

# Hullavington News



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# [ Contributions ]



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Welcome to the December edition of the News—my last one!

I'm absolutely delighted to confirm that Abi Elliot-Williams will head up a new editorial team for the News in 2023. I was concerned after several months of appeals for a new editor that it wouldn't continue—several people kindly came forward to offer their help but none were quite in the position to take on the role. I hope you'll offer Abi the same support and encouragement you have me.

I've very much enjoyed my time editing the news and it's reinforced for me what a great village Hullavington is to live in. I'd like to thank everyone that has played a part—our advertisers, our printer Jason, our contributors and particularly our treasurer and proof reader Liz Greenman.

In this edition, there's news of a Hullavington Oil Purchasing Scheme 'HOPS' on page 16 and a new 'warm space community hub' in the Village Hall on page 18, both great ideas and very timely!

All that remains is to wish all our readers the very best for the forthcoming Christmas celebrations and the New Year.

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# [ VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News ]

## Remembrance Sunday

Always a poignant occasion. It was marked by a special service in the Church to remember the fallen and all those who have and who continue to serve and protect us.

As in previous years, our friends from Buckley Barracks turned out in force to show their support. Catherine Sanderson managed to catch this photo before the service began.



## Coming in February 2023

Hullavington artist Chis Winter will launch 'an introduction to Oil Painting' in early February.

All levels will be welcome. For more information, please email [chriswinter-art1@gmail.com](mailto:chriswinter-art1@gmail.com).

## HULLAVINGTON WI



In the past year we have had some wonderful speakers and that was definitely the case in October when Nick King came to talk about 'Goats' milk skin products'. He started his company after a car accident when he was a police officer, this led him to retiring and breeding his own goats' to supply him with goats milk as part of his diet. From this small beginning, he began to experiment making soaps shampoos and creams. He and his family now run a very successful business in Somerset. Members were keen to purchase some of these products at the end of the meeting.

Also in October, members attended the John Aubrey group meeting for a talk on famous and daring female aviators. Two members attended the Wiltshire Federation Annual Council Meeting held for the first time at Marlborough College. For many years this has been held in Salisbury, but now City Hall is not available due to the NHS taking it over for vaccinations. The reverend Kate Bottley was the guest speaker and was warmly received by all.

Our November speaker will be Mike Lewis talking about 'Graffiti'. This is expected to be very interesting as graffiti has been drawn on walls for hundreds of years so I'm sure he will have lots to talk about.

The WI Christmas concert is at Edington Priory at the beginning of December and our December meeting has been brought forward a week to December 14<sup>th</sup> when we will meeting for a celebration lunch and entertainment by Ruth and her harp. These 2 events will make us feel Christmas has really started. Then In January Sue Roberts will talk about 'Investitures'. New members and friends are always welcome at our meetings so come along and find out what we have to offer you.

A Happy Christmas to everyone and hopefully a Prosperous New year.

*Isobel Acott*

## Hullavington Oil Purchasing Scheme (HOPS)

A public meeting was held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, 2 November 2022 to introduce the HOPS scheme. 42 residents attended. The organising committee members are Tessa Clarke, Community Sustainability Coordinator, Graeme Slaymaker, Chair of the Parish Council, Simon Durrant, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Harry Dicks, self-appointed HOPS Coordinator.

**Introduction** The price of domestic heating oil has more than doubled over the last year. The cost of electricity has risen dramatically. These factors, at a time of high inflation, mean that most people are considering how to reduce their spending on energy.

**Proposal:** HOPS would be a domestic oil buyers' consortium. In our case, it would be a community buying scheme where the community is our village. All residents with an Hullavington address would have the opportunity to become a member of HOPS. It would be free to use; there would be no membership fee and no money would go to or from HOPS. Members would have no obligation to use the preferred provider and members could still try to find a lower price elsewhere. HOPS would be modelled on BEAM, the scheme that has been used in Burbage for 15 years and as explained by the guest speaker, Dr Martin Hamer.

**Recommendation** Research suggested Ford Fuels should be the preferred provider, they also happen to be the company used by BEAM for the past 12 years. Ford Fuels can offer significant discounts to an oil buyers' consortium and has the size, infrastructure and experience to deal with HOPS members' orders efficiently. It also has sufficient supply routes to provide customers with domestic heating oil should supplies be adversely affected by international or domestic events. Ford Fuels have given a verbal assurance that HOPS members would have priority over new, individual customers in the event of oil shortages.

**How would it work?** Members would receive the price of oil per litre via email from Ford Fuels every Monday. Currently, this price would be discounted by 2 - 6 pence per litre for the week - no haggling! The amount of discount will be influenced by the season and number of HOPS members. If you choose to order domestic heating oil with an additive, it will cost an additional £0.01 per litre. If you wish to place an order, do so by phone: tel. 01761 452222



The minimum order is 500 litres, (900 litres preferred). Whatever the size of your order, the price will be the same, i.e. the one you were sent on Monday of the week of your order. You will be asked to make a pending payment by debit or credit card, actual payment will be taken after your delivery has been made.

Delivery will be made 3-5 days after you placed the order and Ford Fuels will, whenever possible, plan to make a number of deliveries to HOPS members by one tanker on the same day. After you have received three deliveries and thus proved your credit worthiness, you have the option of entering into a credit agreement with Ford Fuels allowing HOPS members to pay for their oil by monthly payments.

**Outcomes** By a show of hands, the meeting agreed to proceed with the scheme as outlined above. The initial target was 100 members which will enable a significant discount from the outset. The scheme began on 21 November 2022.

**How to apply** Click on the link below to submit the application form. You will find your tank size on the side of the tank, e.g. R1220 means that the tank has a capacity of 1,220 litres. <https://forms.gle/ztx4w6CMGCYmpLtL9>

For any residents who do not use email, hard copies of the simple application form will be available from the post office counter in the village shop. Please put the completed forms through our letterbox at Beanfield House, 58 The Street.

**Further updates** Updates will be provided by Village Communication. If you do not receive these emails from Geraldine McKibbin, I recommend you contact her at [hullavingtonupdate@gmail.com](mailto:hullavingtonupdate@gmail.com) and ask to be included on her circulation list. Now, it's over to you! If you have any queries or would like to see the video of the meeting that Simon very kindly recorded, please do not hesitate to contact me. [hullavingtonoil@gmail.com](mailto:hullavingtonoil@gmail.com). *Harry Dicks*

*At the time of writing, 101 members had already signed up for HOPS with more in the pipeline, one of the members saved 6 pence per litre compared to what they were about to order with their previous supplier! Many thanks to Harry and the HOPS team for organizing and running the scheme, it's much appreciated and couldn't be more timely! Ed*

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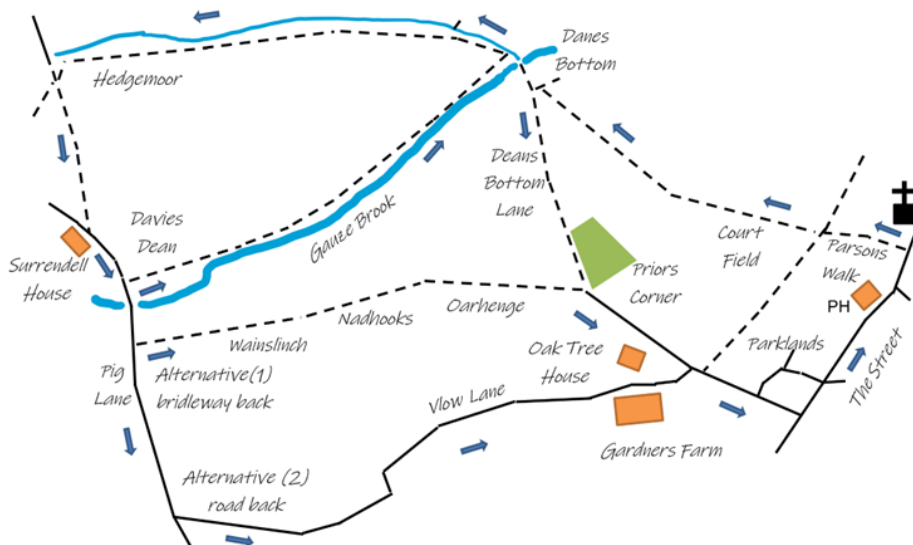
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## WALKS AROUND HULLAVINGTON – Jon Atkey

### Walk Seven – Across the fields to Surrendell House, 3 Miles



This month's selection from the "Walks Around Hullavington" takes you over the fields to Surrendell House and back along the Gauze Brook. To vary the walk a bit, there's a choice of return routes to the village.

1. Starting from the Street, go down Parsons Walk. At the end of the path go through the kissing gate and straight on across Court Field keeping to the right of the electricity pole. This is gently uphill for most of the way. After crossing the stile go down the field and out of the gate at the bottom left corner. Turning right here, the track then takes you to the bridge over Gauze Brook.
2. Keeping the hedge on your right, follow the path along the field edge to cross the second stile on your right and then along the edge of another four fields, again keeping the hedge on your right. After the gate into the fourth field, Hedgemoor, take a line past the rough, tussocky, marshy patch on your right, towards the stile just to the left of the tall bushes on

the far side of the field. Cross the stile and turn left into the track towards Surrendell House, where you join the metalled lane.

3. Passing Surrendell House on your right, continue downhill and turn left over the stile by the gateway where a signpost reads "Danes Bottom  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile", cross the field Davies Dean. If you look carefully, you can still see the remains of medieval ridge and furrow cultivation in this field. Take the stile at the far corner on your right. Follow the path with the hedge now to your left and with the course of the Gauze Brook in the valley on your right. Cross the dilapidated stone stile into the next field to follow the Gauze Brook to the stone bridge at Danes Bottom.

4. Turn right and cross the bridge to reach the track Deans Bottom Lane, which takes you back to the village via Priors Corner and Parklands.

Alternatively, you can either follow the road back from Surrendell House, or take the bridleway, which begins on your left, about 250 yards from the House. After another 20 yards, up a steepish bank you will find a small hunting gate and, if the way ahead is not obvious, take a straight line towards Priors Corner, a patch of woodland  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile ahead, past the filled-in quarry through Wainslinch, Nadhooks and Oarhedge. The last 300 yards comprise a cart-track Oarhedge Lane which brings you to the corner of a pretty little wood known as Priors Corner. Turn right here and follow the lane for about 350 yards.

Originally Oarhedge Lane was double-hedged most of the way to Pig Lane; it being the route walked by the children who lived at Surrendell when they came to the village school; but in muddy weather Vlow Lane was used. Oarhedge Lane was probably created (c1670) so that the farms at Surrendell could bring their tithes to Hullavington. Although today it stops well short of Pig Lane, in former times it would probably have followed the course of the bridle way to Pig Lane. Each of these routes takes about the same time.

The full set of 10 Walks is available on the Parish Council website:  
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## HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



We meet at the village hall in the afternoon of the second Tuesday in the month, the group continues to enjoy lively discussions about a wide range of books.

Our **August** book was **'The Muse' by Jessie Burton.**

Unlike Jessie's 'The Miniaturist', which the group read a few years ago, this novel didn't appeal to everyone. However, those who like a novel which dots between two time periods with an element of mystery, enjoyed it.

A review: 'The Muse is a clever, original story with an intricate twisting plot. The novel is skilfully written, although at times a little flowery, and Burton cleverly evokes the atmosphere of two very different eras and locations. 1960's London and civil war-torn Spain of the 1930's. However, the characters in the novel did not really capture me and I found the dialogue and relationships did not always ring true. Overall the illogical behaviour and shallow characters spoil the novel for me. That being said, there was enough intrigue to keep me turning the pages and I was invested in the mystery enough to read it through to its conclusion.'

**September: 'Two Women in Rome' by Elizabeth Buchan**

A very good book to encourage discussion! Two time periods entwined again. Some group members who had visited Rome felt the novel brought the city to life, however another reader felt the novel lacked atmosphere. Some of us, who have yet to visit Rome, were inspired to do so from the descriptions in the book. We had an enjoyable time talking about the book, the role of the Catholic Church in Rome, the Vatican City, and about religion generally.

A review: 'Two Women in Rome', revolves around 2 strong females whose stories intertwine some 40? years apart. Nina's story takes place in the political turmoil of 1970s Italy, encapsulated by Aldo Moro's murder at the hands of the Red Brigade and the dominant role of the Catholic Church in all aspects of secular life. Lottie, a newly arrived archivist, uncovers Nina's story and becomes obsessed with discovering the truth about her murder. A thought provoking novel of love and intrigue that beautifully captures the smells, sites and sounds of The Eternal City, while recognising the overarching political power of the Catholic Church.'



## **October: 'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman**

This novel split the group, which is always an interesting outcome. We had a lovely afternoon discussing this first murder mystery novel by Richard Osman. Some loved the book, others thought it badly written/rather patronising towards elderly people and with characters which the reader couldn't warm to.

Reviews: 'An easy read, friendly and quite humorous in parts. Anyone with elderly relatives and experience of care homes and the ravages of old age will be able to relate to, and smile at some of the characters and story lines.

I did however find that there were rather too many characters in the plot and rather a lot of inconsequential clutter that took away from the flow of the novel.

I would describe it as a cozy crime novel but not sure I will bother to read the sequel.'

'A fairly short book which had lots of rave reviews. I was left a bit disappointed to be honest. There seemed to be so many murders and bodies, I lost track! Sadly, I didn't really care who murdered who in the end!'

'I enjoyed The Thursday Murder Club because of the interaction of the characters. The story is set in a retirement village and is told by a "narrator" and by the character Joyce who is writing her diary. A group of elderly people from totally different backgrounds find unexpected friendship and a meaning to their twilight years.'

## **December: 'Treacle Walker' by Alan Garner**

Film of the book evenings are held on the first Wednesday in the month, 7.30 in the side room in the village hall. Please contact me if you would be interested in attending these evenings. Due to limited space, seats do need to be booked in advance, please. Elizabeth Parry-Williams: tel: 01666837713 email: [peac@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:peac@globalnet.co.uk)

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Films are shown in the main hall on the fourth Wednesday in the month. £3.00 for adults and £1.00 under 18's. This includes refreshments. Doors open at 7.00, the film starts at 7.30. All welcome, and no need to book.

Due perhaps to the choice of films, or just because people enjoy an evening out, our main hall film sessions have gone from strength to strength over the last few months.

In October, Elvis brought in 31 people. The sound in the main hall is now so good we could all enjoy 'Elvis' in full flow on the stage. An interesting and sad life story.

**Wednesday December 21st Film title to be confirmed.**

**Totally 'free of charge' evening** – complimentary mulled wine, mince pies, tea, coffee, and biscuits. Do come along and enjoy this "no cost" film evening. No need to book – just turn up on the evening.

Doors open at 7.00 p.m. The film starts at 7.30 p.m. NB There will be a collection box for a local charity.

**2023—Wednesday January 25th**

### THE LOST KING

Film Group EXTRA has limited seats on the third Wednesday in the month. Films are shown in the side room at the village hall. Seats need to be booked in advance, please.

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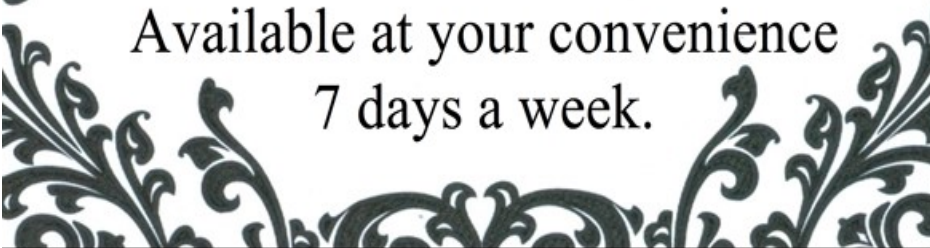
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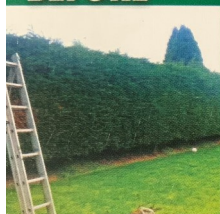
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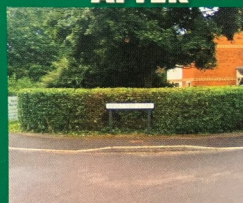
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# [ 200 Club for the Village Hall ]

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# Meet the Villager

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

**In this edition, we meet Caroline Darling**

My first glimpse of Hullavington was in 1957 with my parents Douglas and Anne Darling, my sister Sarah, our wonderful Nannie and various animals. My father was a professional soldier, he won the Sword of Honour at Sandhurst in the 1930s, joined The Rifle Brigade and was highly decorated at The Battle of El Alamein with the 8th Army and the Italian campaign, 80 years ago.

Animals have always played an important part in my life, chiefly dogs, ponies and horses. We lived at Darley House with its enchanting garden, mostly created and enhanced by my mother and her green fingers and lots of wild areas to muck about outside. I frequently had grazed knees! Darley House had been commandeered by the Land Army during the war. The unforgettable prolific flower border inside the curved wall was used for growing vegetables during WW2.

I went to boarding school; holiday memories back home were of Pony Club activities and summers spent visiting Grannie in Jersey. I concentrated on our lovely chestnut gelding Barley Cry. He was home bred out of Full Cry, Mummy's side-saddle mare who Daddy had ridden at the Badminton Three Day Event in 1957. With instruction from the legendary Col Frank Weldon (ex Kings Troop and Olympic gold medallist) and huge support at home, we completed Badminton in 1974, albeit with a cricket score - for the uninitiated the fewer penalties the better!

My 20s and 30s were spent in London working in various roles, having fun, cooking for private parties in the local area. I once cooked at the country house where Princess Margaret was a guest! I spent winters in the Alps running ski chalets, a summer in North America with a friend running the house for an eccentric old school billionaire.

The riding accident which Daddy suffered resulting in his death was a tragic loss for our family.



I always gravitated back to Darley House to spend time at home with Bussy (our nickname for Mummy). She was very resilient as anyone who had lived through the war was, and life went on with outings , racing , sailing and happy days , gardening. I spent time working in Australia and travelled extensively in India. A unique experience. My sister Sarah went to live in The Galapagos in 1990 , running her thriving Angelique Art Gallery full of all her own work. Memorable trips there have ensued. Sarah has several rescue dogs and cats. One of my bete noirs is the breeding of puppies and asking huge sums for them.

Now to my special good news; the birth of Benjamin in 1996. He had a charming father, Hilary Chittenden to whom I am eternally grateful for my son. Benjamin continues to bring joy in my life with all the fun of the fair and just recently came to the rescue when I broke my arm! Noteworthy friends have helped a lot too. The fabulous Houseboat Galapagos on the River Thames was my home for many years, returning to Hullavington whenever we could, staying with Grannie Annie. Following her death aged 92 and the sale of Darley House, I was lucky to find a village cottage.

I have many happy village memories including taking our horses to Mr Bartlett at The blacksmith forge to be shod. I remember the Post Office at London House run by Mr and Mrs Coram. Our pony Cain has carried Mary at many Christmas Eve nativity celebrations in all weathers . In 2011 he had been out hunting all day, just back in time to be spruced up for his proud role carrying Chantal the wife of Reverend Christopher riding side saddle .Chantal was heavily pregnant! Countless children have enjoyed riding Cain at the annual fete and elsewhere, Thelwell bucks too! I currently work part time for the charity 'Sense' supporting deaf / blind people.

Guilty Pleasure : Gin and tonic with ice and lemon

Who would play me in a movie? Elizabeth Taylor

Change in village? Re-open Hullavington Railway Station

Dream dinner party guest: Bill Nighy

Advice to teenage self: Be thankful for everything you are given

Cat or dog: Both

Happiness is: Taking joy in little things around us

Bucket list: An adventurous train journey



## Then and Now

The Methodist Chapel, Watts Lane.

It shut its doors as a church towards the end of the 1980's, the 'then' picture was taken at about the time of closure. I believe at that time, there was insufficient membership for it to continue. A little early history: from 1843, Hullavington Primitive Methodist society rented a former So-

ciety of Friends chapel for £1 a year. On Census Sunday in 1851, they registered an average attendance of 60 members.

In 1858, the Primitive Methodist society in Hullavington was given a guarantee by the owners that they could continue to use the chapel for a further ten years. As a result, they made a number of improvements, including

boarding much of the floor and a new door. It cost £20 of which they had raised £12. The re-opening on August 29th 1858 is described by T Powell in the Primitive Methodist magazine, stating that there was a prayer meeting, with preachers that included a G Tanner.'

I wonder if the elderly Charlie Tanner who lived opposite us in Newtown back in the 1970s, was perhaps a descendent of the above G Tanner, as Charlie was a Methodist Lay Preacher. After closure as a church the building was quickly converted into a house as shown in the 'now' picture.

*Dave Hunt*

