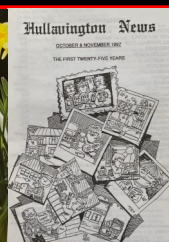


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Jubilee Celebrations in the village



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Welcome to our Souvenir Edition!

This issue celebrates the 50th anniversary of the village magazine and also covers celebrations from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There are stories and photos from the past and present. Our 'meet the villager' is also extra special this time— we believe Irene is the oldest resident in Hullavington (she didn't mind us saying that!) and has lived here all her life. It's a great read on page 66.

Extra copies have been printed so please feel free to take more than one. A very big thank you to all those that have contributed over the years.

In the jubilee section, I've tried to capture the names of some of the many people that made the Village celebrations such a success but I know I'll have missed a few so apologies if you helped but weren't mentioned!

Enjoy!

Best wishes, Sally



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VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News

HULLAVINGTON WI



We learnt about the training of Medical detection dogs in April and the valuable work they do. In May, Dr Phil Yates gave us a talk entitled 'Made from Stardust'. We were really keen to find out just what this meant and Phil really kept us enthralled with his explanations of what we're made of and where it has all come from. Our group meeting at Kington Langley was well attended when we learnt about the plants we need to grow to encourage butterflies.

In June Edith Cook will give a flower arrangement demonstration and then will guide members through creating their own arrangements. It will be great fun and we will all learn how to make an arrangement to be proud of. Also in June some members will take part in a Scrabble day arranged by the Wiltshire Federation and some will visit a goat farm to find out about the work on the farm including goat cheese making. Our Wiltshire Federation offices are based in Devizes and the committees which meet there are always offering us interesting activities to try out such as sporting activities including croquet, Nordic walking, bowls and walking and netball. They also cover creative activities such as watercolour painting, photography and needlework, talks by authors and lunches.

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

KNIT AND NATTER

I run the Knit & Natter group on Tuesdays, 2-4pm in the village hall. £2 per session which includes refreshments. It's non-profit. All welcome, any craft! The group was recently asked to make some bunting for the village hall jubilee celebrations.



Some of the members who contributed to this epic task were Pauline Charlton, Alison Reed, Maggie Dyson, Joan Lindsay, Jan & Betty Lane, Eileen Fry, Mirian Flynn and Marjorie Deacon. Maggie Bawden-Rawsthorne also donated wool for the bunting. Barbara Baggs knitted both jubilee banners and lots of bunting as well. Do come along if you'd like to join us, beginners welcome! Sandra Samra 01666 838710 . *Brilliant effort by the team, thank you! Ed*



LONDON HOUSE PLANT SALES

In aid of the church repair and maintenance fund



A really big thank you to everyone who has supported us with this year's plant stalls. Our four sales raised over £1,700 and we would like to thank everyone who bought plants or who donated their spare plants to the cause. We still have a few plants left over and they will be outside London House on a table for people to take away, a box is provided for donations please.

Last year we raised around £1,000 and this was used to obtain a Structural Engineers Report on the Bradfield Chapel Wall, where our Architect noted cracks in the stonework and in the Purbeck Marble Pillars supporting the window. This year we will use the money to monitor the cracks, which will enable us to decide how we proceed with rectifying the problem. The monitoring will go on for possibly 1-2 years. Currently the window arches are being supported by Acro props.

We anticipate running our plant stall again next year. The Church is open every day and you are welcome to pop in and see the problem for yourself. It has been such a pleasure standing outside on a Saturday morning meeting new people and catching up with old friends. Once again thank you for your generosity. Jebbie Hewitt (*What an amazing figure! Ed*)



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JUNE

Sunday	5	11.00	Celebration Service: Queen's Jubilee
Sunday	12	11.00	Morning Praise (Informal)
Sunday	19	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	26	11.00	All Age Service for the whole family

JULY

Sunday	3	18.00	Holy Communion: Group Service
Sunday	10	11.00	Morning Prayer (Informal)
Sunday	17	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	24	11.00	All Age Family Worship

At 10.30am on Sunday 3 July all are warmly invited to attend the ordination service in Bristol Cathedral for our new curate, Sharon Glead. Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated at the later time of 18.00.

We shall be continuing our celebrations to mark the Queen's official birthday at this year's Church Fete which will be held in the garden at Court House on Saturday 11 June. We look forward to seeing you all there.

FILM GROUP



Film sessions are held in the side room at the village hall on the **third** and **fourth** Wednesdays in the month. £3.00 including refreshments. The films start at 7.30.

In May and June, the fourth Wednesday films **may** be held in the main hall, depending on numbers.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE MAIN HALL SESSIONS.

If the take-up is low, **all** films will continue to be shown in the side room. Recent screenings included 'House of Gucci', 'Mothering Sunday', 'The Electrical Life of Louis Wain', 'Dune' and 'Death on the Nile'.

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This celebratory “Jubilee Walk” offers something for everyone. It includes a short tour of the village, on both sides of The Street, as well as an excursion over the fields to Surrendell and back. It also offers opportunities to divert and explore other paths in the network along the way. A more detailed version of this guide, with descriptions of points of interest along the way, is available to download on the Hullavington Happenings Facebook page.

1. Starting by Hullavington Garage, go down Frog Lane and take the footpath at its end. Just before the camp boundary fence, cross the stile on your left and follow the path through a gap in the hedge opposite.
2. Continue along the path, now with the hedge on your right. At the end of the field, cross the broken stile and the footbridge on the right, turning immediate left, along the narrow path with a boundary fence on your right for about 100 yards. After the railway sleeper bridge, keep left where the path splits and cross a further bridge and a stile into the field beyond.

3. Follow the path up the side of the field, with the hedge to your left. Exit at the corner to cross the stile and take the track up to The Street.
4. Cross into Mere Avenue. Turn right at the T-junction with Newtown and then left and left again at the end of the road to take the footpath along the edge of the field behind the cottages.
5. After about 200 yards, at the corner of the field, turn right and follow the path along the edges of this and two further fields, swinging eventually to the left as you go downhill meet the hedge in front of the Gauze Brook.
6. Follow the brook upstream to Hill Hayes Lane. Turn left and then right to follow the footpath along the side of the field ahead to Danes Bottom. Exit into the track via the metal gate at the far corner. Turn right, where another gate takes you to cross the bridge over the Gauze Brook at Danes Bottom.
7. Keeping the hedge on your right, follow the path along the field edge to cross the second stile on your right and then along the edge of another four fields, again keeping the hedge on your right. After the gate into the fourth field, take a line past the rough, tussocky, marshy patch on your right towards the stile just to the left of the tall bushes on the far side of the field.
8. Cross the stile and turn left into the track towards Surrendell House, where the track becomes a metalled lane. Continue downhill to cross the Gauze Brook once more. After another 20 yards, up a steepish bank on your left, cross a small hunting gate to take a straight line towards an obvious patch of woodland $\frac{3}{4}$ mile ahead.
9. The next 300 yards comprise a cart track, which brings you to the corner of pretty little wood known as Priors Corner. Turn right here and follow the lane for about 350 yards.
10. Just before the T-junction, opposite the entrance to Oak Tree House, cross the stile on your left. Then turn immediate right to follow the path along the field edge. After about 400 yards, turn right across the little stream and the kissing gate into Parsons Walk and back to The Street.

HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



Our group meets on the second Tuesday in the month at 2pm in the village hall. Books are supplied by the Wiltshire library service.

March choice: 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens.

This was a very popular novel with most of our members. The book has been made into a film, which is due out this summer.

Reviews: "A beautifully descriptive novel of a very young child abandoned by her family who, totally alone, manages to survive and ultimately rise above the prejudices that surround her.

Set in the coastal marshlands of South Carolina, the reader is quickly drawn into the stunning landscape and natural world that enables Kya to survive and flourish despite the adversities of extreme poverty and isolation. Ostracised and shunned by most of her neighbours her intelligence and beauty will ultimately lead her on an ill-fated relationship.

I found the novel heart-breaking in many ways and the dark twist at the end somewhat disappointing, but would still highly recommend this as a great read."

April - 'Burial Rites' by Hannah Kent. This book was excellent for discussion, and we were especially lucky to have a member with us who had visited Iceland and who felt the novel had captured the bleak atmosphere very well. The author Hannah Kent was born in Adelaide, South Australia, and as a teenager visited Iceland on a Rotary Exchange. This is when she first heard the story of Agnes Magnúsdóttir. **'Spoiler alert'** you may not wish to read on if you intend trying this book yourself. If so, please save for later!

Reviews: "Rather a dark and sober novel, based on a C19th true story, that charts the final days of Agnes, an Icelandic woman condemned to death for murdering her former lover. Set in the remote, windswept and formidable Icelandic landscape, this moving novel reflects a true battle for survival where one's life depends solely on the interpretation of stories told by others.

The narrative, while sometimes clichéd, is both convincing and powerful. The novel brilliantly captures the Iceland of two hundred years ago, as a cruel, hard land that breeds equally cruel, hard men, where women are subservient and seem largely to survive at the whim of such men.

You know that Agnes has little chance of acquittal but the end is still shocking and the only relief comes from knowing that this was in fact the last execution performed in Iceland, in January 1830.

In the Iceland of 1829 Agnes was condemned to death and eventually executed for the murder of two men. This novel, based on extensive research, presents a plausible portrait of who she really might have been and how her life came to end like it did.

As there was no prison, Agnes was sent to live with a family on a remote farm while awaiting her beheading. The book uses the growing relationship and empathy between herself and the family to gradually reveal her background and allows the reader to understand how her life might have developed.

The author uses different viewpoints to tell the story, from Agnes relating her history direct to the reader, conversations with a young priest seeking to understand and offer redemption, the author as narrator as the family starts to overcome their initial apprehensions and the state itself, as related by official documents.

Themes include how the public and official need to identify and offer up a guilty party generates a momentum of its own, irrespective of any conclusive proof or deeper understanding. Also the harsh treatment and vulnerability of women in such a strongly patriarchal society.

The book gives a grim picture of life lived in extreme conditions. It is not a light hearted read by any means but one of those books that will stay with you.

An atmospheric novel conjuring up Iceland in the early 1800s. The characters are believable, centred around a murder and the arrest of a young woman. She is held awaiting execution in a family farm under considerable suspicion which gradually melts as her story unfolds. The ending has an inevitability to it; not an uplifting novel but a soulful one highlighting the powerlessness of the poor and of women in particular."

**May - 'The Storyteller' by Jodi Picoult
'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth Hogan**

June -

Film of the Book. 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. Numbers are limited due to space, so please contact me to book a seat. Elizabeth Parry-Williams Tel: 01666 837713 email: peac@globalnet.co.uk



The Hullavington News
Celebrating our 50th anniversary
and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
all in one big happy issue!



I received an unexpected and very timely email from Margaret Roberts, who was editor of the news for 25 years. I was delighted when she took the time to send me some photos and drop off a couple of historical copies of the magazine.

In addition, Issie Greenman dug out a whole archive of old editions. I also had a long overdue catch up with Rachel Hurst who kindly gave me her back copies—Rachel was another previous long-term editor of the newsletter.

Additionally Dave Hunt, Anne Hawker and Henny Metters rooted out some fascinating photos and articles. Many thanks to all of them (and others, not always accredited) for their help in sourcing the material.

There's a wealth of village history in the material and photos up to the present day. I'll be adding a 'village history' section into future editions. I hope you enjoy a trip down memory lane.....

*June 1972—The first newsletter, it was then known as the
'Hullavington Entertainment Association Newsletter' hand-typed
on foolscap paper*

HULLAVINGTON ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 1972

Hello There

This is the first newsletter to be published by the H.E.A. which was formed at a meeting on August 2nd. The purpose of this letter is to inform you, the residents of Hullavington, of any events organised by the Association. Already we have arranged some dances and discotheques to be held in the Community Hall and it is hoped that a Dramatic Society will shortly be formed. If anyone is interested in this will they please get in touch with:

Sheila Brown
5 Council Houses
Newtown

OR

Margaret Roberts
"Silsoe"
The Parklands

A list of all events arranged to date is printed below. We hope you will enjoy them all. Watch the usual notice boards for further details nearer the dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1972

Coach Trip. Depart Hullavington Bus Shelter 1 p.m. Visiting the Severn Bridge, Usk Valley Scenic Route Forest of Dean, Wye Valley, Tintern Abbey, with a trip up the river returning at 11.30 p.m. approximately.
Fare: Adults £1.25 return Children 85p return
Seats may be booked through:
Mr & Mrs A Saunders, 18 Greens Close
Mr J Clements, The Parklands
Mrs J Payne, 3 Watts Lane

DON'T DELAY BOOK TODAY FOR THIS VERY INTERESTING COACH TRIP.

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1972

Discotheque at the Community Hall. 8.30 - 1.
Admission: 30p. Licensed Bar applied for.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 1972

Halloween Dance at the Community Hall. 8.30 - 1.
Admission: 40p. Licensed Bar applied for.

FURTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1972

Women's Section Royal British Legion Dinner & Dance to be held at the Community Hall - 7.30 - 12. Tickets Price £1. Available from Mrs W. Richardson, 13 Greens Close. Tel. Hul 323.

EVERY TUESDAY

Whist Drive at the Community Hall at 8 p.m.
Price: 15p Raffle 5p.

EVERY THURSDAY

Bingo at the Community Hall at 8 p.m.
Admission: 5p. Hrs of 10 Tickets 20p
Hrs of 2 Tickets 5p
Raffle Tickets 2p each
Refreshments served.

It is hoped to publish a monthly newsletter giving details of all forthcoming events. If anyone wishes to advertise a function through the newsletter please forward details to Mr. A. Saunders, 18 Greens Close by the 25th of the previous month.

In 1974, the news addressed Women's Lib and the fuel crisis!

Ladies - this is 1974, what are we in Hullavington doing about equality of the sexes. It has been suggested that it is time the Women's Lib. Movement penetrated this far into the outback. For further details ask the Hon. President (self-appointed) c/o The Star Inn. Who knows perhaps we will be able to turn the tables on Sunday lunch-times!

We all know there is a fuel crisis but this is one tip we would not advise following for maximum comfort. It appears that after the Dance on New Year's Eve, one of our likely lad took a candle up to his room and put it in the grate for warmth, then got into bed and left the light on!

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SILVER JUBILEE CROWNS

If you live in the Parish of Hullavington and have children who will be under 14 years on 31st August 1977 (i.e. at Filands School, or equivalent) please write their names below and return the slip to :- Mrs Reed, Mrs South, Mrs Holliday, Mrs Roberts, A. Saunders, Playgroup or Hullavington School Headmaster.

This will ensure that those children who qualify can be presented with a Jubilee Crown at the School Field during the afternoon of 7th June.

Babies due to arrive before 31st December 1977, also qualify for a Jubilee Crown; parents' name should be written below so that a Crown can be put aside.

HULLAVINGTON ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1977

Hello,

This month we see the start of our festivities in the village. Early in June the Jubilee Celebrations take place at the school field on the 7th. Later on we have our Carnival, in which various events take place; if you wish to enter any of these please fill in the appropriate form NOW and return to any committee member.

One appeal I must make is to the older girls of our village to enter for the Carnival Queen Competition, please don't be shy.

Our Committee hope that you all enjoy yourselves during the week.

Cheerio,

A. Saunders
Chairman - H.E.A.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - HULLAVINGTON BRANCH - WOMEN'S SECTION

FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

Meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. After business there will be a 'PIPPA-DEE' party at 8.0 p.m. Anybody interested will be most welcome.

SUNDAY 26th JUNE

Procession of Witness from the Church at 6.45 p.m. to the Community Hall, where the Open Air Service will be held.

HULLAVINGTON BROWNIE GUIDES

SATURDAY 4th JUNE

The Brownies will be making 'JUBILEE VISITS' to Senior Citizens in the village. If anyone would like some Brownies to call on them for a chat or to do some small job (without payment) would they please give their name to:

Mrs Ellingham - 16 Hill Hayes Lane
Mrs W. Richardson - 6 Hill Hayes Lane
Miss G. Young - 64 The Street
Mr A. Saunders - 18 Greens Close.

HULLAVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

6th - 10th JUNE (inclusive) School closed for half-term holiday

16th JUNE

District Sports for Juniors in Chippenham.

20th JUNE

Cycling Proficiency Course on camp.

28th JUNE

School Sports starts at 6.00 p.m.

2nd JULY

CARNIVAL DAY - we shall again be entering floats and will be asking for help soon.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

TUESDAY 7th JUNE

Commencing at 2.30 p.m. at the School Field, events include: PARADE - GAMES - OPENING OF PLAYGROUND - ENTERTAINMENT BY HULLAVINGTON PLAYERS - TEAS - OPEN AIR DANCE - REFRESHMENTS - LICENCED BARS.

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PARENTS - have you given your child's name in for a JUBILEE CROWN?

PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 13th JUNE

Meeting starts at 7.0 p.m. in the Hall.

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1977 Jubilee Carnival Float



A photo I took in 1977 of the play school float, celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. The back drop to the float is Buckingham Palace. All the children were dressed as soldiers with black hats, red tops and blue trousers. The only

child that I can name is our son Michael who is third from the left on the front. The lady on the left smiling into the camera was Jenny Garrett while the lady on the right was Auntie Win. Auntie Win was Win Richardson, Mum of Eileen Fry who recently lost her husband, but she was always known as Auntie Win. In fact the plaque with the tree planted in the corner of the Village Hall car park in remembrance of her refers to her as Auntie Win. To indicate how smart the children looked I also attach a picture of Michael.


Dave Hunt



Maria Greenman also remembers the Silver Jubilee

At the time, Brian Paxton owned the garage and Dave and Penny Norgate were tenant farmers at Court Farm. Brian's wife Pat, Penny and myself organised a party which was held in the area where nos. 9 and 10 Belfry Drive are. There were a number of sheds there, so we had a good time cleaning and decorating the most suitable..... I seem to remember that we were laden with food and Robert - (Giles) who lived at the Barken provided a good selection of music for us all.

I also remember that one stretch of bunting seemed to keep a number of us occupied for some time amidst much laughter. The idea was to fix it across the road, sufficiently high to avoid being brought down by the traffic! That would not be a good idea now.. Judging by the height of some trucks that pass through!!



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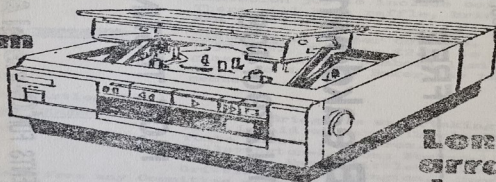
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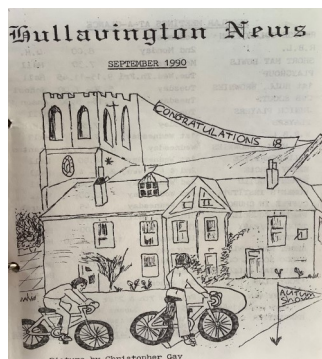
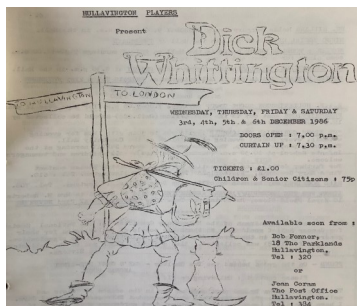
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There was an active theatre group in the village, note the 3 digit telephone numbers! 1989 saw the 'new look' news format, now a 28 page a5 booklet, all hand typed!



JUNE 1989

Dear Readers,

This is possibly the "new look" we have been promising for so long. There are still some wrinkles to iron out with adverts and actual layout. Also the size will vary slightly according to what paper we have in stock. However, as long as I have someone willing to collate and staple the printed sheets (for which I am extremely grateful after all these years) there is no reason why it should not stay this way for some time - unless you have strong objections. As always your comments are welcome and can be passed to any member of the support group for onward transmission.

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The Queen's Head
Newtown House
Edenhurst House
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19 Hill Hayes Lane

In June 1992, wildflowers were being considered in the churchyard, much as we are today 30 years later!

CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION

The Parochial Church Council is considering how, and to what extent, the churchyard can be managed differently in order to encourage the growth of wild flowers, whilst still appearing reasonably tidy. Advice has been taken from the Wiltshire Trust for Nature Conservation (WTNC) as to how this should be done.

The main change that will be seen is that the first grass cutting of the year is being delayed until after the end of June to allow most of the wild flowers to set seed. For the sake of tidiness and access, however the edges of the paths and the area close to the church will continue to be cut short as usual. The grass clippings will also be removed, rather than being left on the grass, which will have the effect of making the soil less rich and hence slowing the growth of the grass, whilst allowing the flowers to grow.

As well as benefiting the environment, this is more in keeping with the way churchyards would have been managed in the past and will in fact return the churchyard to the way it would have looked before the advent of the lawn mower.

Nearly 70 species of flowering plants have been found in the churchyard so far, including the rare rue-leaved saxifrage. Steve Whitworth from WTNC reckons the churchyard to be one of the best three in North Wiltshire for its wild flower species.

We hope that residents will bear with the trial while it is taking place and support us in our aim of returning to a more traditional way of managing the churchyard. Any informal comments would be welcome and should be addressed to Janet Richards, 49 The Parklands.

The 21st birthday edition enjoyed a special cover with lovely sketches by Denise Stevenson.



Hullavington News

The First Twenty-Five Years

September 1972	First newsletter photocopied and limited numbers left in shops, pubs, etc.
October 1972	Present Editor purchased hand-cranked Roneo duplicator and double-sided sheet was produced on the dining room table and delivered to each house.
July 1977	Emma was born on 13th without interrupting production of the July newsletter!
September 1979	Editor moved house. Production was not hindered in any way.
Spring 1981	Second-hand electric Gestetner purchased and production moved to the school.
July 1988	Adler electric typewriter purchased, so farewell to the old faithful Olivetti.
June 1989	First A5 "Book" format Small team formed - editor plus two helpers - to collate/staple in Editor's kitchen.
September 1992	Production equipment moved from school to 10 Royal Field Close and word-processor now used.
July/August 1994	Swindon College took on photocopying & collating.
June/July 1996	South West Litho took over printing/collating/stapling.
June 1997	New production team formed to take over from 1st October.

The newsletter celebrated its 25 year anniversary and Margaret Roberts handed over editorship to a new team, loads of people involved back then, they even had an art editor!

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We're into the 2000s now, the Easter 2000 edition caught my eye, the task of finding a site for a playground is clearly not new and still a challenge today!

STATEMENT BY HULLAVINGINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CONCERNING THE CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

Following the Village Appraisal in 1997 when the provision of a new playground was highlighted as a popular millennium project, the HELP (Hullavington Environmental & Leisure Playground) community group was formed to achieve this.

The HELP group then set about finding a suitable site, selecting play equipment and investigating possible funding. Articles were placed in Hullavington News in October/November 1998 and December 1998/January 1999 asking for comments from the public on the Little Topsoil site, also requesting any suggestions for alternatives as they had ruled out the existing playground site on the school field as unsuitable.

Little Topsoil is the last field on the right, just past the School, when leaving the village. This field (originally 1 and two thirds acres in area) was donated in 1921 by Eton College to Hullavington Parish Council for use as an additional burial ground for the parish. About one third of the field is presently used as the parish cemetery, the rest being retained for extending the cemetery; and kept tidy by letting to a local farmer for grazing.

As the Parish Council was already considering the provision of a car park in Little Topsoil with a path link to the cemetery, the HELP group suggested that an adjacent area nearest to the village could accommodate the new playground. This arrangement would give safer access to the cemetery on foot and by car, serve the playground and possibly relieve parking difficulties on The Street at school start and finish times.

The Parish Council wrote to Eton College for permission to change the use of this area of the field so that the land could be 'borrowed' until such time that it was required for burials. Eton College raised no objection to this, so late in 1999 the Parish Council submitted a planning application to NWDC for construction of a playground and car park on Little Topsoil.

To the best of the Parish Council's knowledge and belief at that time, the planning application was sound. However, subsequent information was received during the public consultation stage of the planning process which led the council to realise that the application may be incorrect. Also there was considerable public concern expressed against the planning application. Under these circumstances the Council decided by a majority vote to withdraw the application.

Legal advice is now being sought with regard to the term 'appropriated land' in respect of the original conveyance for Little Topsoil.

Looking to the future, in an effort to progress the project and utilise the valuable work put in by the HELP group, the Parish Council is currently discussing the school field site with the School authorities. Hopefully perceived problems can be resolved and this site may be considered for the new childrens playground unless there is a viable alternative.

In 2012 a new editorial team arrived with a new look News and later its first colour cover, a freebie courtesy of our printer Jamprint. Jason (the owner) lives in the village and is still our printer today.

NEW EDITORIAL QUARTET

There are now four people taking over editing the newsletter from Pat Wilkinson – a clear indication of all the hard work and commitment that she has given in the past. We cannot thank Pat enough for all that she has done and hope she enjoys the break from the task.

The rest of the newsletter team – Liz Greenman as Treasurer and the Hadleys and their delivery angels are continuing with their sterling service. We look forward to working with them.

We really want this to be YOUR newsletter. Not just about groups and events, but about your lives and interests. Hullavington is a vibrant and friendly village with a great history and we want the newsletter to reflect that.

We do hope you have a very happy Christmas and all best wishes for 2012.

The Editorial Team

Rachel Hurst
Maggie Dyson
Miriam Walker
Carl Greenman

Hullavington News

October - November 2014

In 2004, disaster struck when the village hall burnt down after an electrical fire. Jebbie Hewitt from the pre-school playgroup witnessed the fire and commented "people were standing there with tears in their eyes, it has caused a lot of upset, it just went up like a tinderbox". By 2006 after 30 months of fundraising co-ordinated by Bob Fenner, the new hall, that we enjoy today was opened. Pictured at the time: Bob Fenner, Liz Parry-Williams, Sue Fenner, David Hunt, Victor Rawlins, Anna Durrant and Paul Hadley.



In 2006, the village was in the headlines again and featured in the local newspapers when it hosted a world record tractor gathering. They smashed the previous record of 1901 tractors previously set in Australia with a massive 2141 tractors. Local farmer Helen Butler was quoted at the time "We're really trying to push British farming and show everybody what it's got."

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Tractor challenge

Photo, Anne Hawker

Gazette & Herald Thursday, June 29, 2006

Farmers, contractors and an army of loyal enthusiasts came from every corner of

Ploughing to victory

WE'VE DONE IT: The record was smashed when 2,141 tractors of every age and description descended on Hullavington on Sunday. Drivers came from all over the country to take part

(1990/57) PICTURE BY M. HALL

Dave Hunt sent in some photos and a description of the celebration in Court House for the Queens 60th anniversary in 2012.



Locals enjoying their tea



Eric Gough conducting the choir in singing Land of Hope and Glory, with the audience singing along behind with great enthusiasm!

Liz and Peter Parry-Williams with their grand children, admiring Ron Bye's golden coronation coach. Sadly Ron, who lived in Greens Close, passed away in 2017. He built the coach in 1953.





Jubilee 2022 - Decoration Day at Hullavington School. On Friday 13th May the whole school enjoyed making decorations for the school and village Jubilee celebrations. All the pupils were mixed up into different groups and participated in a range of art and craft activities. We had many parents and volunteers in helping us with this



special day. It was great fun!! Thank you to our wonderful parents and volunteers who helped us. Pupils wore red, white and blue to school. The whole school ate lunch outside. Sarah, our School Cook made a wonderful Jubilee picnic. We sang the National Anthem and had rousing music playing all lunchtime as the pupils enjoyed talking with their friends and playing in the sun. All the bunting the pupils made was used to decorate the playground. Sue Tudge, Headteacher



Stamps designed by the Owlet class



Buckingham Palace designed by the Owlets complete with stables and a swimming pool for dolphins





Decorating the Village

The village kicked off its Jubilee celebrations with bunting and decorations. The village was transformed by a whole team of volunteers including Sarah Tompkins, Sarah Laskey, Gemma Lovering, Katherine Milvain, Helen & Alastair Davies, Liz & Julian Greenman, Jon Atkey, Debbie Lawley, Tracey Tillotson, Kelly Paskell, Eva and Grace Gould and Caroline Bance. Julian Wain designed, built and installed the sign outside the Church—many thanks to all of them!



Photos Sarah Laskey



Graeme Slaymaker, Sharon Neal and Lu Abbs from the Parish Council also decorated the Village Green and Bus Shelters with bunting funded by the PC. Adam Beaumont (Rector) suggested all school children receive a souvenir Jubilee Book about the Queen to commemorate the occasion, the PC were happy to support

and fund this initiative.

Lighting the Beacon

On Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm, along with thousands of other Villages, a beacon was lit. Hullavingington's was made by Dave Martin who generously provided his time and skills to produce a lovely beacon with the crown on top funded by the PC. Chairman of the PC, Graham Slaymaker, gave a speech about the history of beacons and it was well attended by more than 100 villagers.



Graeme Slaymaker & Dave Martin



Photo Jon Jeeves

The Church Jubilee Coffee Morning and Hub

On Friday the 3rd, the Church ran a special Jubilee themed coffee morning followed by the Hub on Saturday the 4th and a special service on Sunday the 5th. The Church was filled over the 3 days with beautiful flowers, fabulous home made cakes, lunches and a cheeky glass of fizz! It was a brilliant effort by everyone involved, see over for a photo of the hub which was buzzing with activity.



Dudley & Jebbie Hewitt



Flowers by Anna Fuller



Photo Jon Jeeves

The Hub was buzzing with activity on Saturday—it was a fight for the last home-made sausage roll!



Jubilee Quiz

On Friday 3rd, the Village Hall hosted a Jubilee themed quiz. It was a full house with 16 tables and questions kindly provided by Bob Fenner. The hall looked lovely with decorations from the Knit and Natter group. The winners were Clare & Chris Smith, Carol Plumbridge and Sue Kelly. Congratulations!



Photo Anna Durrant

The Tea Dance

The Village Hall hosted a complimentary afternoon tea dance with live music. Mary Greenman found a Crown she had made for the Golden Jubilee in 2002, it travelled around the Village to various locations during the celebrations and was much admired! More overleaf.



Photo Hugh Greenman

The Village Hall Committee worked wonders to make the event a huge success as you can see from the smiling faces! Photos of the event were kindly provided by Anna Durrant and Jon Jeeves.



Eric Gough's Band



Anna Durrant



The 'Random' Band



Lizzy Pearce



Some of the hardworking Committee and helpers - Simon Durrant back, left to right: Linda Anderson, Betty Mason—daughter of Vicky next to her and Sophie Edwards. Others also working hard to make it a success are Richie Anderson, Anna Durrant, Sophie Grogan, Issie Greenman, Dudley Hewitt, Lizzy Pearce & Helen Davies. Many thanks to all of them for a great event!





Richie Anderson



Helen
Davies



Several of us were 'crowned' during the day courtesy of Mary Greenman!

The VH Committee would like to offer sincere thanks to all the many helpers including:

partners who put the gazebo up, the Flying Monk Brewery who donated Beer, the Cake Tin for donating biscuits, the WI for decorating the outside pots, the school for their gazebo and crown decorations, the Knit and Natter group for their bunting and decorations, the band members (Eric Gough—band leader, Ann Sneyd, Sally Jeeves, Michael Graves, Ron Brown, Bob Jones), Hugh, Terry, Geraldine and anyone else we've forgotten to mention. Thank you all!



Sophie
Grogan





Street Parties



Latimer Gardens—Photo Mandy House



Eton Close/Royal Field Close—Photo Isobel Acott





Above, Blinks Close—Photo Helen Davies. Below and right, Gibbs Lane, photos Geraldine McKibbin & Sally Jeeves







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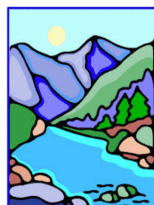
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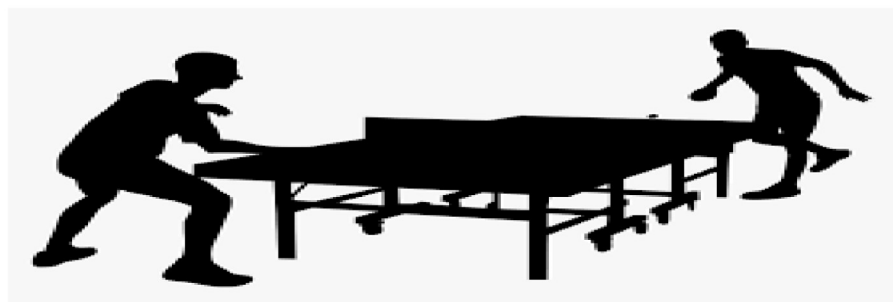
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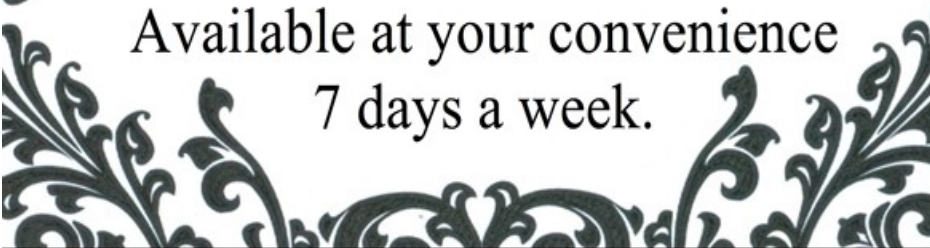
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Rates from 1st November 2021

Rate Minimum booking 1 hour	Small Room	Main Hall	Both Rooms	Kitchen (per booking)
VILLAGE USER – including all users who run clubs, regular events	£5.00	£8.00	£10.00	No fee
NON VILLAGE USER – one off bookings (not parties)	£8.00	£12.00	£15.00	£5.00
REGULAR/CORE/BUSINESS USER (who do not reside in Hullavington)	£10.00	£15.00	£20.00	£5.00

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)
VILLAGE USER	£50.00	included
NON VILLAGE USER	£65.00	included

For any queries, please contact:

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

[200 Club for the Village Hall]

200 club supporting our Village Hall.

We have had some success in recruiting additional members to the 200 club via the Hullavington Happenings Facebook page. You can also join by contacting Geraldine McKibben on 837736 or Linda Hadley on 837096

The latest draws have produced the following winners.

March £50 A. Hawker £25 Anna Durrant

April £50 Bill Matthews £25 A.Cook

Congratulations to them, good luck to everyone in the next draw.

[Handy Information]

Shop:

Mon—Fri 08.00—18.00
Sat 08.30—16.00
Sun 09.00—13.00

Post Office:

Mon, Tues, Thurs 09.00—12.30
Wed 09.00—12.00
Fri—Sat Closed

Biodiversity	Debbie Lawley	deb-bie.lawley@willowdna.com
Book group	Liz Parry Williams	01666 837713
Fibre Optic		Hullavingtonsustainability2021@gmail.com
Film Group	Sarah Harmer	01666 837704
Football Club	James Nation	07894 715080
Footpaths co-ordinator	Jon Atkey	jon.atkey@willowdna.com
Jolly Tots	Rachel Cripps	07850 176901
M'bury & District Link	-	01666 840861
N'hood Police Team		101
N'hood Watch mandy.hullavington.nhw.@gmail.com	Mandy House	07955 410350
Parish Church	Adam Beaumont	01666 311177
www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk	Sharon Neal	01249 659842
Poetry Group	Catherine Sanderson	01666 838824
P.O.S.H Public Open space		poshfor2022@gmail.com
Primary School & Little Hoots Nursery	Sue Tudge	01666 837604
Recorder Group	Maggie Dyson	01666 837358
Rights of Way (roads)		0300 4560105
Knit & Natter (all crafts)	Sandra Samra	01666 838710
Short Mat Bowls	Pat Harper	07462 136889
200 Club	Geraldine McKibbin	01666 837736
Village Hall anna@hullavingtonhall.org.uk	Anna Durrant	01666 837569
Women's Institute	Isobel Acott	01666 837458

Meet the Villager

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

In this edition, we meet Irene Greenman.

I was born in Laburnum Cottage on the 3rd October 1924 ,which is the house on the right before turning into Hill Hayes Lane. My Mother died when I was five and I was then brought up by my Father and a blind Aunt who lived next door. Therefore, everything you used had to be put back in exactly the same place which I still do. I am approximately eighteen months older than the Queen and I have closely followed her life.

I went to the village school which was virtually opposite my house. In those days the playground was divided by an iron fence with girls one side and the boys the other. I left school at fourteen and stopped at home to look after my father who was head groundsman for the airfield which was in the process of being built. Originally there was a farm there which was demolished to build the camp as we know it today, runway, hangars etc.

The village was a lot smaller than today and you knew everybody living in the village. I remember the first car was owned by the people in Darley House with my Uncle employed as the chauffeur. I can remember the first black and white TV which came into the village, owned by Bob Clark (Carolyn Samuel's father). Every Saturday evening we would take a plate of food to his house for supper and watch the Saturday Night at the Palladium.

When electricity first came into the village you were allowed three lights and one plug. If you wanted any more, you had to pay for them. Before electricity, most houses had a well or shared one where they use the keep their butter and milk in a bucket hanging down in the well to keep it cool and stop it going off.



I started courting the farmer across the road; his father died when he was young and he had to leave school at fourteen to run the farm. The farm has recently been built on and is known as Old Farm Close.

The old Chapel in Newtown (when religious services ceased), was purchased by the farm and is where we went to get some privacy to do our courting. It was used for storage and for many years was full of potatoes which were sold around the village in half hundred weight sacks; none of these metric measurements. It's now converted into a house.

When war was declared, August 31st 1939, we were sitting on a wall and my Uncle cycled past and said war had been declared. Many of the men and older boys were called up to fight but farmers had to stay at home and produce as much food as possible. He then joined the Home Guard whilst still farming. Everybody had to work and I went to Westinghouse and also worked on the land.

People were still allocated coupons for clothing and many people in the village gave me theirs so I could go to London and buy material, blue velvet for the Bridesmaids, one of which was Carolyn Samuel. I bought white satin for my wedding dress. We were married on the 25th September 1948 in Hullavington Church which was decorated for the Harvest Festival. I can remember apples had been placed on all the oak partitions. After we married, we lived in a cottage in Watts Lane where we had our first son.

When I went into labour, I can always remember my husband saying "you go to hospital now or you will have to wait until I have finished milking!" I went immediately. When our second son was born, I can remember the nurse asking him who he resembled. He replied he looked like the milkman. You should have seen the look on the nurse's face. I explained he was the milkman!

We moved to the Farmhouse (behind the Bus Shelter) in 1960 when my Mother-in Law died. In 1980 my husband had a farming accident and broke his back leaving him a complete invalid. I then looked after him for the next 32yrs until he died at home.

After the accident my eldest son then helped run the farm alongside his day job, with his uncle. The farm was eventually moved up Hill Hayes Lane when it became impossible to run a farm within the village. My Granddaughter bought the Farmhouse and I still live in the left side of it which was originally a Saddler's shop.

The changes I have seen within the village are vast. In my younger days there were eight farms in the village with all their cows walking through it twice a day. They would drink from Latimer Pond which, when it froze over, all the children would use it for ice skating. Only two farms now exist on the outskirts of the village. Farms originally only had horses to work the land, now powerful large tractors. There used to be four shops plus a Post Office and bakery in the village. Children used to just go off and play in the fields and streams without a care in the world. Not possible now in the current world.

During my life I was a Parish Councillor for 23 years, a member of the WI and Golden Threads.

I doubt if anybody going forward will ever see as many changes as I have in my lifetime.

Guilty Pleasure? – Baileys in my morning coffee

Who would play you in a movie? – Dame Judy Dench

If you could change something in the village? – People not being in such a rush all the time

Dinner Party guests? – Family and Friends

Advice to teenage self? – Live each moment to the full



Cat or Dog? – Dog

Happiness is? – being nice to everybody

Many thanks to Irene (and her daughter-in-law Sheila) for taking the time to share these lovely memories with us. Ed

