

# HULLAVINGTON NEWS

February 2023 - March 2023



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**H**APPY NEW YEAR!  
*Welcome to an unbelievable 51st year of the brilliant Hullavington Village News and to my very first edition as the editor!*

A huge thank you to the wonderful Sally who has sailed this mighty ship beautifully for the last 5 years with Liz by her side, setting the bar very high—no pressure there then! Luckily for me, both Liz and Jason at Jam-print are happy to stay on in their current role, and I have bribed, begged and cajoled a wonderful and thankfully large editorial team to work alongside me so although it's my name on the tin, it certainly won't be my name worthy of any credit for the following pages or editions!

In this edition, we have some lovely winter themed articles from villagers including the annual village London trip on page 14 and wreath making at the village hall on page 15. There is also a new quiz conjured up one of our editorial team to get the old grey matter going on page 20 (answers on page 27 - no peeking!)

Don't forget you can pick up issues of the Hullavington News at the Village Shop and Post office counters or Village Hall foyer. If you can think of any other places we could leave them out so everyone can get a copy, please drop me an email.

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

*Cheerio and toodle pip until the next issue,*

*Ali Elliott-Williams, Editor  
And the whole editorial team*



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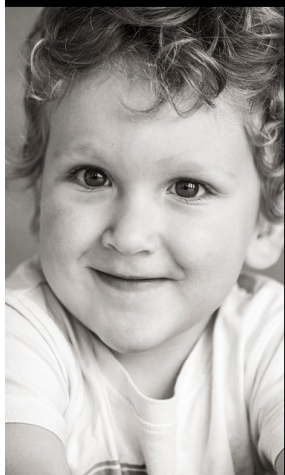
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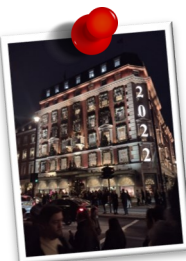
## Village London Trip

*The fabulous London trip was back with a bang, thanks to Liz and Peter Parry-Williams organizing it! Read on for a run-down and maybe whet your appetite for 2023.... Get your name down quickly though as it was oversubscribed as usual!*

**“The regular bus driver was a bit shocked to see such a large crowd at the bus stop at 8am on a chilly Saturday morning in November. Fortunately for him we were bound for London not Chippenham!**

It was lovely to have the trip revived again after the enforced break due to Covid. A full coach load of villagers both from Hullavington and the local neighbourhood all with different plans and expectations for a good day in the smoke.

The coach dropped off passengers at various points around London; for some the museums were the destination or a good point to catch the tube to travel to the outer reaches (Richmond and Kew), in search of gardens, wool shops and family.



For others the more central dropping off points for culture (The Courtauld Gallery), fabulous restaurants, theatres, shopping and history. An exploration of Sir Thomas More's early history and childhood around Milk Street, where he would have witnessed regular burnings, beheadings and hangings. Prescient sadly for him (don't get on the wrong side of Kings!).



We all re-convened in Hanover Square (a relief to get away from an incredibly busy Regent Street) to wait for the coach. A final bit of drama when a couple of party members had gone AWOL but arrived back at the last second. There had been train issues; so collective sigh of relief; driver Dan got back within his allowed working times and we could all reflect on a very good day.



So thanks to Elizabeth and Peter Parry Williams for brilliant organisation; Dan the driver and everyone who made it a fabulous trip; bring on 2023!”



# Christmas Wreath Making

*Liz Parry-Williams and Sue Kelly were back by popular demand with their wreath making day and Hullavington had some of the prettiest doors in Wiltshire to show for it!*

**“** Saturday 3rd December was our wreath making workshop at the village hall. This was very well attended, and, it appears, enjoyed by all and the hall has already been booked for a workshop again this year! Profits were split between three animal charities.



*"I was looking forward to the wreath making workshop again in December and it didn't disappoint. I spent a very enjoyable morning chatting with friends, and making some new ones, as we all created our wreaths from the wealth of greenery, ribbons and decorations provided. The coffee and homemade cake was delicious too and I came home with a unique wreath for our front door. Thank you!"*



*"fab event! Very relaxed...and we were so spoilt with the tea/coffee & cakes!!!"*

*"A very big thank you for this morning - I am delighted with my wreath."*



*"Book us in for 2023 please!"*



# HULLAVINGTON NEWS ACCOUNTS

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2022

### Income

Advertising Fees	£1,560.00
Donations	<u>£316.37</u>
TOTAL	<u>£1,876.37</u>

### Expenditure

Printing Costs	<u>£2,084.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>£2,084.00</u>
Less Loss for the Year	<u>£207.63</u>
	<u>£1,876.37</u>

Balance of Current Account at 31.12.2021	£3,505.52
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Balance of Current Account at 31.12.2022	<u><b>£3,297.89</b></u>

ONCE AGAIN we are so thankful to everyone who has made a financial contribution towards the cost of producing Hullavington News.

We do appreciate the help of Paul at the Village Shop for holding Collection Boxes for us, and also a supply of magazines. The total amount collected in the boxes during 2022 was £125.77.

Many Thanks,

Liz Greenman (Treasurer)

Our WI had a busy time in December. Members attended the WI Christmas Concert in Edington Priory where members from WIs around the county were present.

We also held our Christmas party when members sat down to a tasty hot meal with wine and soft drinks. This was followed by entertainment from Ruth who not only played her harp but also told us how she started to play the instrument even though she had no previous musical experience, and also interesting information on the different kinds of harps. We all thoroughly enjoyed it. This was followed by distributing our Secret Santa gifts.

In January our speaker will be Sue Roberts who will give us 'A Birds eye View of Investitures'. Seven members will also attend a literary lunch arranged by the Wiltshire Federation to hear Melanie King talk about 'Tricks of the Trade: Spying in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.' This is expected to be a humorous and informative talk. In February Daphne Atkinson will tell us all about 'The Queen's Hats'. We had tried to have this talk in 2022 but Daphne was in such demand we had to arrange it for this February.. In March we will hold our AGM.

Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Village hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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### HISTORY SPOT –

#### London Trip Extra!

Bill and Ruth Sandiford spent the morning searching-out the places where Sir (St) Thomas More spent his early childhood, including schooling. Thomas was born and raised in Milk Street in the late 15<sup>th</sup> Century, just a short walk along Cheapside to the east of St Pauls Cathedral. His father (Sir John More) was a lawyer. Thomas himself became a top judge, served as a King's Counsellor, and then became Chancellor of England. Sadly, Henry VIII had Thomas' head chopped off for not agreeing to his divorce from Queen Catherine, and re-marriage to Anne Boleyn. Obviously very brutal times. But fascinating stuff... especially for kids, apparently.

Here's a fanciful view, looking westwards along Cheapside, towards the old St Pauls Cathedral in the background. The medieval tower of St Mary-le-Bow (famous for its bells) is on the left. The two monuments in the middle of the road no longer exist. The nearest, known as "The Standard", was a water collection point. The farthest was "Eleanor's Cross", the site of daily hangings, beheadings and burnings in Thomas More's time. He'd have walked past it on his daily stroll from his home in Milk Street (top right), to St Anthony's school (bottom right).





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## SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2023

### FEBRUARY

Sunday	5	11.00am	Holy Communion with Junior Church
Sunday	12	11.00am	Morning Praise
Sunday	19	11.00am	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	22	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion in Sherston
Sunday	26	11.00am	Family Service

### MARCH

Sunday	5	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	12	11.00am	Morning Praise
Sunday	19	11.00am	Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)
Sunday	26	11.00am	Family Service



**LENT GROUPS** will be starting the first week in March across all the Gauzebrook villages. Let Sharon know if you would like to join one. [sharon@gauzebrook.org](mailto:sharon@gauzebrook.org)

**COFFEE SHOP** is open every Friday morning 10.00-12.00 In the village hall in February

**THE HUB** –definitely the place to be on **the first Saturday of the month** between 11.00 and 1.00. In Church. Meet your friends for lunch or just coffee and cake and browse all the stalls for bargains and presents.

## FIN EDITORIAL TEAM – JANUARY QUIZ

**Q**uiz time! If you fancy exercising the old grey matter after too much festive screen time, one of our lovely new editorial team has compiled a brilliant quiz so get your thinking caps on!

(answers at base of page 27—no peeking)



- 1 Which country has the national anthem 'Bilady, Bilady, Bilady'?
- 2 What is the name of the longest river in Asia?
- 3 How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
- 4 What was the name of a Snickers Bar before it was changed in 1990?
- 5 Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British city?
- 6 What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate Scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
- 7 Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles 'World at War' and 'Black Ops'?
- 8 What bird is shown in the centre of the official Wiltshire County Flag?
- 9 What is the oldest town in Wiltshire?
- 10 What is the name of the main antagonist in Shakespeare's play 'Othello'?
- 11 What colour is a kumquat?
- 12 What dog is nicknamed 'The Plum Pudding Dog'?
- 13 What was the most watched Netflix Series of 2022?
- 14 How many Prime Ministers in the UK were there in 2022?
- 15 When is King Charles III's coronation?
- 16 Who, to date, is the world's longest reigning monarch?
- 17 Which city was the first in the world to have a population of over one million?
- 18 Who wears the Ring of the Fisherman?
- 19 What is Joe Biden's middle name?
- 20 Where would you find the oldest pot plant in the world?



# HULLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## **Chair of the Parish Council Update**

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

We were pleased to support the provision of the Christmas tree again this year. Thanks to Cllr Cundick for donating the tree, Cllr Slater for working with Gurkhas from 9 Reg RLC led by Sgt Dipak Rai to erect the tree and Dudley Hewitt for making sure everything was ready on the day. Cllr Slater had fun and games taking the tree down in slightly wet weather I am led to believe.

In support of a Group of Volunteers taking the initiative to organise and run a Warm Space Afternoon (Fridays) at the village hall, the Parish Council were pleased to provide a donation to help make it a success. It is open to everyone, not just those in need of some warmth.

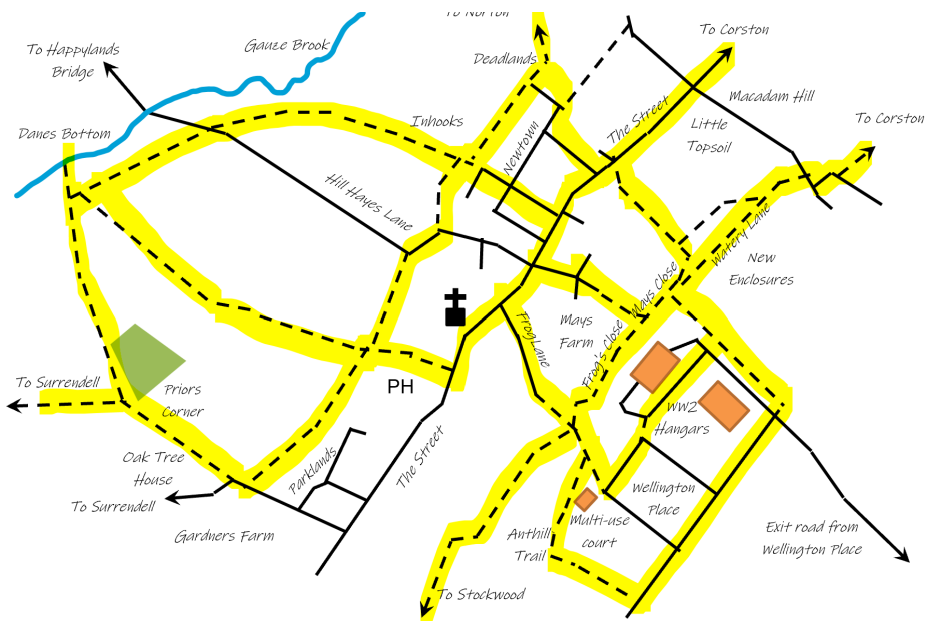
Some of you will have used the New Book Swap Shelving and Bench Seating in the Watts Lane Bus Shelter. These were required to satisfy the Insurance company and public safety obligations. Thanks to Cllr Martin (donated the bench steelwork) and to Cllr Slater for sourcing additional material and time for installation. The Parklands Bus Shelter will have a wooden bench seat installed later this year.

Following the Speed Indicator Device damage last year, the council are looking into options for a new solar powered device that will most likely be permanently sited at the Grittleton end of the village.

Since taking on responsibility for the Defibrillator in 2020, it has been withdrawn 3 times by the Ambulance Service. After each use, an out of service message is received from Community Heartbeat. It is duly inspected, if serviceable (pads not used, no damage and battery is serviceable) the device is recorded as serviceable on-line, and the monitoring system updated. It just goes to show that it provides essential lifesaving support beyond the reach of our community.

# WALKS AROUND HULLAVINGTON – Jon Atkey

## The village centre footpath network



I'm taking the opportunity this month to highlight the wonderful network of paths in and around the village centre. I'd also like to highlight some of the excellent footpath improvements that have been made by Dyson's Estates Team recently and to thank them for their hard work – it's made a huge difference! Overgrowth has been cleared, tumble-down stiles have been replaced by nice new gates and slippery old metal bridges have been replaced with solid new wooden structures. The result has been to make our paths much more accessible and safe.

The map above shows just how extensive the local network is and the pictures below show some of the new footpath works. If you've not seen any of these works yet and you fancy a stroll, a good place to start is by Hullavington Garage: With an eye on the above map, go down Frog lane and take the path at the end. Turn left through the wooden kissing gate and follow the path through to Watery Lane before turning left over the new bridge back to the Village Green and The Street.

If you enjoy walking with others, why not join Hullavington Footpath Group? We are a group of local residents seeking to enjoy, preserve, improve and promote the footpaths and other public rights of way in and around Hullavington. Our activities range from footpath working groups to organised walk events. You can find us by calling me on 07530 252793.



As always, please remember to follow the Countryside Code and, in particular – Leave gates and property as you find them, or follow instructions on signs – Be nice, say hello, share the space – Follow the local signs and keep to marked paths – Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit – Always keep dogs under control and in sight – Dog poo: bag it and bin it – Enjoy your walk, have fun, make a memory.

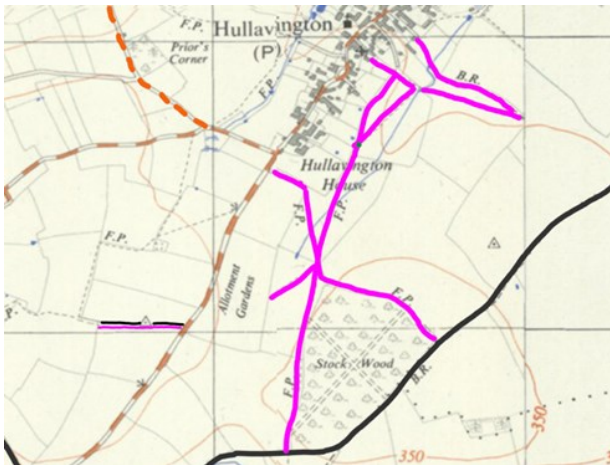
Finally, in case there's anyone reading this who doesn't already know about it, there's a delightful set of "Walks Around Hullavington" on the Parish Council web-site. Compiled by John Greenwood and Alan Roberts in 1995, these ten walks provide an excellent introduction to our local footpaths: [http://www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/Walks\\_Around\\_Hullavington\\_31117.aspx](http://www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/Walks_Around_Hullavington_31117.aspx)

# Hullavington Community Group Updates

## Protecting our Footpaths

- Are all our Rights of Way, Rights of Way?
- Should they be?
- Are they all safe from new laws which are due to be implemented in the coming years?
- What is the Definitive Map and why is it important?
- How was it made and by whom?
- What role does it play?
- Are there any Rights of Way in the Parish which could be lost?
- Are there any old footpaths not marked on the definitive Map?
- This is where process of elimination starts

See below



If you are interested in the answers to any of the above

If you find history and especially local history fascinating

If you would like to help to make sure we don't lose any of our 'Rights of Way' please contact us below

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## P.O.S.H.

As you may have heard, it is very likely that the community will be given the use of the paddock at the pub once the planning permission goes through. As soon as we have more information we will shout it loud and clear.

## Broadband and Fibre Optic Upgrade.

- You may well remember that back in July last year, due to a second round of government procurement, we had to pause the CFP which would have seen us being upgraded this year.

- This procurement and our participation in it is not yet finalised, however with only weeks to go before it goes out to tender all our postcodes are still currently included (12 January).
- If this remains the same, it will be the second time we have been a part of the so called 'National Rollout Programme'. Hopefully this time we will receive a bid, but it is not guaranteed.
- To ensure Hullavington Exchange is upgraded in the next 2 – 3 years we have secured the guarantee from OpenReach that regardless of circumstances *"If either the whole or part of the community are not picked up within the procurement, OpenReach WILL pick up with the current scheme (CFP66238) that is placed on hold by re-costing the final submitted address list."*
- Written confirmation was received 23<sup>rd</sup> December
- The HCG would like to thank BDUK, Wiltshire Council's Broadband Team, Nick Botterill and James Grey for all their help to achieve this outcome.

## Biodiversity Update

The Gauze Brook is the delightful little stream that runs through our village. It is fed by multiple feeds across the fields and villagers who walk locally will know this stream very well. In the summer the levels drop and recently, the stream has been in full spate.

Last summer a number of us were trained up as part of the river invertebrate monitoring scheme.

By monthly measurement of these little beasts it is possible to get a good feel for the health of the stream.



We are also looking for more riverfly testers - there will be more training available later this year.

The good news is that there is life in the Gauze Brook.



The bad news is that it is far less than 20 years ago. Working with the various agencies and especially the Bristol Avon River Trust, we are aiming to initiate several projects to turn this sad situation around. It has been twenty years since water voles were spotted on our river. If you are interested in any aspect of this as a villager or a landowner, please reach out to me.



We meet on the afternoon of the second Tuesday in the month in the side room at the village hall, when we enjoy refreshments and lively discussion about a wide range of books.

In **November**, we read **'Treacle Walker' by Alan Garner**.

Joe Coppock squints at the world with his lazy eye. He reads comics, collects birds' eggs and treasures his marbles, particularly his prized dobbers. When Treacle Walker, a wanderer, a healer, appears off the moor one day, an unlikely friendship is forged and the young boy is introduced to a world he could never have imagined. Set in his beloved Cheshire, Alan Garner delivers a stunning fusion of myth and folklore and an exploration of the fluidity of time.

This book split the group, some loved it, others gave up just a few pages in. However, it appears that after a couple of reads - it is a short book - the magic of the story becomes clearer. This choice certainly provided us with great discussion. Myths, magic and local dialect, all come into the story. Some of us have caught some interviews with Alan Garner on the internet, and these have given an excellent insight into the thoughts which lie behind the book. Those of us who were not initially charmed by the story are going to read it again.

## **Reviews:**

'Treacle Walker was such an interesting book as it left a lot to the imagination and provoked a lively discussion.'

'Although, when I was younger, I loved other Alan Garner books ('The Weirdestone of Brisingamen' and 'Moon of Gomrath') I found this book very hard to get into. After hearing other people's views I am going to give it another go and see if I can see more into the story - there seems to be a very deep meaning hidden there that I have missed.'

## **December: 'The Glasshouse' by Eve Chase**

Outside a remote manor house in an idyllic wood, a baby girl is found. The Harrington family takes her in and disbelief quickly turns to joy. They're grieving a terrible tragedy of their own and the beautiful baby fills them with hope. They keep her secret, but something happens to end their blissful summer.

'The Glasshouse' was enjoyed by most, it was an east read. The descriptions of the forest and some of the characters were beautifully written.

**Reviews:**

'This is a story told principally through two characters, Rita and Sylvie. The Forest of Dean is a moody and magnificent backdrop to much of the novel which features lost and found babies. It jumps between two timelines so not as confusing as some novels that use this device to excess. The characters are either very likeable, despicable or a bit silly. I liked this novel and found it easy to read, great for the Christmas period. I loved the connection to the forest, somewhere we regularly camp. The final coincidence was one too many for me but I still enjoyed the story.'

'A well written, but slow burning mystery novel that is atmospheric with several twists and turns. The characters are interesting if somewhat dysfunctional and the novel effectively explores grief and the lengths one will go to for the one's we love. Overall and interesting if predictable novel that took me a while to get into'.

'At times there is need for suspension of reality in the coincidences that occur and the ending was wrapped up a little too nicely'.

**January: 'V for Victory' by Lissa Evans**

Film of the Book evenings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, in the side room at the village hall. The film starts at 7.30. Due to limited space, seats do need to be booked in advance, please. For information about the books group or film evenings, please contact Elizabeth Parry-Williams tel: 01666 837713 email: [peac@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:peac@globalnet.co.uk)

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	6	'All The President's Men'	17	Rome
	7	Call of Duty	18	The Pope
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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The village hall is currently hosting the Friday church coffee morning, as it's cheaper to heat the hall than the church. From 10am – 12 noon is coffee morning, then a new team of volunteers takes over for the Hullavington warm space afternoon until 3pm. Delicious soups and bread and teas and coffee are served from noon at no charge (although donations are very welcome). **EVERYONE** is welcome to pop in at any time from 10am to 3pm and stay for as long as they wish. This will continue until the end of February.



There is a new dog training class taking place on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm.  
Contact Karen on 07769 953489 for more details.

The village hall committee are continuing to celebrate the first Friday of every month with a variety of social events. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February sees our first games evening of the year – a variety of dice, card and board games will be available as will a table tennis table and, of course, the bar! The ability to take card payments has made using and running the bar so much easier.

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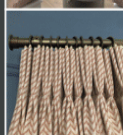
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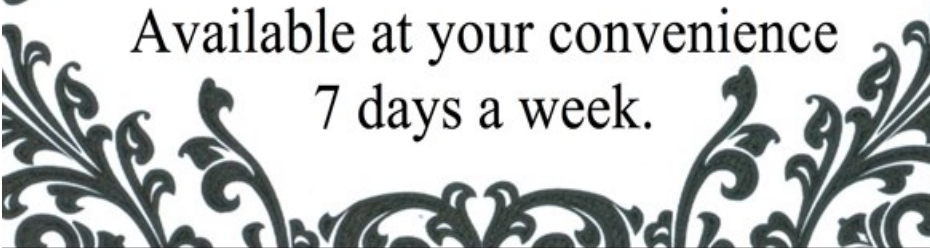
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For any queries, please contact:

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

# [ 200 Club for the Village Hall ]



The 200 Club draw takes place every month and our recent winners were;

- November - Graeme Slaymaker and Bob Fenner
- December - Richard Opperman and Sarah Tompkins

We are still collecting money for the year which started last October. If subscriptions aren't paid and up to date then your ticket will not be included in the monthly draw.

We currently have a few spare tickets if anyone would like to buy another one or take out a first one.

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# HULLAVINGTON FILM GROUP



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

Wednesday 22nd February:

## **MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS**

2022

1 hour 51 minutes

Certificate PG

Starring Lesley Manville, the film, based on a book, tells the humorous heartwarming story of London cleaner Ada Harris (Lesley Manville) who thinks her lonely life might turn around if she became the owner of a Christian Dior gown. She sets off for Paris.



Wednesday 22 March:

## **THE BANSHEE OF INISHERIN**

2022

1 hour 49 minutes

Certificate 15

Starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson.

The film follows two lifelong friends who find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their friendship, with alarming consequences for both of them.

**Film Group EXTRA** evenings, held on the third Wednesday in the month, in the side room, has limited seating, but if you are interested in attending these sessions, do contact us.



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

## MEET THE VILLAGER

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

**In this edition, we're meeting....**

### Carol Plumridge



I moved into Hullavington from Chippenham nine years ago; I had a plan to buy a smaller house to gently squeeze my son so he would move out. It worked; within seven months he moved to London!

Many years ago, I lived in Greenwich and I remember seeing a small cottage there and thinking I'd like one of those. Be careful what you wish for!

I thought long and hard about living in a village as I am not getting any younger! But Hullavington ticked all the boxes; it has a shop, post office, bus route and a great community.

It took a couple of years for me to take root but I am very glad I came.

I work as an Osteopath in Chippenham and I take a lot of inspiration from the natural world. I walk most days and love the fact that no two days look the same which I am now trying to capture with pastel painting.

I really enjoy what is on offer in the village; film group, Pilates, quiz, countryside plus when you step out of your door you always meet someone and (mostly) you have a quick conversation.

**Guilty Pleasure:** I am with Nigella Lawson on this, it's an oxymoron. My non guilty pleasure is really good coffee.

**Who would play you in a movie?:** Olivia Coleman

**If you could change one thing in the village:** Have the drains regularly cleared.

**Dream dinner party guest:** Neil Macgregor

**Advice to teenage self:** Lighten up!

**Cat or Dog?:** Cat

**Happiness is?** In the small things

**Bucket List item:** Being able to see the Earth from Space.

## Then and Now

**L**ong standing villager David Hunt has thoughtfully taken lots of photos of well know Hullavington landmarks over the years so we are now lucky enough to benefit from some brilliant comparisons!

This editions feature is....

### The Queen's Head

The then photo was taken in 1999 and shows the Queen's Head public house, which at that time was owned and being run by Ben and Heather Hicks.

They had taken it over in 1991, and finally closed it in 2007. This followed a long attempt to get planning permission to provide a restaurant area, which, though successful in the end, proved too costly to go ahead with. It is now private accommodation. The building on the left of the photo housed the skittle alley and could also be used as a function room complete with bar. This was used when my wife arranged a surprise and very enjoyable 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party for me with family and friends. One couple that came from a distance stayed for a night in the bed and breakfast that was available in the pub at that time. The building to the right of the Queen's was a barn, part of Mays Farm.

As can be seen in the now photo the skittle building has been converted into a dwelling, as has the barn to the right. One small sign that it once was a pub is the small plaque on the wall just to the right of the front door that says 'West Country Ales, 1760, Best in the West'.

*'Then' in 1999*



*'Now' in 2023*