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I'm not going to mention the 'C' word, other than to say that I hope you're all keeping well and to say 'thank you' to the Village Covid support team, who reassuringly are still there to help us all if we need it (p.18).

As many of us are exercising outdoors during these grey, winter days, there was an interesting safety appeal recently on our village Facebook site 'Hullavington Happenings' by Jo Lumb (p.27). As a cyclist, I wholly support her efforts.

Jo has started a petition encouraging us all to wear high visibility clothing whilst out exercising. I'm not sure the picture will have the same impact in black and white in the newsletter as it did in colour online, but it definitely raises awareness of the issue. She already has more than 200 signatures— best of luck with it!

On the subject of safety, by the time this is printed, most people in the village will be aware of temporary road closures to enable the new 'Dyson' roundabout. Maggie Bawden is kindly keeping us updated on progress and you can find more information and a link to maps on page 20.

With best wishes, Sally Jeeves, Ed.



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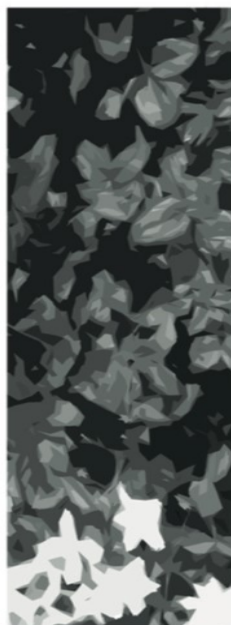
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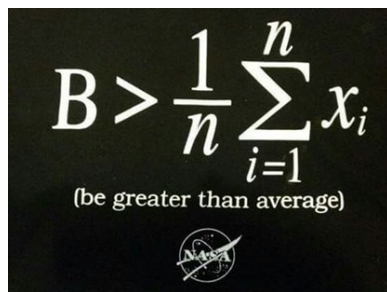
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Prior to their move south, Bill had been tutoring maths in Scotland for 20+ years. He has also tutored maths in England, and is therefore familiar with the requirements of both the English and Scottish maths systems.

Bill has never “taught”. That is to say, he has never been a “teacher”. In his youth, and after a short spell as a Senior Technician working on V-Bombers with the Royal Air Force, Bill went on to gain a degree in maths, computing and statistics, and then spent the rest of his career as an Operations Analyst, both in the Military and Civil aviation sectors. He is now semi-retired.

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### OPERATION 'MINCE PIE'!

Christmas cheer came early to the Village

It was heartening to hear how the community spirit came together just prior to Christmas, with Operation Mince Pie launched! Jan Lloyd, who has lived in the village for around 12 years, felt that with the Covid situation it would be nice to do something for the elderly and approached Morrison's, Chippenham Store to see if they would be willing to donate some mince pies – the response from their Head Office and the Chippenham Community Champion, Sarah Vardakis could not have been more positive.



With 134 boxes of mince pies and 50 beautifully hand crafted blankets also provided by Morrison's through a community appeal they had run, Jan then turned her mind to the logistics of delivering them and approached Paul Douglass, the Regimental Sergeant Major, at 9 Regiment, RLC, Buckley Barracks to see if they could assist. The reaction was fantastic and with the help of a group of officers and soldiers from the camp, the delivery of



was quite humbling; the appreciation and surprise was evident and in many cases just having a chat with the team from 9 Regiment was as good as receiving the gifts!



Jan commented that she was “personally delighted to be able to contribute in a small way to the community spirit that is always evident within the village and thanked Is-sie Greenman and Maggie Bawden for providing guidance, and of course to Morrison’s and 9 Regiment RLC – “without this help and support, we couldn’t have done it”.

*What a great effort from Jan and all those involved— a lovely gesture!*  
*Ed*

## THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE



In 1999 the Parish Council was granted permission by the Parochial Church Council to erect a Christmas tree in the grounds of the church. It was supplied and erected by Mike Hinwood at Foxley Road Nurseries and was approximately 14ft tall. Phil Neal, who was a member of the PC at that time, made a lovely 1ft high, six-pointed star out of polished steel to be fixed to the top of the tree. It was a great success.

Fast forward 21 years and the tradition is continuing. The star has been refurbished by Phil, again, at no charge to the PC and once again, it is at the top of the tree. For the last five years Cllr Mary Cundick of Townlease Farm has been donating the tree. This has saved the village several hundred pounds over the years. She and her son David ensure that the tree is in the churchyard at the appointed time.

For several years now our military neighbours - 9 Regt. RLC based at Buckley Barracks - have offered to help erect the tree. They know what they are doing, all wearing masks and socially distanced and they make it look so easy! This year Sgt Ram Gurung led the team and it was my pleasure to meet him and his volunteers from the Regiment, at least one of whom had also volunteered last year.

Parish Councillor Hank Slater (anything he can do, no one does better - and there is not a lot than Hank can't do!) was also there, with the lights, the star and all the other bits of paraphernalia required - apart from a stepladder which was quickly provided by PCC member Dudley Hewitt.

Normally we would invite the Army guys into the church for coffee and cake but of course, everything is different this year. We did, however, send them on their way with a couple of packs of beer as a small token of our appreciation for their endeavours. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this task, especially our Army friends and another thank you to Hank for disposing of the tree.

## **FOUND ON HILL HAYES LANE ON 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

This pretty little earring was found, in the mud, on the hill leading up to the solar farm this morning. If it's yours please let Maggie



Bawden [maggiebawden@gmail.com](mailto:maggiebawden@gmail.com) know and they can be reunited.

## **LOCKDOWN**

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## MALMESBURY PRIMARY CARE CENTRE & VACCINES

Please note the new website for the Centre is:

<https://www.malmesburypcc.nhs.uk/> (thanks to our village health coordinator Lis Cheshire for the info).

Some of you will already have received the Vaccine (hooray!). The centre have thanked us for our patience and reminded us the vaccine will be rolled out as per national guidelines. Please wait to be contacted when it's your turn and don't call the centre. They've reassured us that with two vaccines available, the volume of vaccinations will pick up rapidly over the coming weeks.

## SCAM ALERTS

Watch out for a fake text and emails with links telling people they're eligible to apply for the vaccine. When you are officially invited, the NHS will **NEVER** ask you for your bank details or payment of any kind—the vaccine is free.

There are also messages circulating trying to entice people to give card details to claim non-existent government grants. They appear to come from HMRC who confirm they will never offer a tax refund by text, email or 'phone.

Wiltshire Police have also issued warnings about the same issues. If you receive a suspicious text, forward it to 7726 which is free of charge. If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call on 0300 123 2040.

## NEW ROUNDABOUT - IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

We are yet another step closer to that long-awaited roundabout but we'll have to put up with a little bit more inconvenience with road closures whilst Griffiths finish the work. Most of us are already familiar with the alternative routes for our local lanes but there may be more diverted traffic coming through the village during the closures. It was originally thought that the new roundabout would not be in place until July of this year, but it is now considered that it may well be in use long before that which is great news!



The closures In brief:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan— 06:00 for two weeks, road closure West of Dyson Campus entrance

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb— for 5 nights from 19:00 to 06:00, overnight closure of A429

Traffic lights will continue through this period – if there are any issues with the lights, the 24hr call out number is **0800 328 5250**.

*Ed – there's too much info to publish all the details in full with maps etc – more info is available by clicking this link online <https://community.alungriffiths.co.uk/a429-hullavington-access-road/> or simply type "Hullavington Link Road" into any search engine and it will come up with the full information from Griffiths.*

## **SERIOUS LOCKDOWN ADVICE**

*Shared from one of the RAF groups that I belong to. You gotta keep smiling!*

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my tea, and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because he puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant! In the end the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon! The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the door knob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "Pull myself together!"

We will survive!!

## TEN THINGS TO PONDER IN THE NEW YEAR!

1. The dumbest thing I bought last year was a 2020 planner
2. 2019 Stay away from negative people. 2020 Stay away from positive people (rolled this on into this year)
3. The world has turned upside down. Old people are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came to my house and told the dog.....we had a good laugh
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a 6-foot barge pole" would become a national policy but here we are!
8. I really need to practice social distancing..... from the fridge
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the garden. I am tired of the living room
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank clerk with a mask on and ask for money.

*Thanks to Maggie Bawden for the Parish round up and a bit of lockdown humour! Ed*

## THE HULLAVINGTON SANTA RUN

On 20<sup>th</sup> December, Hullavington played host to the second running of the **Secret Santa "10"** 10-mile run finishing at the Hullavington Arms for a finishers medal along with a well-deserved slice of cake (instead of a secret Santa gift!). Despite assurances that we were given that Cromhall Lane would be open to pedestrian traffic, this was not the case and we hurriedly had to reroute the run through Sevington and Leigh Delamere, cutting the distance down to just shy of 8-miles. However, this did not generate too much disappointment as almost all of the runners were just pleased to be participating in some form of organised sporting event in these unprecedented times.

As per our recent events, we have been adhering to strict COVID19 compliance protocols and with the 3-Tier structure coming into place during November we had a number of withdrawals from runners who found themselves in Tier 3 and therefore restricted in their travel movements. So, come race day our sell-out field of 200-runners had been reduced down to 160, leaving the start line in their waves of six.

Alan Baker from Bristol was fastest over the now 7.8-mile course, followed very closely by Gary O'Brien of Swindon Harriers and Paul Gardiner of Chippenham Harriers. For the Ladies, Charlotte Taylor-Green of Clevedon AC (who won October's **Hullavington Half Marathon**) followed up with another race victory ahead of Catie O'Donoghue and Clare Joliffe both of Bristol & West AC.

The next race will be the **Hullavington "20"** which will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, over a gently undulating 20-mile course. More details can be found at [www.stampedesports.co.uk](http://www.stampedesports.co.uk)



## THEN AND NOW

**Court Farm.** The 'then' photo was taken in 1969 from the bottom corner in Hill Hayes Lane when Court Farm was probably still a working farm. There is no lake in the picture but there was a large pond behind the wall running from centre to the right. Fortunately in the spring of last year during lockdown, John and Henny kindly allowed villagers to enter the grounds and walk round the lake, enabling the 'now' photo to be taken. In the springtime sunshine, the lake and its surrounds were stunning and I am sure many villagers appreciated the kindness of John and Henny.

*Dave Hunt*



## HULLAVINGTON WOMENS INSTITUTE



Our Christmas meeting was held via Zoom and was very successful with more members attending than before. A Christmas quiz was won by Maggie Dyson which was followed by a good chat between members. The meeting closed with us all raising our glasses to 2021 and better things to come.

As we are likely to be in lock down for a while, Zoom meetings with a speaker have been arranged for the next couple of months. In January Lindsay West from The House of Colour gave advice on choosing the best colours to suit us and our skin tones. In February, Bernard Purrier from The Whales and Dolphin Society will talk about the World of Whales. Our March meeting is the time for our Annual meeting which we will have to hold via Zoom. If we are out of Lockdown we hope to be able to get members who do not have a computer to join in at another member's house.

Like all other groups in the village we can't wait to get back to the Village hall and hold our meetings all together. Let's hope it won't be long.

## THE VILLAGE SHOW 28.8.21 — SAVE THE DATE!



On Saturday 28th August 2021, the Village Show will take place. We don't know yet whether it will be 'virtually' or in the Village Hall, but we'll confirm as soon as we can.

A draft schedule will be published in the next newsletter. If you have any suggestions on classes, please email 'hullavingtonvillageshow@gmail.com'.

Thanks, Jonnie Jeeves



## HULLAVINGTON NEWS

### BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2020

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| Advertising Fees | £1,495.00        |
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| TOTAL            | <u>£2,474.70</u> |

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| Printing Costs           | <u>£1,519.00</u> |
| TOTAL                    | <u>£1,519.00</u> |
| Plus Profit for the year | <u>£955.70</u>   |
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| Balance of Current Account at 31.12.2020 | <u><b>£3,119.33</b></u> |

Once again, we are so thankful to everyone who has made a financial contribution towards the cost of producing the Hullavington News. Our funds are slightly healthier at the end of 2020 than previous years, as we have had a smaller print run in order to target those who really enjoy a hard copy of the magazine, and to reduce wastage.

We really appreciate the help of Paul in the Village Shop for holding Collection Boxes for us and also a supply of magazines. The total amount collected during 2020 was £119.70.

Many thanks  
Liz Greenman (Treasurer)

*And sincere thanks to Liz for her role in managing the funds and advertisers in the news, it's much appreciated! Ed*

## **CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP**

Twelve people attended the workshop held in the main hall on Saturday 12th December. It was a shame not to be able to provide the usual festive fare, but it was a lovely afternoon and everyone went home with a wreath for the door. Thank you to all who supported the event.



We really enjoyed the afternoon; it is always so interesting to see how different the wreaths are even though made from the same basic materials; and there was the bonus of being able to safely meet and talk to other people in these difficult times. After costs were covered, we were able to give a generous donation to the village hall.

The plan this year in December is to hold two workshops, one in the morning for printing wrapping paper and cards, and the wreath workshop in the afternoon.

Elizabeth Parry-Williams

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

It's just me and Liz Greenman on the newsletter team and we'd love to have more, regular contributors.

We're particularly keen to see any articles with a village interest, such as Dave Hunt's popular 'Then and Now' column or perhaps you'd like to take part in the 'Meet The Villager' slot? Maybe you're a keen walker and could write some short walk directions with points of interest?

At some point in the future, we will run a survey asking for your feedback on what you enjoy in the newsletter and what you'd like to see more or less of, to ensure it stays relevant to you. But please don't wait for that—send in anything you have to 'editorhullavingtonnews@gmail.com'.

Thanks, Sally Jeeves



This picture was taken on the Grittleton Road during the day in January. Jo Lumb, of the Hullavington Arms, has started a petition to change the law to make the wearing of Hi-Viz clothing compulsory for non-vehicular road users.

Jo says "As a runner, horse rider & cyclist, I know what it's like to feel vulnerable on the roads. As a car driver, I am shocked on a daily basis at the number of cyclists, horse riders, runners & walkers that I come across who do not wear any High Visibility (Hi-Viz) clothing. Hi-Viz clothing gives car drivers the very best opportunity to see you and react accordingly; reducing speed and giving space making the pedestrian/rider feel much safer. Without Hi-Viz clothing, it is all too easy, especially from a distance to blend in with the verge and hedgerow!!"

"I've started this petition after a recent near miss. I was driving my car to the stables one bright frosty morning, into low sunlight, suddenly two pedestrians came into view walking in the same direction as my car on my side of the road. Had they been wearing Hi-Viz clothing I would have had a chance to see them from further away before the sun was dazzling me. Luckily I was going slow enough to react and avoid but this is not always the case!"

"Please support this petition, sign & share to save lives." You can sign the petition here:

[www.change.org/p/uk-parliament-law-for-compulsory-high-visibility-clothing-for-non-vehicular-road-users](http://www.change.org/p/uk-parliament-law-for-compulsory-high-visibility-clothing-for-non-vehicular-road-users)

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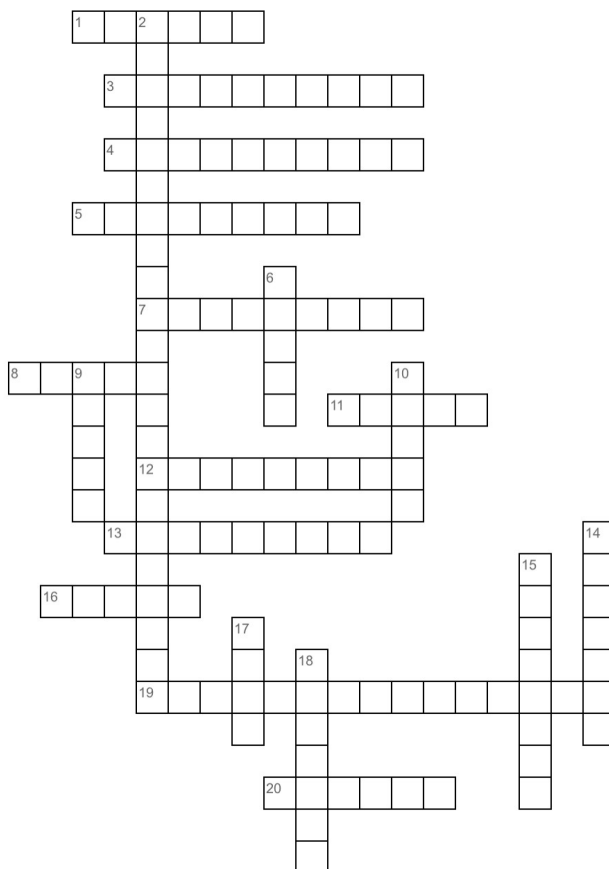
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# Hullavington Crossword—answers in the next edition!



## Across

- 1 Built in 1970
- 3 Local brewery
- 4 Town 4 miles Southwest of the Village
- 5 German Town Chippenham is twinned with
- 7 Surname of Parish Councillor
- 8 Rolls Royce driving local
- 11 Name of Brook/Tributary
- 12 Name of road in Village
- 13 Name of Victorian School
- 16 First name of jazz vocalist/pianist who lived here
- 19 Church
- 20 Landlady

## Down

- 2 Name of village Facebook Group
- 6 Name of one of the Village Farms
- 9 First name of Hullavington News Editor
- 10 Surname of previous Hullavington news editor
- 14 Name of Barracks
- 15 Name of local Roman Road
- 17 Previous name of Village Pub
- 18 Electoral Ward



## HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



We managed five meetings in 2020, which considering the circumstances, was good. The mobile library visited three times, I set up 'click and collect' at Malmesbury library in autumn and Kathryn has been wonderful sourcing our books.

Group members have swapped reviews and books. I would like to thank everyone for their support; I think this has proved how much we need our regular sessions at the village hall, and look forward to the chats over refreshments.

### **'We are All Made of Stars' Rowan Coleman**

*'What a depressing book! Having said that it gets 5/5 from me! I've enjoyed all Rowan Coleman's books. Her humour was (mostly) missing in this one but that is understandable given the story. It was well written, the plot was well constructed and unlike many books these days the story 'didn't run out of steam' towards the end. I loved the way the letters were placed between the chapters. I did cry, which I don't often do with a book. It was however, very, sad. So many regrets in life mentioned. I think it was very well researched - certainly the descriptions of Camden were very realistic and whilst I don't know a huge amount about Cystic Fibrosis, I know enough to feel the author really 'understood' the teenager Hope living with it.'*

*'I started off feeling a tad reluctant to be honest. Reading a book about a hospice feels about the last thing you want to do at the moment. But the characters drew me in. It is really very uplifting, there is a thread of letters to be read after a loved one has passed. They are both moving and funny in equal measure and the personalities whose lives centre on the hospice are delightful. A book I would never have picked off the shelf, but one which I have benefitted from reading.'*

*'Of course it was very professionally written and easy to read but I cannot say I particularly enjoyed it. All a bit one-note.*

*The book was probably never intended to be realistic I am sure but it was all a bit overwrought and portrayed an emotionally heightened version of reality.*

*The characters seemed to be able to talk in lengthy, articulate expositions which at times resembled a cross between a self help manual and therapist speak.*

*Hope was, I think, meant to be portrayed as self-centred, but seemed to me to be very naive.*

This is the joy of the Book Group, we are able to voice our opinions and no one is offended.

January Book—'**The Bees**' by **Laline Paul**. February Book—'**The Giver of Stars**' by **Jojo Moyes**

## **FILM GROUP**

2020 saw just five Wednesday film nights. The December one which is usually well attended had only nine people. The film was 'The Personal History of David Copperfield'. Despite not having the normal festive fare, we had a really good evening and the film was much enjoyed.

Film Group EXTRA evenings went well last year when we were able to meet. Booking in advance was necessary for all film sessions due to spacing restrictions, but I found this system very helpful and would be happy to carry on with this when 'normal service' resumes. It lets us know if a film is worth screening. Please support the Film Group when the regular sessions return.

## **THANK YOU**

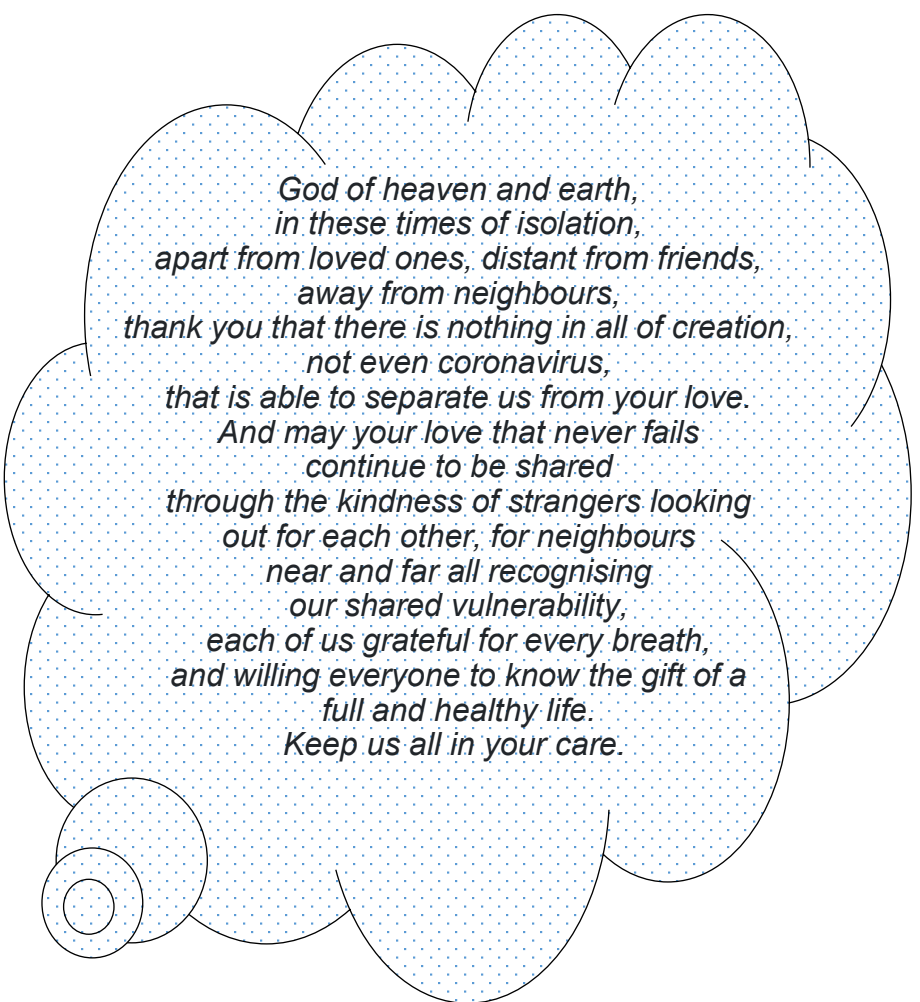
We would like to thank the members of Mt Zion who decorated both halls in December. So lovely to have the Christmas decorations—your work was much appreciated.

I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who came to the film and book group sessions during 2020. Despite restrictions, those who attended were full of good humour and it lifted the spirits just to be with you. Not only did we manage to have some fun, we also supported the village hall. Last year was an extremely difficult one for the village hall. Please support events when it re-opens.

For more information, please contact me on 01666 837 713 email: [peac@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:peac@globalnet.co.uk) Regular updates can be found on the village hall website: [www.hullavingtonhall.org.uk](http://www.hullavingtonhall.org.uk).

Elizabeth Parry-Williams

Last year as we approached 2021 we all had that desire that things might be better with regard coronavirus in the New Year. Sadly it has not been the case and it is necessary for each of us to remain vigilant and we certainly pray that the anti-virus jab will eventually have the desired affect of finally defeating the virus. In the meantime, a simple prayer.



*God of heaven and earth,  
in these times of isolation,  
apart from loved ones, distant from friends,  
away from neighbours,  
thank you that there is nothing in all of creation,  
not even coronavirus,  
that is able to separate us from your love.  
And may your love that never fails  
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and willing everyone to know the gift of a  
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Keep us all in your care.*



## PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

During Lockdown there will be daily Services of Morning Prayer, 9.00am, Monday to Saturday. These will be broadcast on our Gauzebrook Group Facebook page and led by members of the ministry team. They can be accessed from:

<https://www.facebook.com/gauzebrookgroup>

<https://www.gauzebrook.org/online>

On **Sundays** there will be a **Gauzebrook YouTube service** - <https://tinyurl.com/GauzebrookTV> which Adam leads and where you can enjoy singing hymns from the comfort of your own home. Each Sunday we are aiming to offer two **Zoom Services** hosted by different villages around the group. These take the form of a shortened Service followed by time to meet others and catch up with news. It has been so good to see each other....To find out when the next Hullavington one will be held contact Henny on [henry.mettters@outlook.com](mailto:henry.mettters@outlook.com)

Revd Adam writes 'Sadly our churches remain closed until further notice. The only reason they can be opened is for a funeral or for essential works of maintenance or repair. Everything else must wait. This will be disappointing for many, and I am sorry that we have to take this step.' If you know of any friends, family members or neighbours who would like some pastoral support please contact the Revd Adam Beaumont, our Rector, [rec-tor@gauzebrook.org](mailto:rec-tor@gauzebrook.org) or 01666 311177.

Two courses that might be of interest: **our 5 week Lent course**, which will be run on Zoom with no more than 10 in a group - see details on the flier on the next page; and an online Alpha Course which started on Jan 28 but you can join at any time. This one is run by the Abbey for the whole area.

The North Wilts Mission Area invites you to join



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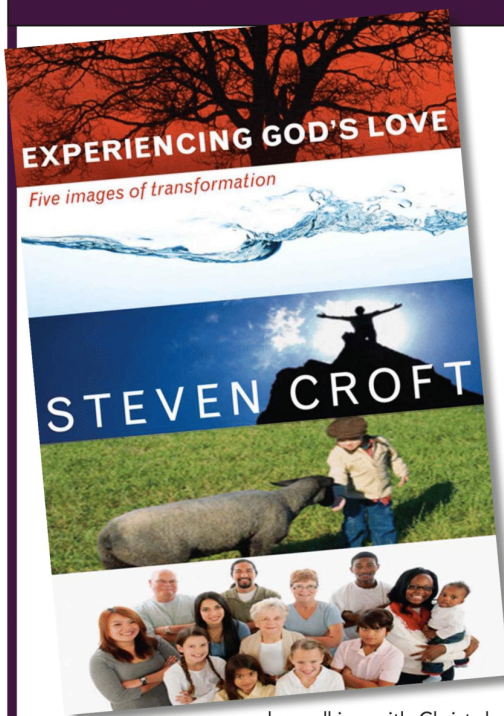


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For more information, or to **book a place**, please contact Alison in the office [admin@deanery.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanery.org.uk) / 01666 825019. If you have a preference for which session you would like to attend each week please let us know.

We ask, if you are able, to find your own copy of the book (not to be confused with one of a very similar title). These can be found at your favourite online bookseller - and often quite cheaply second hand too.

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## THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Sadly, having opened the hall on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, it had to be closed again as a result of Wiltshire firstly, going into Tier 3 and then the National Lockdown.

It was with great reluctance that the Management Committee arrived at the decision but in the end there was no other choice; other village halls in the area had quickly arrived at the same conclusion. As our Chairman remarked:

“This latest closure is yet another blow to those who have been struggling in recent times to try and provide services, enjoyment and entertainment in the hall for those in the community and I know all members of the hall committee will regret the action that has to be taken. Needless to say as soon as restrictions are lifted sufficiently, the hall will be re-opened again and brought back to full use as soon as possible.”

### Treasurer's Report

Despite the considerable difficulties experienced by the Committee this year as a result of Covid, Issie Greenman was finally able to issue the audited accounts for the year April 2019 – March 2020. (It has proved impossible to even arrange an AGM of the Hall Management Committee over this past year!).

The report indicates that the village Hall had another satisfactory financial year with rental income up from the previous year at £13,174. The 200 club contributed £1000. We received £602.54 interest from our CC Bond and with contributions from the LSE and Raw events, the total income was £16,680.54. Expenditure was £14,616.79. We repaid £2,418 of the PWLB loan for a eighth year (the loan for the building of the present hall in 2006 ).

Thank you Issie Greenman for your work in producing the accounts and for your continuing efforts as treasurer on behalf of the hall. The Accounts for the current year are going to be very different!

*Dave Hunt*

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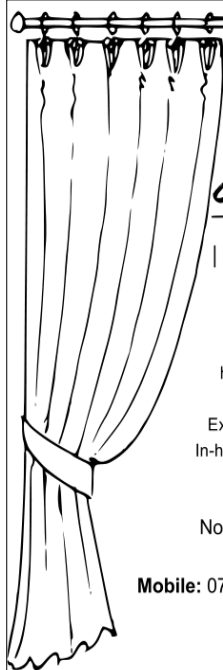
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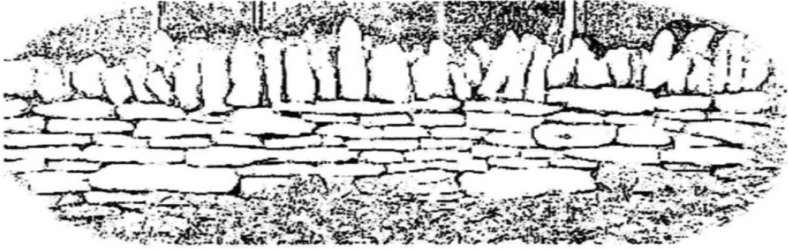
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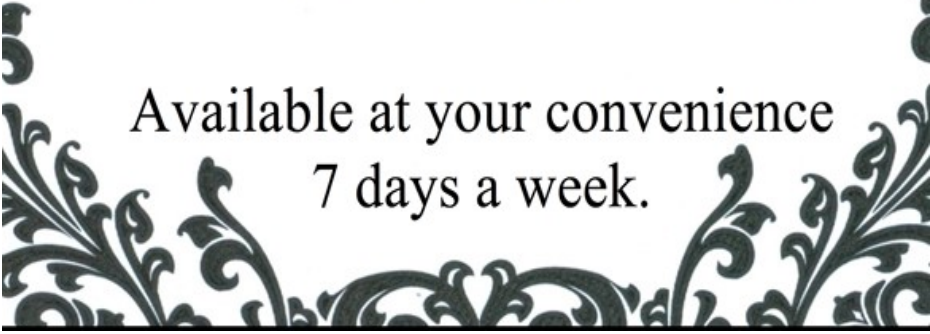


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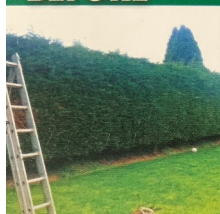
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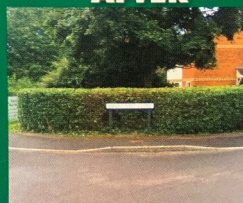
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# RATES FOR HIRING HULLAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

## Rates from 1st April 2020

### Basic charge for Hall £ per session (see note 1)

*(Commercial/Government users see note 2)*

| User Category | Core User | Village User | Non-Village |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| Main Hall     | £20       | £26          | £39         |
| Side Hall     | £12.50    | £14.50       | £24         |
| Both Halls    | £26.50    | £31.50       | £52.50      |

*Supplementary Charges (below) are cumulative and additional to the above Basic Charge.*

|  |     |        |       |
|--|-----|--------|-------|
| Up to 24 people                        | nil | nil    | nil   |
| 25-49 people                           | nil | £5.50  | £9.50 |
| 50-99 people                           | nil | £10.50 | £15   |
| 100+ people                            | nil | £12.50 | £28   |
| Consumption of alcohol<br>(see note 3) | nil | £10.50 | £14   |

### Notes

- 1 The Hall is hired on a session basis, there are 3 per day:  
**AM** 09.00—13.00, **PM** 14.00—18.00, **Eve** 19.00—23.00
- 2 Booking fees for Commercial / Government use are by arrangement.
- 3 Temporary Event Notices (TENS) are required by law when alcohol is sold on the Hall premises. It is the sole responsibility of the hirer to arrange for the TENS and to declare his/her intention to apply for one when booking the hall.

To hire the Hall, please contact Paul Hadley on 01666 837096 or Bob Fenner on 01666 837320. Full details of hire are on the village website [www.hullavington.info](http://www.hullavington.info). Villagers who would like a one-off event in the hall should book min 3 months in advance.

For other matters concerning the Hall, contact Bob Fenner by telephone or at [bobfenner5@gmail.com](mailto:bobfenner5@gmail.com). **WiFi now available!**

## 200 Club for the Village Hall

Not much to report from 200 Club but I did have a call from a lady who has recently moved into the village. She has bought 3 tickets (thank you)! The **200 Club** offers the opportunity for you to help the village hall with maintenance and improvements AND win a monthly cash prize. If you'd like to take part, please contact Geraldine McKibbin on 837736. This month we welcome Sue Mitchell to the group. Recent winners have been:

**November** - Sheila Scott  
- Sally Greenwood

**December** - Eileen Gough  
- Ruth Smith

## Handy Information

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## Meet the Villager

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

In this edition we meet Ann Sneyd



It is 1971 and I am travelling from London to Wiltshire along the A4 with Dave in a very old Morris 1000. It takes nearly 4 hours to reach our destination (the M4 motorway has not reached Wiltshire yet.) We had both qualified as teachers and Dave had just accepted a position as “Teacher of Boys Heavy Craft”(!) at Malmesbury Grammar School, soon to become Malmesbury Comprehensive. After three years as students in swinging London we had decided to opt for a rural life and Wiltshire offered affordable housing then!

We viewed a house in The Parklands which had been empty for some time. The garden was overgrown, the house had no heating and it all looked rather neglected—but we decided there and then that the house and village would make a perfect start for us.

I was lucky enough to be appointed as Reception teacher at Malmesbury Primary School in charge of 38 four year olds (no teacher assistant in those days); our married life in Hullavington began.

Our daughter Kate was born six years later and as a new ‘stay at home Mum’, I got to know the village more. The highlight of each year was the Village Carnival Week, which was packed with different events culminating in the Carnival Parade with floats processing through the village whilst the road was closed to traffic. Most villagers took part wearing fancy dress and it provided a wonderful community spirit. I have vivid memories of the trolley races charging down The Street—there were no health and safety regulations then!

It was not long before I found myself supply teaching at the Old Village School in the centre of the village (now Kate and Greg’s home) and in 1985 I became Deputy Headteacher. I have so many fond memories of those pre National Curriculum days, when topics might last a term or more covering the whole curriculum.

Eventually, the old school building became too expensive to maintain and in 1987, the infants joined the juniors on the present site.

A number of Headteachers came and went and during that time; I served as Acting Head on four occasions but I was always very happy to return to the classroom and get on with the job I liked best....teaching the children.

After many eventful and fulfilling years, I decided in 2005 to take early retirement. Retirement has been wonderful and given me the opportunity to enjoy hobbies that I struggled to find time for when I was teaching. Now my days are filled with gardening, painting, pilates, walking, music, golf and catching up with family and friends.

I have been an active member of the HarFest committee which encourages Arts and Music in the community and we have been amazed by all the local talent that exists in our small community.

I am able to enjoy many of these interests in the village with various groups, many of which use the village hall and the church.....we are so lucky to have these facilities which help to maintain the social life of the village.

How time flies! 50 years later we are still enjoying life in Hullavington!

***Guilty Pleasure?*** Enjoying a generous G & T sitting outside in the garden watching the sun set over the fields.

***Who would play you in a movie?*** No idea, but someone tall!

***Change one thing in the village?*** I will sound like a grumpy old woman but it's BIN BLIGHT! Our ugly re-cycling bins in front gardens really look unsightly.

***Dream dinner party guest?*** Michael Palin.

***Advice to teenage self?*** Make the most of every day.

***Cat or Dog?*** Dog.

***Happiness is?*** Playing a GOOD game of golf every now and then.

***Bucket list item?*** On hold at the moment due to the Pandemic, but when things are more normal just being able to give family and friends a proper hug.

## Something to lift the spirits!

On Saturday the 5th December, there was a lovely wedding in the Church. Charlotte Davies, daughter of residents Helen and Alastair, married Javed Qazi at St Mary Magdalene Church in the Village.



Charlotte's father Alastair was able to officiate at the wedding along with Revd Adam Beaumont.

Lots of villagers enjoyed the spectacle from a distance; Aura and Dougie Fuller (who live opposite) generously treated the onlookers with a cheeky glass of bubbly to celebrate with the happy couple, which was much appreciated!

Congratulations!