

# Hullavington News



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**Oct—Nov 2021**

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Many of you in the village will know Emma Trickett as a dance tutor but also as a keen and knowledgeable animal lover. Emma has kindly written an article (p.32) about our hedgehog friends and how we can all help to keep them thriving.

The Village Hall has featured strongly in the last month; it was great to see the village show return to the hall after it was forced 'online' like so many other events last year. Many thanks to Jonnie Jeeves for working to provide a covid safe space for people to take part. There were lots of quality entries and the 'al-fresco' tea area proved to be a hit, allowing people to mingle safely. Luckily the weather was kind on the day. See page 28 for photos and a full report.

The new Village Hall Committee have also been busy restructuring the charging system. They're also introducing the latest technology to make bookings and hall access easier. Lots more info on page 37. They have organised a quiz night on the 22nd October, more details on page 7.

Thanks to all of them for keep this valuable asset going.

With best wishes, Sally Jeeves, Editor.



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## VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News

### THE VILLAGE BUS SHELTER

The bus shelter at the junction of The Street and Watts Lane was erected in 1952 by the Parish Council of the day to commemorate the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II.



In late 2019 the Parish Council decided that it was showing its age and it was time for a new coat of anti-graffiti paint. In addition a couple of the roof tiles had slipped. Councillor Hank Slater volunteered to fix the roof tiles and paint the interior but, on closer inspection, it was discovered that rather more than that was required. The Parish Council agreed that Hank should do whatever was necessary which turned out to be the removal of all the roof tiles, a total replacement of all the battens and roofing felt followed by the replacement of the roof and ridge tiles. The wooden fascia boards were also replaced with PVC which will cut down on future maintenance costs. Some of you may remember seeing Hank - during the hottest week in July 2020 - with his scaffolding around the bus shelter carrying out this task.



Fast forward to this week and the interior of the bus shelter - not an easy task as anti-graffiti paint needs far more preparatory work than ordinary gloss paint. There was also the problem of all the books and bookcases that now re-

side in the bus shelter. Step forward Liz Parry-Williams, her husband Peter and Evelyn Lewis, who made light work of the removal of these items and the replacement of them when the paintwork had been completed.

Additionally, Liz has removed all the cobwebs from the commemoration board and the PVC fascias, washed down the Watts Lane street sign at the side of the shelter and also washed down the Parish Council notice board affixed to the side. Peter then gave the commemorative board a good coating of Linseed oil for added weather protection.

A lady in Stanton who was moving home, donated a wicker chair which has now taken its place in the newly repaired and decorated bus shelter.

The new colour of the interior of the bus shelter was chosen by Liz (who is the main voluntary "caretaker" of the building) assisted by her husband Peter and Evelyn Lewis. The ladies also keep an eye on the garden area at the rear of the bus shelter and are often seen tidivating the edges and ensuring that they are tidy.

The finishing touch was the placement of that lovely red geranium which first appeared last year, courtesy of Liz. The bus shelter has never looked so smart!

So, it is a huge thank you to all the above mentioned for their contribution to the bus shelter makeover, and also Gemma Hole who willingly let Hank connect up to her electricity supply when it was needed for his generator. A real community effort. Hank never charges for the "labours of love" that he performs for the village - in fact he has still not submitted his bill for the materials he used last year when he sorted out the roof. I shall have to nag him - again!!!

*On behalf of all of us, thanks to all involved, it looks great! Ed*



The finished shelter and community library!

## CLIMATE STRATEGY CONSULTATION



If you are concerned about Climate Change, from Wednesday 1 September to 23:59 on Sunday 17 October, you can comment on the draft strategy, which covers seven delivery themes: transport; built environment; waste; green economy; energy generation, storage and distribution; natural environment, food and farming; and carbon neutral council.

A hard copy of the Climate Strategy is available to view in every Wiltshire Library including mobile libraries. Have your say by taking the online survey available here from 1 September.

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162911004073>

At the same time, we will also be consulting on 'Our Natural Environment Plan' - A Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) strategy for Wiltshire, which looks at the future for Wiltshire's natural environmental assets and how the council can help protect and enhance them for the benefit of people and biodiversity.

A hard copy of the Climate Strategy is available to view in every Wiltshire Library including mobile libraries.

### Background to the consultation

Wiltshire Council acknowledged a climate emergency in February 2019 and committed to becoming carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030. We are investing money to achieve this and are fully committed. We will also support Wiltshire to work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. We need to work with residents, communities and businesses to achieve this.

*Thanks to Maggie Bawden for the Parish Council information.*

## DO YOU USE MEDEQUIP?



If you do, then perhaps you would like to complete the survey to help them evaluate the service that is offered? Just click on this link [Give your feedback](#) to let them know what you think.

## INFORMATION FROM THE SURGERY IN MALMESBURY

Patients have been telling us that they are struggling to get through to us, which we are very sorry to hear. We are conducting a complete review of our processes and access options for patients across all staff teams.

We continue to experience unprecedented demand for appointments which has increased by 73% since May 2020 and is now at a higher level for us here in Malmesbury than pre pandemic. We are recalling patients with chronic conditions for routine reviews as many of these were not completed in 2020. We are also managing an increase in non-clinical requests, many of which are beyond our control. Recent examples being enquiries about signing up for the NHS App to access COVID Vaccine certificates, and hundreds of calls regarding the timing and availability of COVID, and now flu, vaccines.

We have employed additional staff, including pharmacists and physiotherapists, installed new phone lines, increased appointment numbers, and introduced a separate service for ordering medication to release our staff. In June, our GP partners increased the length of their clinics to try to make more appointments available and improve access for patients and we successfully recruited additional admin staff as well as another GP who will join us in September as we prepare to roll out Phase 3 of the vaccine programme and flu jabs. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to offer the best possible service at this time of increased demand.

Malmesbury Primary Care Centre.

## PLANNING TO TRAVEL ABROAD SOON?

If, when you applied for your new passport you had extra months added to it because, for some reason, you were applying for its renewal early, then the following will be of interest to you.



Red passport holders are being urged to check if their travel document is still valid before travelling abroad after a major rule change.

When UK left the EU last year, a new blue passport design with the lettering 'BRITISH PASSPORT' replaced the original red which is slowly being phased out. However, those who are still using red passports are

being warned to pay careful attention to a rule change surrounding expiry dates which could catch them out.

Passports are now only valid for 10 years exactly - additional months on anyone's red passports (passports issued before the UK left the EU ) are no longer valid. This could reduce the validity time by several months without people being aware.

Example: passport issue date 21st Jun 2012, passport expiry date 21st Dec 2022. Your passport expiry date is now the 21st Jun 2022. Most countries in the EU require that your passport is valid for six months on the date of return from your holiday, some countries it's three months, meaning the last date you could return on the above example would be the 21st Dec 2021.

Since 2020, those renewing or applying for a new passport have been issued the new blue design.

Your old EHIC card which was used to avail yourself of medical treatment or services in Europe, is valid until the expiry date shown and will need to be replaced by the new UK GHIC card.

Follow the instructions at the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health>

## A VILLAGE AFFAIR

The evening of Thursday, 9th September really was a village affair with approximately 20 friends of the late John Greenwood gathering on the small green, opposite The Hullavington Arms, to witness the unveiling of a plaque on the new seat which had been bequeathed to the village by John.

Also present were Mark and Sarah Laskey, the new owners of West View - where John and his wife, Beryl had lived since 1966 - with their children, who brought a lovely bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion.

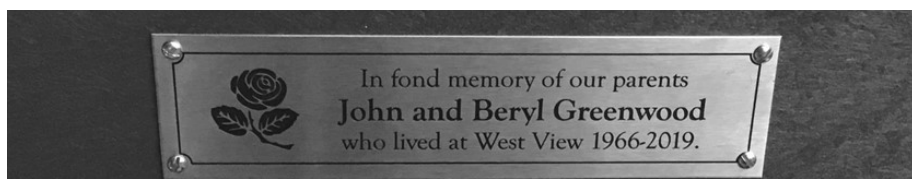
This new seat replaces the one which had been bequeathed by John's wife, Beryl, in 1999. That seat provided respite for many people as they walked or cycled through the village but it was showing signs of age.

John's daughters, Jennifer, who had travelled from France for the occasion, and Lynne - both of whom had attended the village school



- had organised the event and Lynne reminisced about her parents' time in the village following their move to West View from Yorkshire.

It was then time for John's granddaughter, Lornie, to unveil the plaque, which she did with great aplomb.



Drinks and nibbles were then enjoyed by all as they chatted away at the conclusion of a very village affair.



## **AN UPDATE ON PROJECT OYAM**

In February of this year I circulated information regarding Project OYAM, a fundraising initiative to help a village school in Eastern Nepal.

It is being spearheaded by Major Khatri Chakrabahdur who attended this school as a child and who, until recently, was Officer Commanding 90 Sqn RLC at Buckley Barracks.



The land has been purchased and surveyed and the design and costings approved with input from the GIFT trustees.

The OMH will be a 3-storey earthquake resistant structure with a full build and fully furnished cost of £184,000.

“Depending on the COVID situation in Nepal, we are planning to lay the foundations in April next year and have the whole project completed by April 2023. With your continued support we believe this is more than achievable.



We can't thank you enough for your generous support and we look forward to providing you with further updates. as we progress.  
Chakra”.



*Many thanks to Maggie Bawden for the village round-up—Ed*

## HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



We meet the second Tuesday in the month, 2- 3 pm in the side room at the village hall. During the summer months, we have enjoyed sitting outside in the sunshine at the hall for our meetings.

Our **June** choice was **'The Sealwoman's Gift' by Sally Magnusson.**

As you will see from the reviews, her first novel was a big hit with us. A remarkable story written around a horrendous, but little known event, at least outside Iceland, the themes of slavery still resound today. Also, I thought it juxtaposed the beliefs of two major world religions, Christianity and Islam, and it showed the similarities as much as the differences and how both leave many fundamental questions unanswered. Showed how myth and legends are also important in human existence.

'It conveys a lot of historical information, not in didactic mode but developed via the story and the characters'.

'The way the author moved between, and linked, places and times was very skilfully done.'

'A wonderful novel that brought Icelandic legends and history to life. Based on a factual event, Sally Magnusson's descriptive skills beautifully capture the atmospheric splendour of both Iceland and exotic Tangiers. It is alert to both ethical and cultural differences and is very pertinent to the current slave questions and just how many societies have been impacted by this heinous activity. Despite its dark topic this is a very moving, believable and enjoyable read.'

'I enjoyed it - an interesting portrayal of the slave raids by the Ottoman Empire and surprised they took place as far north.'

In **July** we read **'The Spy and the Traitor' by Ben Macintyre.**

'Bit plodding at times, especially early on in the book but the climax of the escape was I thought very well written, even if one knew the ending.

"Wonder how much had to be left out or has not yet been disclosed. Especially the events after OG's recall to Moscow. I had not read before that the KGB actually had a sort of morality and frowned against such things as adultery. You could assassinate your neighbour but you must not covet his wife. "

‘At times espionage does seem like a game played out by English public school boys. What is revealed later varies between what, in hindsight, seems silly and the result of paranoia and the other extreme of people being killed’.

‘Most impressive characters seemed to be the two wives, especially Caroline, the wife of the MI6 Station Chief. Reminiscent of the stuff of empire. Be practical, get on with it, stiff upper lip etc’.

‘I thought it showed what a good writer John Le Carré was. How he could take all this type of stuff as background and make it so dramatic and readable’.

‘Also, you might not agree with her politics but Mrs Thatcher seems to come out of it quite well in her brief appearance. Very decisive in comparison to the image of our current incumbent’.

‘Although in a completely different context, the sacrifice or abandonment of one’s family followed on a bit from that in the Seal-woman.’

‘It was interesting but just not my kind of book. Some of it seems almost too far fetched, but it obviously must have happened - the Harrods’ carrier bag, for instance, must have drawn attention to something that was supposed to be secret.’

Our **August** book choice: **'Miss Benson's Beetle' by Rachel Joyce.**

1950—in a devastating moment of clarity, Margery Benson abandons her dead-end job and advertises for an assistant to accompany her on an expedition. She is going to travel to the other side of the world to search for a beetle that may or may not exist.

If you source 'Miss Benson's Beetle' in paperback, 'The Photograph that Inspired a Novel', found at the back of the book, tells how a trip to Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire opened the door for Rachel, (suffering from 'writer's block'), and set her on the pathway to completing the novel.

Most people enjoyed 'Miss Benson's Beetle', although one member didn't feel empathy for the characters.

'The Sunday Express write up on the back cover states: “This glorious novel is as much about second chances, heartfelt friendships and emotional courage as it is about trekking through dangerous terrain”

Rachel Joyce has once again created the most colourful and believable characters and put them in quite bizarre situations. Her writing, however, is such that she creates a heart warming and entrancing book'.

September title: **'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn.**

A true story. 'Just days before Raynor Winn learned that Moth, her husband of thirty-two years, was terminally ill, they lost their home and livelihood. With nothing left and little time, they impulsively decided to walk the 630-mile South West Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. Living wild and free at the mercy of sea and sky, they discovered a new, liberating existence, but what would they find and the journey's end?'

FILM OF THE BOOK—These evenings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the side room at the village hall. Films start at 7.30. If you would like information about the Book Group or 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.

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## **HULLAVINGTON FILM GROUP**

All film group evenings are now held on a Wednesday.

Film EXTRA sessions (side hall) are held on the third Wednesday in the month, and Film Group (main hall) on the fourth. Depending on numbers attending, the fourth Wednesday in the month film may be shown in the side hall.



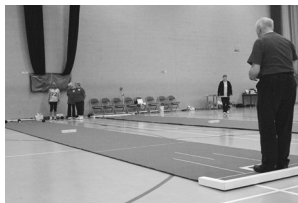
Until further notice the charge per adult to see films will be £3.00 in the main hall, and £2.00 for the small hall. The new village hall committee has announced that hall rental charges will be increased in the future and these increases are likely to influence Film Group's charges. Watch this space for further information.

Dates for film evenings in the autumn—October:  
Film Group EXTRA Wednesday 20th, Film Group Wednesday 27th

**Please book in advance by contacting:**

Elizabeth Parry-Williams, Tel: 01666 837 713, email: [peac@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:peac@globalnet.co.uk), or call in at 20 The Street.

## HULLAVINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



Now that the government has relaxed the requirements imposed on us all at the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic what, may we ask ourselves, can we do to exercise a little more, socialise a little more and take part in a fun, challenging and enjoyable sport?

The answer is- SHORT MAT BOWLS.

We at Hullavington Short Mat Bowls Club are looking for new people, of any age from 9 to 90, who would like to try their hand at Short Mat Bowls.

The game is played, indoors, on a purpose made mat measuring approximately 12 metres long by 2 metres wide down which you play your bowl to get as close to a "jack" as possible. The problem is that in the middle of the mat is a 380mm wide block of wood which you have to avoid by bending your bowl round it ( using the bias of the bowl). Sounds easy. Believe me, it's not. But, if you can master this art with a modicum of success, you can enjoy a very pleasant evening's entertainment with good company and lively banter. Added to which, the game offers gentle exercise, bending the knee to play your bowl and gentle walk up and down the mat. It won't make you as fit as an Olympic athlete, but it will help to stop the joints from seizing up.

If you fancy joining our small group on a Monday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 then why not give any of the following a call and they'll be able to tell you a bit more about the club and the game.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

### SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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| Sunday | 3  | 11.00am        | Holy Communion with Junior Church     |
| Sunday | 10 | 11.00am        | Morning Praise, Informal              |
| Sunday | 17 | 11.00am        | Holy Communion                        |
| Sunday | 24 | 11.00am        | All Age Service, families welcome     |
| Sunday | 31 | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Group Communion Service at SSQ</b> |

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| Sunday | 7  | 11.00am        | Holy Communion with Junior Church |
| Sunday | 14 | <b>10.50am</b> | <b>Remembrance Day Service</b>    |
| Sunday | 21 | 11.00am        | Holy Communion                    |
| Sunday | 28 | 11.00am        | All Age Service                   |

**Coffee Shop:** We're back in full swing, come and enjoy time for a chat and excellent cakes. Every Friday 10.00 – 12.00

**Little Lights:** every Friday morning in church from 10.00 to 11.00am. for pre-school children and their carers

**Home Groups** This term we have 3 Home Groups running, 2 in the evenings and one day time one. It's never too late to join one. Contact Henny Metters on 837778 for more information

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**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**  
**(Section 17 of the Act)**

|   |   |
|---|---|
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| Postal address of premise:  | SN14 6EB  |
| The application, if granted, is to enable the following licensable activities on the Premise Licence:                           |   |
| The sale of alcohol at events booked at the Hullavington Village Hall during the period:<br>Mondays until Sundays 12.00 – 23.00 |   |

A copy of the application may be inspected by visiting <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-new-premises-applications> or by emailing [publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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Date of Notice 15th September 2021  
End of Consultation 12th October 2021

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# HULLAVINGTON Village Show



The sun shone for the Village Show on 28th August. This was the first open event in the hall for 18 months. This year's show was a little smaller than the last few years, but the lack of quantity was made up by some very high quality entries in all classes. The hall had been laid out 'Ikea style' with a one way flow to allow viewing of all the entries without creating a bottleneck. Takeaway teas were served at the back of the hall and enjoyed al fresco, which allowed lots of people to have a good catch up.

The talented trophy winners this year were:

The Hawker Challenge Trophy for the best Vegetable and Fruit exhibit - Jebbie Hewitt. This was a tough one as our expert judge, Mike Hinwood of Foxley Nurseries was torn between Matt Rose's six perfect raspberries and Jebbie's kalettes. After much deliberation the kalettes won as they are much more prone to diseases and Jebbie's were unsullied!

The Vic Rawlins Trophy for the best Flower exhibit - Rosie Smedley

The Harmer Shield for the best Flower Arrangement - Jebbie Hewitt

The Hullavington Village Hall Cup for the best Food article - Caroline Bance. Another tough call but Caroline's 'Jar of Stoned Fruit' from her bountiful plum tree beat off some stiff competition.

The Hamilton Cup for the best Craft exhibit - shared by Edith Cook and Sarah Harmer

Another hotly contested class with a draw for the top spot.

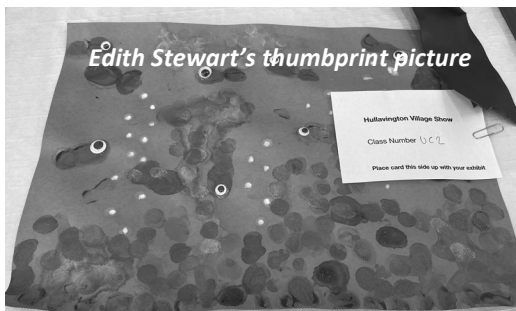
The Parry Williams Trophy for the best piece of Art - Chris Winter

The Star Inn Trophy for the best Photographic entry - Henny Metters



The London House Cup for the best Children under 9 was won by Anabelle Laskey

The Hullavington Garage and Village Store Trophy for the best overall children's entry - Edith Stewart. It's the second year running that Edith wins this monster trophy.



Her perfect Peppa Pig model won the day!

The show organisers would like to thank the many people who made this year's show a successful and fun day.

The stalwart volunteers who help to set up and run the event, our very knowledgeable and wholly impartial judges whose only payment is a light lunch and a glass of cheap

warm white wine, the many villagers who submit their artwork, culinary efforts and garden bounty for public scrutiny, the generous people who donate tombola gifts (therefore ensuring that the show can afford to run another year) and of course the many villagers who come along, pay 50p to enter, admire the limitless talent that our lovely village has to offer and then pay another £1 for a cup of stewed tea and a homemade biscuit!

All being well next year's show will be on Saturday 27th August - we hope to see you there!

*Jonnie Jeeves*

*Thanks so much to Jonnie for organizing the show again, there was a lot of uncertainty about whether it could go ahead, he went to great effort to try and make it as covid safe as possible. It was lovely to see a good turnout and enjoy all the exhibits! Ed*

Ann Sneyd—  
'freedom'



Jebbie  
Hewitt  
Best flower  
display



Chris Winter's entry— portrait



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## WILDLIFE MATTERS —The Hedgehog

We are incredibly lucky to live in the countryside with lots of wonderful wildlife, but populations around the world have shrunk by a massive **68%** on average in the past nearly 50 years. The sad truth is that we are in the middle of a global ecological crisis. So instead of saying “we’ve got plenty of wildlife here so it’s not our problem!”, please think “what can we do to help?”.

Hedgehogs are on the endangered list in the UK, some rescue centres are very concerned about their long-term survival. I have taken quite a few

poorly Hedgehogs to wildlife hospitals over the past few years, most recover well and are released back into Hullavington, though some, due to injuries, sadly haven’t made it. Hedgehogs are the cutest little guys and I would love to hear about how you help the hedgehogs in your garden or if you see any scurrying about through the village (please email [emmatrick-ett@hotmail.com](mailto:emmatrick-ett@hotmail.com), I’m trying to compile a list of sightings). If you don’t have any hedgehog visitors yet, or are wondering how to help, here are a few things you can do:



**Wild areas:** By encouraging wild areas in your garden, you are helping to create a balanced ecosystem, shelter, and a natural source of food for hedgehogs. Let the grass grow, leave the leaves, and enjoy the natural look! If you are worried about what the neighbours might think, proudly display a blue heart to show that you are caring for wildlife by rewilding your garden (see [www.bluecampaignshop.co.uk](http://www.bluecampaignshop.co.uk) for more info).

**Access to your garden:** Create a ‘Hedgehog Highway’ by cutting a small hole in the bottom of your garden gate or fence to allow access. If you have a dog with a high prey drive it’s probably best not to (I’m not sure who would come off worse!).

**Grass strimming, bonfires, and fireworks:** Please check any long grass and bonfire material before strimming or setting fire to a bonfire. Loud fireworks stun and kill our wildlife through shock and litter - please be compassionate and leave the noisy fireworks!

**Nesting:** If you have a nest in your garden, please leave well alone! Disturbing it can cause unnecessary stress and the mum to abandon her young.

**Ponds:** Ponds are a wonderful addition, please provide a ramp or stoney area for wildlife to use to escape if they fall in.

**Garden chemicals and slug pellets:** These can kill, please don’t use them and keep your garden as natural as possible.

**Water:** Please provide fresh water in a heavy, shallow dish. Clean the dish regularly to prevent a build-up of algae and germs.  
**Feeding:** If you are feeding one, please avoid the following: mealworms (no matter how much they love them!), sunflower hearts, fish flavoured cat food, bread, milk, eggs and sweet treats. These foods cause digestion problems, metabolic bone disease, and tooth decay. Only feed fresh water and hedgehog biscuits or meaty cat/dog food.

**Hedgehog health:** Hedgehogs seen during the daytime are usually poorly and need help. They must be taken to a vet or wildlife hospital asap. The exception is pregnant mums who are busy nestbuilding – they will be very busy carrying nesting material to and fro. If you see a hedgehog covered in ticks, with spine loss, or moving slowly, then there is usually an underlying health issue, so it is best to gently capture (wear gloves!) and take to a wildlife hospital asap for medication, rehabilitation, and then eventual release.

**Hibernation:** Hedgehogs need to be above a certain weight to survive hibernation. If you see a small or orphaned hedgehog as we go into Autumn, then please contact a wildlife hospital immediately for advice as they will need to be professionally looked after over winter and then released in Spring/Summer.

**Dogs:** Please keep your dogs on leads when out for your night-time walk; some dogs are very inquisitive, and both the hedgehog and dog can get nasty injuries from a curious snout or paw!

**Children:** Please help to instil a respect for all wildlife in your children, explaining that wildlife is best admired from a distance. Children (and adults!) can become a 'Hedgehog Champion' by registering with [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org) to log sightings and by learning about them through their website.

**Emergency wildlife contacts:**

**Vets.** If you find a bleeding or badly injured animal, time is of the essence. Most vets will treat wildlife for free and then pass the animal onto a wildlife hospital for rehabilitation once treatment has been administered.

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With best wishes for happy and healthy wildlife, Emma x

*Many thanks Emma—let's all do our bit!—Ed*

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## THE HULLAVINGTON WOMENS INSTITUTE



Life in the WI is beginning to return to some kind of normality. In August we held a very successful barbecue when the weather was perfect and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. Our September meeting appeared to be jinxed when first of all the Village hall cancelled our booking. We were very grateful to Jo at The Hullavington Arms who stepped in to offer us the use of the pub for our meeting. Then 2 days before the meeting our speaker cancelled his booking. This time, after loads of phone calls, Daphne Atkinson agreed to give us a talk on 'Ghosts of hotels and inns'.

We are looking forward to a great year.....our members have continued to support us through lockdown and have become quite competent on Zoom but we are pleased to be able to now meet in person. 2 new members have joined us so our flourishing WI is looking good for the future. In October members will travel to Kington Langley for a John Aubrey group meeting when we join in with 6 other WIs in the area for an evening. Also in October our speaker will talk about 'Wiltshire's Little people', which is a talk about Pelham Puppets. 2 of our members continue to take part in Walking Netball at Chippenham but we welcome anyone else who would like to participate on Monday mornings and/or Tuesday evening.

New members are always welcome so come along and give our WI a try. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Village hall (normally).

*Isobel Acott*



## THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



It's so good to see user groups returning to the hall after the summer break; a few groups have gone, but the majority have returned and are enjoying the updated hall.

The two new bookings secretaries are working hard to change the booking system platform and moving to hourly bookings, which should free up the hall for more users during the week. Most groups should not notice much change in their rental fees, which are still competitive with neighbouring village halls. The new rental prices will be take effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

A priority for the hall committee is to get acoustic pads fitted in the main hall and we are hoping to get this done in the next few weeks. It will mean, however, that there will be some disruption to users during the installation. We are confident that the benefit of much better acoustics will help everyone!

The hall is applying for a licence to sell alcohol and it should be in place by the end of October. The bar will stop selling at 10.30pm to ensure that local residents are not disturbed late at night.

We are moving to a keyless entry system for the hall main door, which will be easier and more secure than using the many keys in circulation at the moment. Hall users will be informed when it's installed.

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:

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

Anna Durrant

*Details of the hall changes overleaf.....*

## NOTICE OF CHANGES TO VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

From 1st November 2021 there will be a new Booking system for our Village Hall.

We will be using Hall Master – an on-line booking service. We will be moving to an hourly booking system. This will give Village Hall users much more flexibility and will mean we have more slots to offer.

Bookings already made will be honoured under the old system, unless users decide otherwise. All current users will be notified of changes separately.

Use of the Village Hall will be at the discretion of the Hullavington Village Hall Committee.

Bookings will be a minimum of one hour and then in 15 minutes intervals as required.

The hire of the Hall includes use of tables and chairs.

Bookings should, in the first instance, be made via Hall Master or if preferred, by email.

A Letting Agreement will be signed prior to use for all users of the Hall.

Any queries please do feel free to contact:

[lizzy@hullavingtonhall.org.uk](mailto:lizzy@hullavingtonhall.org.uk) or  
[helen@hullavingtonhall.org.uk](mailto:helen@hullavingtonhall.org.uk)

They will be able to guide you through the Booking system with Hall Master or you can ask them to make the booking for you.

*Many thanks to all those involved in updating the hall systems, I'll change the summary on page 55 for the next edition. Ed*

| <b>Rate<br/>Minimum booking<br/>1 hour</b>  | <b>Small<br/>Room</b> | <b>Main Hall</b> | <b>Both<br/>Rooms</b> | <b>Kitchen<br/>(per book-<br/>ing)</b> |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>VILLAGE USER –<br/>including all users<br/>who run clubs, reg-<br/>ular events</b> | £5.00                 | £8.00            | £10.00                | No fee                                 |
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| <b>Rate<br/>4 hours</b> | <b>Both Rooms</b> | <b>Kitchen (per booking)</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>VILLAGE USER</b>     | £50.00            | included                     |
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*Ryan Lees*





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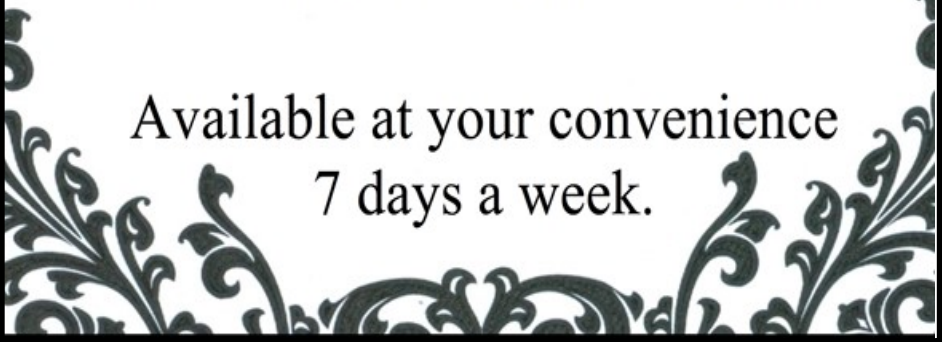
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## Rates from 1st April 2020

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*(Commercial/Government users see note 2)*

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| Both Halls    | £26.50    | £31.50       | £52.50      |

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

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|--|-----|--------|-------|
| 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. 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.

**WiFi now available!**

## 200 Club for the Village Hall

August is always a big month for the 200 Club. We make our monthly draw at the Village Show and award 2 prizes of £100 and 2 of £50. Congratulations to our winners this month

**The lucky two were:**    **Gavin Williams & Sue Carter**                      **£100**  
    **Geoff Miller & Ken Snook**                      **£50**

And we welcome our 10 new members who signed up at the Show or shortly thereafter. Many are new to the village, some had allowed membership to lapse and one or two had been meaning to do it for ages! Thank you all for supporting the Village Hall and we hope yours will be a winning ticket!

## Handy Information

### Shop:

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

### Post Office:

Mon & Tues    09.00—12.30  
 Wed—Sun     Closed temporarily  
                      due to staff shortages

## The Hullavington Arms



**Exciting new 3 course Bistro menu available Wednesday and Thursdays! Open Friday to Sunday as well.**

Please see Facebook, notice board, email or call for updates and information. 01666 837770 or email

[hello@hullavingtonarms.co.uk](mailto:hello@hullavingtonarms.co.uk)

|   |  |              |
|---|--|--------------|
| Book group                                | Liz Parry Williams   | 01666 837713 |
| Film Group                                | Sarah Harmer   | 01666 837704 |
| Football Club                             | James Nation   | 07894 715080 |
| Golden Threads                            | Alison Reed  | 01666 837661 |
| Jolly Tots                                | Rachel Cripps  | 07850 176901 |
| M'bury & District Link                    |  | 01666 840861 |
| N'hood Police Team                        |  | 101          |
| N'hood Watch                              | Mandy House<br>man-<br>dy.hullavington.nhw.<br>@gmail.com                | 07955 410350 |
| Parish Church                             | Adam Beaumont  | 01666 311177 |
| www.hullavingtonparish<br>hcouncil.org.uk | Sharon Neal  | 01249 659842 |
| Poetry Group                              | Catherine Sanderson  | 01666 838824 |
| Primary School & Little<br>Hoots Nursery  | Sue Tudge  | 01666 837604 |
| Recorder Group                            | Maggie Dyson   | 01666 837358 |
| Rights of Way, Roads & Pavements          |  | 0300 4560105 |
| Short Mat Bowls                           | Pat Harper   | 07462 136889 |
| 200 Club                                  | Geraldine McKibbin<br>Anna Durrant an-<br>na@hullavingtonhall.<br>org.uk | 01666 837736 |
| Village Hall                              |  | 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 Sarah Harmer

We moved to the village in 1986 as my husband William was going to be working in Swindon.

We always wanted to live in this part of the world - my brother lives in Cirencester and William's sister lives near Bisley.

The village seemed a typical village and we fell in love with our house 'Barnfield' immediately and put in an offer after our first visit.

The village was a very different place then and it took a bit of time to get into the swing of things. I have enjoyed lots of activities in the village over the years— I joined Liz Parry-William's first art class and I started the Hullavington Lace Makers in 1990. I also joined the Women's Institute, which introduced me to many more people. I've been involved with other various things over the years which have all been great fun- especially taking our two donkeys, George and Petronella, to various different occasions with various measures of success!

William has been chairman of the Parish Council amongst other roles.

Both our children were married in the village church which were very special days to us both.

***Quick Fire Questions:***

- Guilty pleasure? A box of chocs and a good rom com
- Who would play me in movie? It would have to be Sandi Toksvig or Susan Callman (size matters!)
- Change one thing in village? The parking in the Street
- Dinner guest? Noel Coward
- Cat or dog? Probably dog
- Happiness is? Sitting watching the sea, with my sketchbook beside me, William and a dog
- Advice to teenage self. Believe you can do anything if you set your heart on it
- Bucket list? Visit to Florence

## HULLAVINGTON HISTORY—THEN AND NOW



This month's picture, taken in 1986, shows the large 'Hullavington' sign that used to welcome visitors to the village. Behind it is the school warning sign and further on the 30mph restriction. I'm not sure when the large 'Hullavington' was removed but believe it was in the 1990s. At the same time the 30mph was replaced with a rectangular board which incorporated the 30 but had 'Hullavington' underneath and requested motorists to 'Please drive carefully', with a similar board the other side of the road.

The present photograph shows that all signage has now been removed from the location. It is interesting to note how the trees have grown in the school grounds and a house has been built just beyond the school. 30mph signs are now either side of Cemetery Corner, with one of them displaying 'Hullavington' and 'Please drive carefully'. The new school warning sign is at the entrance to the cemetery.

*Dave Hunt*