, this wood was owned by the Duke of Beaufort and offered a plentiful supply of ash and hazel for the many hurdle makers of Hullavington.

- 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 right, into the field called Ryelands.
- 2 Head for the diagonally opposite corner of the field to cross the footbridge past a pond on your left. Frogspawn has been found here. Access to this bridge has a tendency to become rather overgrown. If this is the case when you do the walk, you may find it easier to cross the stream a little further back in the field.

- 3 As you continue to follow the hedge side into the corner of the field, two stiles and a footbridge in quick succession take you over a ditch into the next field.
- 4 By keeping near the hedge now on your right you will pass over a stile into a short sectioned-off area and a series of wooden fences behind Cooper's Kennels.
- Turn left as you enter this area and, with the hedge and deep ditch on your left, proceed over the series of fences towards Stock Wood by crossing the various stiles and the footbridge in the far corner of the field.
- 6 Pass the grass-covered hangar on your left and follow the edge of Stock Wood to the end of the very large field where there is a hunting gate into a conservation area. Before Hullavington Airfield was opened in 1937, the path between here and Stanton St Quintin must have been a delightful amble.

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For any queries, please contact:

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200 Club for the Village Hall

Congratulations to our recent winners:

May £50 - Issie Greenman £25 - Carol Noah
June £50 - Liz Moulder £25 - Tracey Tillotson

We are looking forward to the draw at the Autumn show which produces 2 £100 winners as well as 2 £50 winners. It could be you! We also hope to welcome new members at the Autumn show. We then start collecting subscriptions for the new calendar year in September and in to October. We do prefer bank transfer and these can be made monthly, quarterly or annually. But cash and cheque payments are accepted, of course. Thanks for your continued support.

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Meet the Villager

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

In this edition, we meet Grace Smith



I moved to Hullavington over 50 years ago and have been happy to utilise the facilities the village offers. Lots of changes have occurred over this length of time, some good and perhaps some not so good – but to please everyone is tricky.

I had two children who used the play group which was held in the old village hall and run by two ladies and helped by mums. From play school to village school on to Hardenhuish school and Grittleton House School. Transport for Anna to the school bus was shared by Dudley and Jebbie Hewitt – with their children. My son, Mathew headed in the other direction and shared his journey to Grittleton House School with the Cullum's sons, Ben and Jamie.

I have worked in the village school assisting in the kitchen when Mrs Castle was the cook — who I may say made lovely school dinners and was a pleasure to work with. I remember walking to Stanton St Quintin village when we had such deep snow we couldn't drive in or out. At the time I was a home help for the social services and we had to get there. The milkman would bring crates of milk down by cemetery corner and we would have to slide and trip our way to collect milk. Health and safety has stopped and changed so much.

My later work was 20 plus years in Bath for the Ministry of Defence, again travelling by car in all sorts of weather. I lived in Bath until I was 9 years old when I moved with my parents to Kington Langley. Both areas played quite a large part in my life. I have always had respect for our local church but having been brought up in the Chapel circuit, have mostly gone to chapel at Kington Langley. I have recently joined in with our village church and have received a very warm welcome — I would recommend church family life to everyone in the village; it helps build moral foundations for younger people who desperately need strong guidance in the modern world.

As you can tell, my age is 'old' and lots stories and memories accompany that fact, but the newsletter only allows for so much.

As to my future – life everlasting in Glory where God has promised us 'no crying, no tears or sadness'; how lovely - bring it on!

Guilty Pleasure? – too many to list but a I do like a doughnut **Who would play you in a movie?** – Renee Zellweger, she would be kept very busy and win a Golden Globe?!

If you could change one thing in the village? – a lovely play park Dinner Guest – Michael Palin, listening to all his travels would make me feel as if I been there

Cat or Dog – Done those and would love a donkey, next best thing though I do donate to the Donkey Sanctuary

Happiness is – Spending time with my grandchildren

Advice to teenage self – Bit late for that, can't go back, just move forward and learn from mistakes

Bucket list item – Not got one, I just live a day at a time and pray for health and strength to fulfil what is needed of me



Regular Events:

Monday Bat & Chat Table Tennis, weekly 2-4pm

Short Mat Bowls, weekly 7.30-9.30pm

Wednesday Film of the book. 1st Wed of the month

Film Group Extra, 3rd Wed of the month Main Film Group, 4th Wed of the month

WI. 3rd Wed of each month, 2pm

Thursday Yoga, weekly

Friday Coffee shop in Church. 10am-12pm

Saturday The Hub. 1st Sat of every month. 11-1pm

Future Dates:

Aug 5th, Games night—p.37

24th, Film night-p.42

27th, Village Show-p.22

Sep 2nd, Quiz night—p.37

5th, M'bury Singers free taster session—p.20

10th, Ride and Stride—p.31

28th, Film night-p.22

Nov 19th or 26th, London Coach Trip TBC