

# Hullavington News



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**Happy New Year!**



The News has existed in some form since 1972—it has had several iterations during that time and was at one point the ‘Hullavington Entertainment Association’.

I’d really like to thank the many volunteers who have contributed over the years including editors (Margaret Roberts, Brenda Saunders, Pat Wilkinson, Rachel Hurst), our loyal advertisers, regular contributors, Jamprint, our ‘director of advertising, proof reading, treasurer and generally exceptionally helpful person’ Liz Greenman, our readers, generous donors and anyone else I’ve missed!

I’ll be looking for a fresh pair of hands to take on the role of editor and keep up the momentum, please see page 44 for more info.

Best wishes

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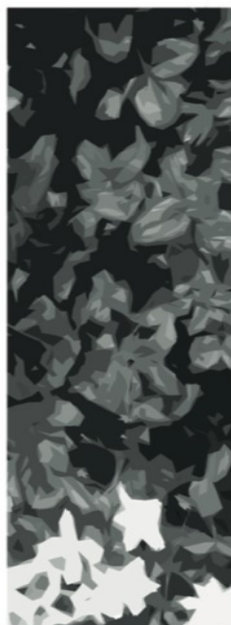
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### CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

*We were spoiled this year with lovely Christmas activities in the village— the 'Friends of Hullavington School' organised a carol singing event, we had a nativity window display and a nativity evening with singing and recorder playing in the church. Thanks to everyone that was involved! Ed*

This year Anna-Kate Fuller organised a nativity trail with decorated windows. She commented: " The village has looked so festive and sparkly throughout advent and as well as the Santas, reindeer and snowflakes, it has been a joy to see the true nativity



story retold through the windows up and down the village. It was lovely to see families of all ages enjoying the nativity trail which then culminated on Christmas Eve with a story tour through the church." *Anna-Kate Fuller*



The recorder group, accompanying the singers in the church during the nativity evening.

"One dark night before Christmas you may have heard the jingle of bells and some classic Christmas carols outside your windows as Santa and his choir spread some well needed Christmas cheer through the streets of Hullavington. Santa was jolly, his elves merry and the choir didn't miss a note; as we progressed through the streets our numbers grew and grew as many a villager got involved. After such a successful night, we are hoping this could become a Hullavington tradition, as long as you all stay on the good list!"

A massive thank you to the Friends of Hullavington School Association, village choir and of course Santa for all their hard work in putting it together.



Parish Councillor Mary Cundick kindly donated the tree again this year. Dependra Rai and his troops from the 9 Royal Logistics 4 Supply Squadron stepped up under the supervision of Hank Slater to erect the tree. Hank also kindly stores the lights and ropes and takes care of disposal after the festive season. The Coffee shop in the church also kindly provided much appreciated tea and cake.  
*Graeme Slaymaker.*

*Thanks to all involved! Ed*

## HULLAVINGTON NEWS BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED 31.12.2021

### INCOME

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Advertising Fees | £1,120.00 |
| Donations        | £ 499.19  |
| TOTAL            | £1,619.19 |

### EXPENDITURE

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Printing Cost        | £1,233.00        |
| TOTAL                | <u>£1,233.00</u> |
| Plus profit for year | <u>£ 386.19</u>  |
| TOTAL                | £1,619.19        |

Balance of Current Account at 31.12.2020      £3,199.33

Plus Profit for the year      £ 386.19

**Balance of Current Account at 31.12.2021 £3505.52**

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

We really appreciate the help of Paul at the shop for holding collection boxes for us along with a supply of magazines. The total amount collected in the boxes during 2021 was £99.19.

Many thanks, Liz Greenman (Treasurer)

## HULLAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL



Although the spike in Covid cases nationwide has seen a slow down in groups using the hall and the cancellation of the Christmas Quiz and New Year party, hall usage is still quite high with new groups started or starting soon. **Knit and Natter** on a Tuesday 2-4pm is a great success. **Yoga classes** start end of January on Wednesday evening and Thursday mornings. We hope to have a table tennis club starting soon too!

Acoustic panels have now been fitted to the ceiling of the main hall which have greatly improved the space – we hope hall users agree!

The hall now has its own licence to sell alcohol, we plan to start social nights soon, with ideas for takeaway food from the carpark and games' nights.

The gate to the hall car park was locked for a period of 24 hours over the Christmas holidays – this prevents the car park from officially becoming a public footpath.

We continue to look for new activities for Hullavington residents, both old and young, and will keep you posted! However, if you have any suggestions, please let me know at the address below.

*Anna Durrant*

[anna@hullavingtonhall.org.uk](mailto:anna@hullavingtonhall.org.uk)

# WALKS AROUND HULLAVINGINGTON—Jon Atkey

## Walk six – Circular walk to Surrendell House – Distance: 4¾ miles

For this issue, I've chosen Walk 6 of the "Walks around Hullavingington" series. At 4¾ miles, it's longer than last issue's walk. It's also almost entirely on-road, which is great in February and March when the footpaths can be muddy. It's also a great time to appreciate the beauty and structure of bare trees and some stunning views across rolling farmland. Another big feature of this walk is the opportunity to get up close to an amazing network of old hedgerows. Teaming with life, these wildlife corridors allow multitudes of mammal, bird and insect species to move between isolated habitats. No-matter when you do this walk, there's always plenty for the eagle-eyed to spot in our wonderful hedgerows!

The full set of walks is available on the Parish Council website:

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



## [Walks Around Hullavingington 31117.aspx](#)

1. Starting by the bus shelter in the middle of the village, cross the road and follow Hill Hayes Lane for just over half a mile. Admire the farm animals on both sides and look out for the Gauze Brook crossing at the bottom of the hill.

*Next to the Brook at this point is the Hullavingington "Stream Support" site. Wessex Water operates a bore hole here to maintain the Brook's flow to the Bristol Avon River during periods of low rainfall.*

2. Continue uphill, past Hullavingington Solar Farm.



*According to its operators, Hullavington Solar Farm has over 30,000 solar panels, able to power over 1,500 homes and thereby prevent the emission of up to 6,000 tonnes of CO2 annually.*

3. Continue along the lane as it curves to follow the main railway line between London and South Wales until you reach the Happylands Overbridge, a favoured haunt of train spotters. If hedgerows are wildlife corridors, then railways are wildlife super-highways, connecting fragmented wildlife habitats across the countryside. Look out for weasels here!

4. Going on down the hill, pass Townlease Farm on the left and follow the lane to the T-junction at its end, making sure to admire the magnificent old oaks lining the way.

5. Turn left here and walk for about 300 yards to another T-junction. Turn left into Pig Lane.

*Along this stretch is Farleaze Farm, once the home of the late Colonel Whitbread, brewer and race-horse owner, who rode in the Grand National twice in the 1920s.*

6. Continue past cottages on your right. Pass the Farleaze Farm, cross the railway again before the lane becomes a track for about ¼ mile. Deeply rutted from tractor use and muddy during winter, this track takes you towards Surrendell House where the lane begins again.



*Surrendell House, now heavily extended and modified, with its tennis court, swimming pool and Surrendell Farm House behind, were made famous in the 1970s when Surrendell was a commune, with visitors including the rich and famous. Princess Margaret spent a weekend here when her boyfriend Roddy Llewellyn lived here.*



Continue downhill to cross the Gauze Brook once more and climb a short hill to take the first turning on your left.

Follow the lane gently downhill back into the village past Gardners Farm. As always, please do share your Hullavington walk experiences (especially nice pictures!) on the Hullavington Happenings Facebook page. And if you experience a problem with any public right of way, please report it using My Wiltshire: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

**Get gardening for Wildlife and register your garden for  
the  
Hullavington Wildlife Garden Awards  
Help our wildlife survive and thrive!**

The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, **with most habitat loss in the countryside.** Wildlife decline and habitat loss affects us all. Everything we do - the water we drink, the air we breathe and the food we eat - is all dependent on the natural world. 97% of our wildflower meadows have been destroyed, 75% of ponds have been lost, 200,000 miles of hedgerows have been destroyed, half of our ancient woodlands have disappeared, along with 75% of heaths and 98% of peat bogs!

This loss has resulted in the disappearance of 150 species from Britain over the last 100 years. Pollinating insects are in decline, 40 million birds have disappeared from the UK skies since 1970, the number of hedgehogs has declined by 95% since the 1950s, two thirds of Britain's woodland butterflies have been lost, 10% of British dragonflies have become extinct in the last 25 years, 40% of all bat species are currently listed as threatened with extinction, and, sadly, the list goes on.

What can we do? The answer lies in our gardens! No matter the size, wildlife friendly gardens can form a patchwork, providing an essential link to other green spaces, with nature reserves and the wider countryside, helping wildlife to recover, survive and thrive! By making small changes, we can make a huge difference and be rewarded with a space which is a haven for wildlife. A garden where you can connect with nature and enjoy seeing the plants, animals and birds that make their home there. Wildlife needs four things to thrive in your garden: food, water, shelter, and a place to breed. If you provide these things, you can bring your garden to life. Imagine if all the 23 million gardens in the UK gardened for wildlife! Let's get started with the Hullavington Wildlife Garden Awards!

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- BACK TO NATURE: Dead wood, log/twig piles, tree stump or stumpery
- NATURAL SHELTER: Vertical planting, native hedging, native trees, rock and stone piles, leave dead plants in place throughout autumn and winter
- PLANTING: Plants and weeds for caterpillars and eggs, plants and weeds for pollinators, plants and weeds for bugs, night-scented plants for moths
- ACCESS TO WATER: Shallow bowls of water at ground level, bird-bath, bog garden, wildlife pond
- FEEDING: Leave the fallen leaves for insects, underground compost bin for worms, bird feeder, hedgehog food station
- A HELPING HAND: Bird nesting box, bat box, butterfly house, solitary bee/wasp house, wildlife stack/bug hotel, hedgehog highway, hedgehog hideaway, frog/toad abode, owl nesting box
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**To register your garden and apply for an award:**

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**Plants for Sale!** Jebbie and Dudley are once again kindly offering to run their fortnightly plant and seedling sale in aid of the church. The first one will be on the 16th April.

**Help Needed!** Our Church PCC would love some help to get some jobs done. If you have an hour to spare on either 12 or 19 March to work through Dudley's list of jobs, we would be super grateful. Please let Dudley know if you are able to help on 837374. Thank you in advance!



## HULLAVINGTON WI



A Happy New Year to you all. We ended 2021 with a Christmas lunch and entertainment in the hall which was enjoyed by us all. Jack McDougal provided the musical background as we arrived and also during our lunch. The belly dancers then performed for us and encouraged us to join in (which we did).

2022 commences with a visit from David Crisp, who is a metal detectorist. He will talk about The Frome Hoard. In February, Sara Bottomley will tell us about her 'Quilting Journey' and show us some of her amazing work. Later on in the month we will all be going out for our annual New Year's lunch. In March we will hold our Annual meeting when officers and committee members are chosen.

At the moment our committee is busy arranging new speakers for the coming WI year which starts in April. We try to have a wide variety of speakers/demonstrations so everyone is catered for. We meet in the village hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.



## PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

### SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022

#### FEBRUARY

|        |    |         |                                   |
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| Sunday | 13 | 11.00am | Morning Praise                    |
| Sunday | 20 | 11.00am | Holy Communion with Junior Church |
| Sunday | 27 | 11.00am | All Age Worship                   |

#### MARCH

|        |    |         |                                    |
|--------|----|---------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 6  | 11.00am | Holy Communion with Junior Church  |
| Sunday | 13 | 11.00am | Morning Praise                     |
| Sunday | 20 | 11.00am | Holy Communion with Junior Church  |
| Sunday | 27 | 11.00am | All Age Worship (Mothering Sunday) |

#### LENT GROUPS

Starting the first week in March across all the Gauzebrook villages. Let Henny know if you would like to join one.

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## HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



The group meets on the second Tuesday in the month, 2.00 - 3.00 pm in the side room at the village hall.

### **November 'Slow Horses' by Mike Herron.**

Slow Horses is the first in the very successful Slough House Series by Mick Herron. Slough House, a run-down office block near The Barbican is a dumping ground for would-be MI5 spies who have made some serious "foul-up" in their career. All come under the cynical eye of Jackson Lamb who combines a street-wise intelligence with a sharp brain. Although it is firmly in the spy genre it combines a clever plot, suspense, intrigue and black humour.

"An interesting read that sheds light on the alleged life in the Secret Service. Hardly the glamour of James Bond but the plot is subtle, detailed and utterly convincing. Perhaps not with the gravitas of the Smiley novels but his characters have textures and layers that make them into real and interesting people. A novel I was not sure I would make through to the end, but I did and am pleased I did so".

"Not my type of book but did read it all. A novel approach to the world of espionage - different from the usual 'gung ho' spy stories. Perhaps when it is on the media I might like it better."

### **December 'Ghost Wall' by Sarah Moss.**

High Summer in Northumberland. Seventeen-year-old Silvie and her parents have joined an encampment run by an archaeology professor with an interest in the region's dark history of ritual sacrifice. Silvie's relationship with her overbearing father begins to deteriorate, and the haunting rites of the past begin to bleed into the present.

"Ghost Wall describes the events at a camp attempting to recreate the living conditions of the Ancient Britons. It is a story of physical and mental abuse within a nearly modern day contemporary family set against a background of ancient violence drawn from accounts of Iron Age Britons. It overlays the fear inspired by ancient folk tales of dark forests, bogs and legends like "The Green Man". It has a dramatic ending but is, in itself, not a very subtle book, either in its characters or style."

It seemed to convey the atmosphere it set out to, of rising threat and gathering tension leading to a dramatic climax.

A short book but one that, technically, needs concentration. A single paragraph can run on from sentence to sentence with the speaker changing from one to another and supposed conversations changing from real to imagined.'

" I found Ghost Wall a deeply disturbing novel, full of a building and increasingly tense atmosphere. The echoes of the past merge with the present with cruelty and domination present in both. I found echoes of "Lord Of The Flies" with the remote Northumberland landscape replacing the island setting where the isolation results in an ultimate collapse of morality, law and order. It did make me wonder how far we have actually come from the "primitive thinking" of our ancestors."

"Easy to read , but not memorable."

This turned out to be a disappointment for most of our members. We were anticipating a ghost story, which would have been ideal for Christmas.

### **January 'Force of Nature' by Jane Harper.**

Set in Australia, this is the second novel for us by Jane Harper. Five women reluctantly pick up their backpacks and start walking along the muddy track. Only four come out the other side.

Police Officer Aaron Falk has a particularly keen interest in the whereabouts of the missing walker. The missing, Alice Russell is the whistle-blower in his latest case.

### **FILM OF THE BOOK**

Held on the **first Wednesday** in the month in the side room at the village hall. **Doors open at 7.15, the film starts at 7.30.** Limited numbers, so please book in advance.

Belated Best Wishes for the New Year to all book group members. Thank you for your support and encouragement during 2021. For information about Book Group and Film of the Book evenings, please contact Elizabeth Parry-Williams, Tel: 01666 837713, email: [peac@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:peac@globalnet.co.uk) or call in at 20 The Street.





On the 22nd December we enjoyed the most beautiful sunrise. A few intrepid villagers were out early and caught it on camera. Chris Maggs took the photo on the left and Mia Bates the one below. Thanks for permission to use them, we're always happy to receive images of village life.





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Owing to the lack of numbers currently, it isn't viable, financially to use the main hall. Acoustic panels have now been fitted in the main hall, and they have significantly improved the acoustic characteristics— given sufficient interest, we may revert to showing some films in the main hall. Watch this space!

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The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate.

If you are thinking of planning anything, or are just interested in what others are doing - please come along to the Church on the 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Should you be unable to attend please do not hesitate to contact one of us below to register your interest.

Thank you.

Graeme Slaymaker (Parish Council); Simon Durrant (Village Hall Committee); Dudley Hewitt (Parochial Church Council)



## Breaking News for Table Tennis Fans!



Anna Durrant from the Village Hall Committee has been liaising with 'Table Tennis England' and has managed to secure two full sized tables and all associated equipment free for the Village Hall!

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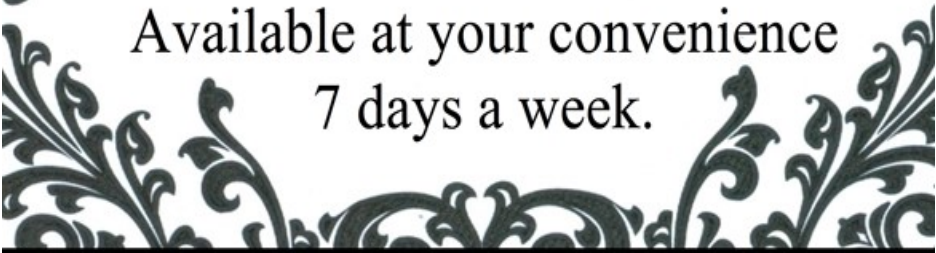
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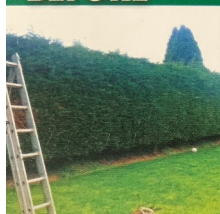
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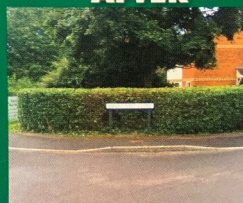
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I'd always planned a 5 year tenure (I can't believe how quickly that's flown by), so it's time to find a new editor this year, with fresh ideas. I believe the magazine is as relevant now as it was in 1972 when it started—a place to share village news and stories. I really hope someone will come forward to take over.

As you'll see from our accounts on page 16, the magazine is on a sound financial footing and editing it is not an onerous task. I had no previous editing experience and have just used the free 'publisher' software that came with Windows (very similar to using 'Microsoft Word') —you definitely don't need to be a computer boffin to do it! Liz Greenman has been a rock during my time and always ready to lend an ear, she is happy to carry on in her role which helps enormously.

Please get in touch at '[editorhullavingtonnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorhullavingtonnews@gmail.com)' if you'd like an informal chat to find out more—I'd love to hear from you!

Thanks, Sally



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PARTY BOOKINGS—will be on the basis of a 4 hour slot, giving time for setting up/ clearing away/cleaning. A deposit of £100 will be required. If more hours are required these will be charged at the appropriate hourly rate. The rate includes the use of tables, chairs and the kitchen.

### PARTY BOOKINGS FOR 0-11 year olds

| Rate—4 hours            | Both Rooms | Kitchen (per booking) |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| <b>VILLAGE USER</b>     | £50.00     | included              |
| <b>NON VILLAGE USER</b> | £65.00     | included              |

For any queries, please contact:

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

## 200 Club for the Village Hall

The latest draws for the Village Hall 200 Club have produced the following winners

November: **£50 Derek Sanderson £25 Jonnie Jeeves**

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Congratulations to them. In order to win one of our monthly prizes you need to have a ticket. It's just £1 per month and all proceeds go towards supporting 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 Martha Wellburn



Roy and I moved to Hullavington in 2011. He had just retired from the Navy and we were looking for a house to rent somewhere between London and Bristol, with a view to searching for somewhere that we wanted to buy.

We both liked Wiltshire and thought Hullavington would make a good base to explore the county. The day we moved into Holly House I remember saying to Roy, “When we start looking for that perfect home to buy, I want it to look and feel just like this!”

Once we got to know people in the village, joined in with some of the groups and activities, Hullavington felt so much like home that our dream was to stay here. Roy dropped it into conversation with our landlord, that if he ever decided to sell, we would be interested in buying Holly House.

At first, it was a firm no—they bought the house for their retirement and weren’t interested. Then came that fateful day when our landlord asked if he and his wife could come by and take some measurements. As they were making their way around the downstairs, I overheard our landlord’s wife say,

“But darling, I just don’t know where we’re going to put the grand piano!” I did a secret victory dance in the kitchen, because there was NO way that piano was going to fit in this house! Not long after that, the landlord decided to sell.

Happily for us, we now have our dream house in a lovely village!

### ***Quick Fire Questions:***

- Guilty pleasure? Mark Twain once said, ‘Too much of anything is bad, but too much champagne is just right.’ Champagne!
- Who would play me in movie? Maggie Smith
- Change one thing in village? Plant more trees! More green spaces!
- Dinner guest? Michelle Obama (and since it is a dinner party, she would hopefully bring Barack with her so I could meet them both!)
- Cat or dog? Neither, but I would love to make friends with a crow who would come visit me regularly of his own freewill. (If I have to choose, Dog...they can be trained to leave the birds alone!)
- Happiness is? Walking with Roy in a huge forest filled with enormous, ancient trees surrounded by silence and the occasional birdsong.
- Advice to teenage self? Don’t worry so much about what other people think, you will discover one day that is okay to be different and you’ll like yourself all the better for it.
- Bucket list? A trip to Namibia to see cheetahs in the wild and then volunteer at a cheetah conservation centre where I could meet one up close and personal!

## HULLAVINGTON HISTORY—THEN AND NOW



Through the 70s and 80s, the village had an annual Carnival Week in mid-summer, organized by the Hullavington Entertainments Association - it was a week of activities and entertainment. Part of the carnival procession is shown in 1973 in Newtown. The procession was always followed by the carnival dance in the village hall in the evening. The children following the three floats, would have taken part in the fancy dress competition. In the distance is the horse and carriage conveying the carnival queen and her attendants. On the right of the picture, looking over the wall, is Mr. Charlie Tanner and his wife. I believe Charlie lived all his life in the village and could remember the railway coming to Hullavington. Nearly 50 years on and not too much has changed looking up Newtown. The old chapel at the top of the road has only recently been converted into a dwelling and for many years was used by a local farmer to store potatoes. *Dave Hunt*