

Hullavington News



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I really enjoyed receiving inputs for this edition—although we obviously still have the ‘shadow’ of Covid hanging over us, lots of people are planning ahead, which is really encouraging.

Elizabeth and Sue are running their popular wreath making and Christmas paper printing workshops again on the 27th November (p. 24); I attended one a couple of years ago and it was great fun (I’m still using the paper!). On the 26th and 27th November there’s a village festive feast at the new Flying Monk Brewery site (p.37). Hopefully you’ll have seen these advertised in time to sign up (unfortunately the printed copy of the magazine comes out a little late for them).

Coffee shop in the church is back on the 3rd December and the Hullavington hub on the 4th December (p.18). Quiz night in the Village Hall recently was very popular and there is another one on the 10th December (p.24). There’s a carol service in the Church on the 12th and a nativity event on the 24th (p.23). There will be a nativity trail (p.48) running all through December - so lots to look forward to for all ages. With this amount of activity, I’ll be able to resurrect the ‘what’s coming soon’ page again—ya!

The village shop and post office Christmas opening hours are on page 52 for quick reference.

Many thanks to our treasurer Liz Greenman, Jason and the team at Jamprint, all our advertisers, contributors and readers for your support this year.

All that remains is to wish you and your loved ones, a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

With very best wishes, Sally Jeeves, Ed.



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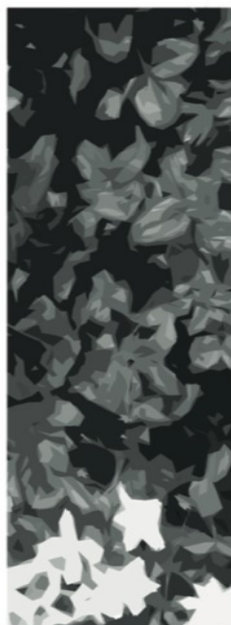
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VILLAGE LIFE— Groups, Events & News

THE 'SANTA RUN'

As the year draws to a close, we have just one final event scheduled to attract the local running community into the village and that is the popular Secret Santa 10-miler. The run takes place on Sunday 19th December and is limited to just 200 runners to take on a playfully undulating course covering Grittleton, Yatton Keynell, Kington St Michael before finishing back in Hullavington. Last year the race was cut short to just 8-miles due to contractor vehicles blocking off the Cromhall Lane on race day but this year we should have no such issue (famous last words) and could see the fastest runners finishing under the hour. All runners will receive a Secret Santa medal and free cake baked by Jo at the Hullavington Arms. Entries are still available and more details can be found at www.stampedesports.co.uk.



Darren Wrintmore

NATIVITY TRAIL

Will you join us in creating a Nativity Trail in Hullavington from 1st - 24th December? The idea is simple - it's like an advent calendar but with houses each depicting a different part of the Christmas story. ** We are looking for at least 24 houses **

We will send you a verse for you to use as your theme to decorate your front window or garden in anyway you like. It can be as simple or as decorative as you choose.

Each evening through advent one or more different houses will light up their scene and we will enjoy strolling through the village as the Christmas story is told through our window displays.

Anna-Kate Fuller

If you'd like to join in, please see the flyer on page 44 with more details or click here <https://forms.gle/f4cw68Z7aFxQVzpn9> —a lovely idea! Ed

COMING SOON!

PANTOMIME TRAIL in January—Beat the January Blues with a Pantomime Trail and take a magical journey through our village and find your favourite pantomime characters.

Look out for Posters on Hullavington Happenings for details early in the New Year. *Elizabeth Parry-Williams and Sue Kelly*

SAVE THE DATE!

CHURCH FETE— Saturday 11th June 1pm - 4pm

Having missed the last two years, it's exciting that we can plan for an extra special day which I'm told is also the Queen's official birthday!

I'm delighted to let you know that we have already got sponsorship for some of the dog show classes and a couple of prizes for our silent auction but we do need more. If you know of anyone who might have a special experience / venue / prize they would be willing to donate for our auction that would be amazing. I'm keen to get ahead of other village fetes in our requests as I know most get inundated with requests. Also, any companies or businesses that would like to support us with sponsorship please do pass their details on to me and I will write to them. All suggestions welcome. Sponsorship details are below.

I am currently on the look out for someone who might be a wizz on the computer (social media / marketing) who could help me to promote the day and also a small team who'd like to be part of the "logistics" team for the weekend (ie shifting chairs/tables/tents in return for a beer or two).

If you'd like to be involved either in the run up to the event or on the day, please do let me know. I know it's miles away but I have an inset day today hence me emailing now whilst I can!

Very best wishes, Anna-Kate 07375 306 881

Continued overleaf....this has always been a lovely village event, great to see it back again, I hope you can support it—Ed

Fête Sponsorship Packages:

- £35 Company Logo and website included in our welcome Brochure given to everyone at entrance to the fête. Numerous mentions of our company over the loud speaker tannoy throughout the day.
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Handsomest Boy,
Best Child Handler,
Best Veteran
- £100 Best in Show (The George Veterinary Group)
- £40 Dog Agility Classes

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Hello Everyone



I'd like to inform you about the changes and improvements the hall management team is working on in the village hall, and the reasoning behind them.

First, the new booking system, that went live recently. The old system was difficult to use and expensive to run. Above all though, the system worked with three sessions per day. While these sessions were four hours long, most users occupied either one or two hours with few using 3 or more hours. Consequently, the hall, while booked, was actually unoccupied for much of the time. We now have an hourly booking system that makes more of the hall time available for more users. Each hour booked includes 15 minutes before and after a session, to allow for set up and tear down time.

The hall is first and foremost a resource for the Hullavington community, so the second change we have made is to have a single tariff for any resident of Hullavington. We researched the rates for surrounding village halls and offer a rate that's in step with them. We communicated these changes to existing users and all users were made aware that there would be no changes to their existing bookings until the end of the year; 14 weeks' notice before any change, at that time.

The next improvement is to have an electronic lock on the main door. We have been keeping track of around 30 keys and even then, members of the hall team were having to unlock and lock the hall for one off bookings. The electronic system will allow us to provide a code with the booking confirmation that will allow users access.

Third on the list of improvements, is that we now have a licence that covers all hall users for alcohol sales and PRS. The recent and very successful quiz night was our first use of the licence, the next quiz night is planned for December 10th – book early!

Continued....

Last on the current projects is that we are having acoustic treatment to improve the sound in the hall. Many users, film and recorder groups as examples, have long bemoaned the highly reverberant nature of the hall acoustics. We expect the acoustic panels we are having fitted in early January to make a significant improvement in what has been one of the hall's weak spots. Regrettably, there will be disruption for a small number of users over two days.

It's great to see most of the user groups returning after Covid lockdown and we also have a new YOUTH GROUP, starting on November 18th, THURSDAYS 1630 – 1800 DURING TERM TIME. Contact Becky Fisher or Mary Cundick for more information. There are also new YOGA CLASSES that will be on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. We have new members on the hall management team, bringing a wider perspective.

It's your hall. There are time slots available. What will you use it for?

Simon Durrant

HULLAVINGTON HUB AT ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Saturday 4th December 11.am 'til 1.pm

We were really looking forward to re-opening Hullavington Hub on the 6th November, but unfortunately the rise in Covid cases caused us to cancel.



At the time of writing, we feel more confident, and so we are planning to hold our next Hub on Saturday morning the 4th December and, hopefully another on Saturday 8th January.

Why not come and join us in Church for coffee and cake with the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours? We will also be selling cakes to take away and serving soup and light snacks for lunch if you would like to stay! There will also be book, DVD and Jigsaw stalls as well as a Christmas themed table.

We are also delighted to say that we will also be re-opening our regular Coffee Shop in Church on Friday mornings from 3rd December from 10.00 to 12 noon as usual.

We look forward to seeing you!



CHURCH CLOCK UPDATE!

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council for St Mary Magdalene, I would like to thank everyone in the village who has so generously supported our fundraising appeal for the repair of the Church Clock!

The good news is that we have raised just over £3,000, thanks to everyone's generosity. This will pay for the clock to be put back into

working order and cover the cost of a full service which is fantastic news. We are also very grateful to all those who were able to Gift Aid their donation to the Church as this has enabled us to claim a substantial amount of tax back from the Government.

We have had the clock inspected by two reputable companies and, having carefully considered both their advice and their quotes, we have chosen to proceed with the Cumbria Clock Company. They have promised to try and get the new regulator and associated parts fitted before Christmas. When we have a firm date, we will put a notice up on the Church noticeboard to let everyone know.

During the winter months we are, generally, trying to keep the Church open for private prayer from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and so if you want to spend a few moments in quiet thought please feel free to drop in.

Once again, a sincere thank you from the Parochial Church Council to everyone who has supported our fundraising effort to get the clock running once again.

Dudley Hewitt, Vice Chairman, Hullavington PCC

WALKS AROUND HULLAVINGINGTON

News and update on Walk 1 by Jon Atkey

Enjoy walking but don't know where to go? Want to get out more but don't know how? Interested in discovering more about our lovely village? Then look no further!

Anyone new to the village might not know about the delightful set of "Walks around Hullavingington", compiled and published by John Greenwood and Alan Roberts in 1995. Together, these ten walks of varying lengths provide an excellent introduction to the amazing local network of footpaths, which we've been lucky enough to inherit from past generations. The walks are briefly described on the Parish Council website:

http://www.hullavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/Walks_Around_Hullavingington_31117.aspx

Inevitably there have been a few changes on the ground since the walks were first published. As a long-standing fan of these walks, I was therefore delighted to accept the Council's invitation to update their descriptions for the website. I was also very pleased to accept Sally's invitation to describe the walks in more depth as Hullavingington News features. Please do share your Hullavingington Walk experiences (especially nice pictures!) on Hullavingington Happenings. If you experience a problem with a public right of way, please report it using My Wiltshire: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

For this Issue, I describe Walk 1. Just 1½ miles long, this short walk is an ideal introduction for anyone unfamiliar with our footpath network. It's also great for kids, providing opportunities to appreciate some of the wonders of nature on our doorstep, as well as to enjoy the sights and sounds of our rural environment.

As always, please remember to follow the Countryside Code and in particular for these walks:

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

Walk One – Parsons Walk, Danes Bottom and Hill Hayes Lane—Distance: 1½ miles

1. Starting in The Street, go down the Public Footpath, also known as “Parsons Walk”, which leaves The Street between the Hullavington Arms and the church, almost opposite London House. Look out for lamas!
2. Go through the kissing gate and turn left immediately after crossing the little stream as you enter the field.
3. Go along the field edge at the back of The Parklands.
4. After a zig-zag towards the end of this side of the field, you come to a stile just to the right of an electricity pole. Cross the stile into the lane almost opposite the imposing gate pillars of Oak Tree House.

Listen out here for the sound of cows at Gardner's Farm – if you time it right and you make the short detour down the lane ahead, you may be lucky enough see them queuing for the milking parlour. They do make a fine sight!

5. Turn right and follow the lane for about half a mile as it changes underfoot to a stony track. Be aware that the first half of this once metalled lane can flood in places after heavy rain.
6. Ignore the bridleway forking left and continue down the track past a pretty little wood on your right, also known as “Priors Corner”. This track is particularly attractive in the spring, with a profusion of wild flowers, butterflies and other insect life.



7. Eventually you'll come to a large double metal gate with a stile to the left of it that leads to Danes Bottom and the Gauze Brook. If you've not passed this way before, it's worth a quick detour over the stile down to the bridge over the brook to take in the view. (Hullavington Walk 2 continues over the brook.)

The Gauze Brook rises near the village of Littleton Drew and flows past Hullavington, passing under the South Wales main railway line, through Corston to join the River Avon, eventually meeting the sea at Bristol. There is evidence of several small mills having been in existence throughout the 12th and 13th centuries, presumably on Gauze Brook. In modern times, especially in the summer months, the brook can dry up completely here. At other times, it still provides a welcome drinking spot for deer and other wildlife.

8. Returning to our walk, just before that gate with the stile, you will see another metal gate to the right and a sign post to Hill Hayes Lane. Go through this gate and walk along the edge of the field, with the hedge on your left, towards the farm buildings in the distance. The next 400 yards can be very squelchy in places until you emerge in Hill Hayes Lane (sometimes spelt Hillays).

9. Turn right up the lane, past the farm buildings and cottages and, as the road turns sharply left, go through the little stile by the gateway on your right.

The sights and sounds of the animals in the smallholding in Hill Hayes Lane are a delight for kids of all ages at any time of year. Watch out too for red kites circling above—no doubt attracted by the feeding opportunities offered by the farms below. Red kites are great scavengers! This is also a great place to spot bats in summer.



10. Another 250 yards brings you back to the kissing gate and you return via Parsons Walk to your starting point.



PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

DECEMBER

Sunday	05	11.00	Holy Communion with Jnr Church
Sunday	12	18.00	Village Carol Service
Sunday	19	11.00	Holy Communion
Friday	24	16.30	Nativity starting at the Lych Gate
		21.00	'Midnight' Mass
Saturday	25	11.00	Christmas Service—All Welcome
Sunday	26	09.30	Group Communion venue tbc

JANUARY

Sunday	02	11.00	Holy Communion with Jnr Church
Sunday	09	11.00	Informal Morning Worship
Sunday	16	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	23	11.00	All Age Worship
Sunday	30	09.30	Group Communion venue tbc

Changes for this year:

- Hullavington Nativity Trail from 1-24 December, follow the daily plan on facebook
- **The Carol Service this year will be at 6pm, traditional, well known Carols and readings**
- There will be no singing through the village on Christmas Eve, but come and sing round the tree in front of the Church instead and bring the family at 4.30pm



We need to find a treasurer....If you or anyone you know would consider volunteering to help our village church in this way, please let us know. Thank you

We had a wonderful meeting in October when our speaker told us all about the history of Pelham puppets. Unfortunately the Pelham puppet factory in Marlborough no longer exists but when it was in operation one of our members was fortunate enough to tour it and found it a very interesting experience. Liz brought 4 of her puppets to the meeting as well as an assortment of leaflets from the factory.

At our meeting in November we will be reminded that Christmas is not too far away when Edith leads us in a Christmas craft workshop and in December we will be celebrating in the hall with a Christmas lunch and entertainment. Our first meeting of 2022 will see David Crisp telling us about 'The Frome Hoard'. He is a metal detectorist and this is one of his interesting discoveries. In February we will all be going out for our New Year's lunch as well as a visit from Sara Bottomley when she will tell us about her 'Quilting Journey'.

We would like to wish everyone a Very happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings.

FILM GROUP

Film Group EXTRA meets on the third Wednesday in the month, and Film Group on the fourth Wednesday.



Sessions are held in the side room only, which will remain the case until further notice. This is owing to the low numbers (largely due to COVID) which means booking the main hall isn't financially viable. However, our sessions are enjoyed by those who attend regularly, the sound and picture quality are excellent in the side room.

The charge is currently £2.00 per person, although we may have to review this as Hall Booking costs dictate.

If you would like information, or details regarding forthcoming films, please contact:

Elizabeth Parry-Williams: 20 the Street, Tel: 837713, email: peac@globalnet.co.uk

We were sad to say goodbye to a couple of valued members of our community recently, some thanks for the good wishes received from their families below.

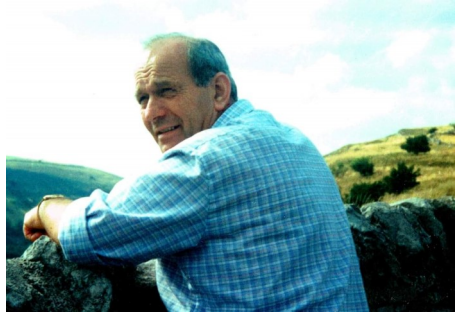
NICK (ARNIE) FRY

Eileen Fry and Family wish to sincerely thank the entire village for everything they've done, following the loss of her beloved Husband Nick (Arnie) Fry.

His last wishes for his Funeral went exactly as he planned. The messages of sympathy and offers of help from all his many friends have been a real comfort at this difficult time.

P.S the Lardy Raffle made a total of £162. An extra donation for Dorothy House Hospice.

Thank you, Eileen



DENNIS SHAW

Joan Shaw and family would like to send their grateful thanks to everyone who sent letters, cards and made calls on the recent death of Dennis.

It has all been most appreciated.

Joan Shaw

Our condolences to both families and thank you for your kind donation to the News. Ed

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Michelle H,
December 2020





CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS!

Create your own wreath or

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Saturday 27 November 2021

10 am to 2 pm

Hullavington Village Hall – Main Room £12 per workshop

All Materials provided but you are welcome to bring your own wreath decorations if you wish. Contact Elizabeth Parry-Williams – 01666 837713 or Sue Kelly 01666 838233

QUIZ!

After a very successful quiz in October we are back with the last quiz of the year:

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Friday December 10th 7.30pm

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HULLAVINGTON BOOK GROUP



We meet in the afternoon, 2-3pm, on the second Tuesday in the month in the side room at the village hall. Our books are supplied by the local library. Elizabeth Parry-Williams

September - 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn

Based on true events, this book was enjoyed by some, but it didn't appeal to everyone. At first glance 'The Salt Path' looks depressing, but it is an uplifting and positive story. Some felt, however, it was a little contrived.

Just days after Raynor learns Moth, her husband, is diagnosed as terminally ill, their home and livelihood is taken away. With nothing left they make the impulsive, and some would say crazy and irresponsible decision to walk the South West Coastal Path.

While initially heart-breaking, The Salt Path is truly a life-affirming story of coming to terms with grief and the wonderful healing power of the natural world.

Comments: 'At times the narrative dragged a little but overall an uplifting read.'

'I really liked this book. Recommended to me some time ago, I felt 'The Salt Path' would be depressing, so didn't attempt to read it, but when the book came onto our book group list, I felt obliged to have a go. What a pleasant surprise. I couldn't put the book down.'

'The difference between 'lost' and 'sold'. There were interesting reactions from other walkers depending on whether they thought Moth and Raynor were homeless or had sold their home and were walking the path just for something to do.'

Michael Portillo interviewed Raynor Winn while filming his 'Cornwall and Devon with Michael Portillo' Channel 5 TV series.

October— 'A Place Called Winter' by Patrick Gale

When discussing this book at our meeting, we all agreed that this novel beautifully captures the atmosphere of pioneering life in Canada.

This is a novel which some felt they had 'to get into' but then started to enjoy. The descriptions of Indian children being removed from their families and expected to conform to the life of the settlers is chilling.

Some reviews:

'A poignant bittersweet novel that revolved around loneliness.'

'The description of life as a homesteader in remote Canada was beautifully written and captured the extreme hardships faced by these early pioneers. However, I found Harry, the main protagonist, rather boring and weak, and I struggled to believe such a gentle man would have survived all that was thrown at him.'

'I keep asking whether I actually enjoyed reading it or not and I think not. I found it all a little too plodding.'

'I didn't think I would enjoy this book but after a slow start it was a really good read. The descriptions of the hard life of the settlers in the Canadian prairies and the 'flu epidemic were excellent.'

November will be 'Slow Horses' by Mick Herron

Banished to Slough House from the ranks of achievers at Regent's Park for various crimes of drugs and drunkenness, lechery and failure, politics and betrayal, Jackson Lamb's misfit crew of highly trained Joes don't run ops, they push paper. But not one of them joined the Intelligence Service to be a 'slow horse'.

A boy is kidnapped and held hostage. His beheading is scheduled for live broadcast on the internet. And whatever the instructions of the Service, the slow horses aren't going to just sit quiet and watch....

'Slow Horses' will soon be shown on Apple TV.

'Slow Horses' is the television adaptation of Mick Herron's Slough House book series, about a group of M15 misfits annexed into obscurity. The spies end up in the Slough House division due to their career-ending mistakes. The series stars Gary Oldman, Olivia Cooke, Jonathan Pryce and Kristin Scott Thomas.'

FILM OF THE BOOK—on the first Wednesday of the month, in the side room at the village hall starting at 7.30pm.

The Parish round-up is kindly provided by Maggie Bawden

PEOPLE URGED TO APPLY NOW FOR BRITISH PASSPORT

The advice below was issued in April 2021 but now that the world is opening up a little more for foreign travel - have you checked your passport recently? Many countries require that a passport has 6 months validity when you arrive there. Don't get caught out - check it now.



People have been urged not to delay in applying for a British passport and to allow more time for it to be processed.

While all applications will be processed as quickly as possible, people should now allow up to 10 weeks when applying for their British passport to help manage this demand.

Director General of Her Majesty's Passport Office, Abi Tierney, said: "It is vital those who may need to apply for a new passport do so now. If you have delayed renewing your passport or are applying for the first time, please apply now so you can receive it in good time." [Applying online](#) is the cheapest and easiest way to obtain your passport.

CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS



Waste and recycling collection dates will **not change** over the Christmas and New Year period; waste collection crews will be working as normal on Bank Holidays Monday 27, Tuesday 28 December 2021, and Monday 3 January 2022.

Garden waste collections will stop for two weeks over this period as normal. The last collections will take place on Friday 24 December and they will restart on Monday 10 January 2022. Residents can check their waste, recycling and garden waste collection online at wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays

Household recycling centre (HRC) opening times and dates **will change** over the Christmas and New Year period, please check online before visiting: wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres

HRCs that normally open on Fridays will be open on Christmas Eve, 24 December from 10am but will close at 1pm. All HRCs will be closed on Saturday 25, Sunday 26 December and Saturday 1 January 2022. Other than on these dates, the centres will open as normal on their specified opening days.

Christmas recycling messages: In addition to the everyday items people recycle in their blue lidded bin and black box, people can add items including wrapping paper, providing it scrunches into a ball and stays scrunched; cardboard packaging, plastic sweet tubs (up to 5 litres), mince pie foil cases, drinks cans, glass bottles, and Christmas cards without glitter. Do not place batteries or electrical items into any bins. They can cause fires—they should be disposed of at HRCs instead. Households with extra recyclable materials such as cans, cardboard and paper can place these in suitable alternative containers alongside their bin for collection. Flatten cardboard and wash and squash plastic bottles and cartons and put the lids back on as this will help make more room in your blue-lidded bin.

Collection of real Christmas trees: People who pay to have their garden waste collected can put their real Christmas tree, alongside their garden waste bin on their first collection in January. We will collect your tree for composting, or they can support local charities by paying a small donation to have your tree collected via the Just Helping scheme at <https://charityxmastreecollection.com/>.

P.S. Helen Butler will happily collect your real Christmas tree as her goats love to eat them. Just give her a ring on 01666 837280 to arrange collection.



THEY STILL REMEMBER



The Balloon Unit is what brought my late husband (Nip Bawden) and I to RAF Hullavington in 1966 so it was a privilege for me to join these 9 former members of the Balloon Unit (up 800 4 men jumping!) and others who had served at RAF Hullavington before its closure in 1993 and its subsequent handover to the Army. They came together in a short act of Remembrance to pay their respects to all those who had gone before them. Wreaths and poppies were placed on the memorial to RAF Hullavington which is located just within the main gate to the camp.

Thanks to Steve Colhoun, who organised the occasion and spends his retirement working ceaselessly for RAFA, who had driven up from Cornwall and Doug Gowans, who drove down from Yorkshire. Thanks also to Sgt Geraint Peters of Buckley Barracks who oversaw the ceremony and the RSM who, following their act of Remembrance, ensured that these ex "Balloonies" were given a tour around the camp followed by refreshments at the Sergeants Mess.

OPPORTUNIST THIEVES

It has been brought to my attention that opportunist thieves are on the prowl again.

In the Great Somerford area thieves gained access to a number of unattended vehicles in the early hours of Thursday, 11th November. The vehicles affected were unlocked and fortunately very little was taken.

However, please ensure that your vehicles are locked - if the thieves find easy pickings they will be back for more.

It was then discovered that the thieves also targeted other things besides cars on that evening.

Various items of gardening equipment were stolen from unsecured sheds and garages.

Please ensure that your premises, outbuildings, sheds and cars are properly secured if you keep anything valuable in them.

Better to be safe than sorry.



DON'T GET HACKED—A MESSAGE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Whether it's your Facebook, Amazon, or Netflix account, the explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us have to remember an increasingly long list of passwords.

Unfortunately, some of us cope with this challenge by resorting to practices that leave our data, devices and money at risk - by using the same password across multiple accounts, or by creating simple passwords that could easily be guessed by hackers. Bad password practice is more prevalent than you might think.

The UK's National Cyber Security Centre carried out an analysis of passwords leaked in data breaches and found that more than 23 million users worldwide used 123456 as a password. You can read more about it here: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/most-hacked-passwords-revealed-as-uk-cyber-survey-exposes-gaps-in-online-security> You can read more about it here: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/most-hacked-passwords-revealed-as-uk-cyber-survey-exposes-gaps-in-online-security> visit the Cyber Aware website: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware>

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Just in case anyone has been stashing their old (paper) £20 and £50 banknotes under the mattress! You only have until September next year to spend them or deposit them at your bank or the Post Office.



The Bank of England will be withdrawing legal tender status of the paper £20 and £50 notes after 30 September 2022. As they are returned to the Bank of England, these are being replaced with the new polymer £20 notes featuring J.M.W. Turner, and polymer £50 notes featuring Alan Turing. After 30 September 2022, the new polymer notes will be the only ones with legal tender status.

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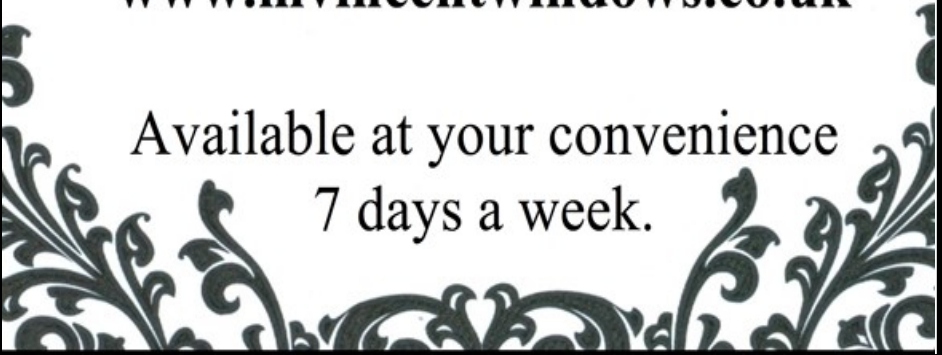
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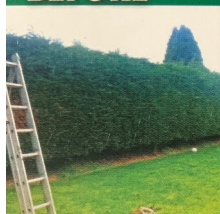
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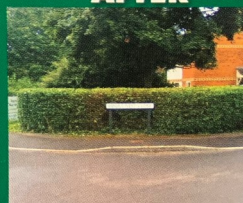
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200 Club for the Village Hall

Village Hall 200 Club

We've started collecting for next year. Thanks to those that have paid, or transferred money already. We will be following up to ensure you get a chance to enter into the November draw. With your support we hope to give the Village Hall another £1000 early next year to help with maintenance. Do give us a ring if you have any queries. Geraldine (837736) Linda (837096). Winners:

September:	Charlie Edge	£50	Kevin Tillotson	£25
October:	Sophie Grogan	£50	Sue Carter	£25

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Sun	Dec 26	Closed
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Tues	Dec 28	09.00—13.00
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Meet the Villager

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

In this edition we meet Graeme Slaymaker

I moved to Hullavington in May 2013—despite the relocation company's best efforts to derail the move at the last minute - bless them! We were ready, but there was no removals company.

I came here as the result of a career move and felt it was an ideal time to return to village life. I had missed it, I would never move back to my old village—we left happy memories behind and will make some more here.

There are lots of things I like about the village—I find it peaceful, full of friendly people, its ideal location for work and pleasure and it's not that far from family and old friends.

In terms of interests—I have lots, but motor racing in particular - Castle Combe may not be Silverstone with ultra fast cars, but it is a great circuit to spend a day at.

I became more involved with the village when I stumbled onto the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group and then onto the Parish Council to deliver the plan.

I hadn't expected or looked to become the Chair of the Parish Council. However, I'm work in progress and there is much to learn about the village/parish and so far not a dull moment to spare; but I'm happy to serve the community and get stuck in to whatever needs to be done.

A life highlight was being part of the Le Mans winning Silk Cut Jaguar Group C team in 1990, back in the day when Tobacco Sponsorship was allowed. During the last year of the old pit complex, at the end of the race, the fans were allowed to run through the tunnel at the back of the pits like a swarm of locusts nicking everything that wasn't bolted down—I can picture my colleague today with an air intake assembly playing tug of war with a fan, the prize a 10k plus V12 intake and injector assembly, happy days!

Quick Fire Questions:

- Guilty pleasure? Real Ale (lots of it)
- Who would play me in movie? George Clooney—cool dude
- Change one thing in village? Wouldn't have moved here if I thought it need to change
- Dinner guest? Jethro, you need a giggle with your After Eight mints and coffee
- Advice to teenage self? Don't follow in my footsteps, explore the world, start a career later
- Cat or dog? Both, despite being bitten by 3 dogs in my lifetime
- Happiness is? Sitting in the sun with a cold cider after a walk in the countryside
- Bucket list? A coastal tour of the British Islands (seen a lot but not enough yet) – Australia by train East to West and North to South, I might even finish the decorating if I have time when I get back.

HULLAVINGTON HISTORY—THEN AND NOW

This month's then picture, taken in 1986, is from the edge of Hill Hayes Lane looking back to what is now Belfry Drive. At that time, only the housing development down Hill Hayes Lane had been completed. I am indebted to Eric Gough who grew up in the village for the following information.

To the very left of the picture, the land where the bungalows stand was used for chickens and pigs. Across the road, where the new houses are shown, was a paddock that belonged to Greens Farm. It contained a walnut tree, one of a number that used to be around the village. The adjacent open area and track was known as the Hopyard. A Dutch barn, used for storing hay, once stood where the large white barn is shown, and the two corn dryers were a fairly recent addition as a result of the farm changing from dairy to arable. Cattle coming down the path would stop and drink at a small pond just off to the right of the picture. The field in the foreground was always used for making hay. *Dave Hunt*

