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## Romans to face showdown at village fete

### Population advised to prepare for another invasion

WHAT do the Romans intend to do for us? Well, take over Wilstone on Sunday 8th June apparently. Men like this will stop at nothing to extend the reach of the Empire, even as far as West Herts. The signal for the take-over will be a march down the village street at 12.30 - you have been warned! Military experts advise that the best defence is to dress like a Roman or Ancient Briton (should not be too difficult) and just blend into the background.



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### Caption competition

Email the editor an amusing caption to the picture on the right by 6th June and you could win a £10 iTunes voucher. See page 18.

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We depend on readers' articles and pictures. So let's have them!



Emily Smith cooks curries for Global Challenge. (Picture: Phil Buchi)

## Smiffy's global curry challenge

EMILY SMITH of Gubblecote is aiming to travel to India in 2015 as part of Tring School's Global Challenge initiative. Appropriately, to raise the necessary £3,400 she is cooking curries after school - 47 sold so far! She has stocked up with spices as she has just received an order for a party of 28. She is willing to cater for your dinner party given a little notice. Smiffy's Curries delivers to your home on Friday evenings after school. A standard portion serves two people, costs £6, and there is a choice of chicken or vegetable. Single portions available too. Call Emily on Wednesday evening for Friday delivery: 01296 668878. Email em.darling@btinternet.com

The Romans are Coming



To Wilstone Fete and Dog Show

Vicus Romans and Britons will do Battle and show off their Weaponry and Cooking Skills!

Roman Bake-off Competition and All Your Favourite Stalls

Prizes for the Best Dressed Roman Children

Procession from 12:30

Sunday June 8th

# Village News

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## Phew - 36 pages!

Well, we have published 36-page editions before, but I don't think one has fallen to me. Thanks very much for this bumper mailbox of contributions. I can tell summer must be coming from all the brilliant events that have been organised for us and are publicised on these pages. I'll be with the Romans and Ancient Wilstonians on 8th June. Not yet sure which camp would be most suitable for me - no suggestions, please.

## Mike Tomlinson's final year as a Councillor

Tring Rural Parish Council chairman, Councillor Mike Tomlinson has announced his intention to stand down when the Council's current term of office ends in May 2015. After 10 years as Chairman he has certainly played his part in our community and deserves our thanks. Of course this is also an opportunity for another to step forward. All Councillors are up for re-election in May 2015, but an actual election can only be held if there are more candidates than places available. It would be good to see lots of candidates nominated, triggering an election.

**Deadline for items for our next issue is  
Thursday 19 June 2014.**

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*Let us know if we are not!*

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## Church services

**St Mary's Puttenham  
St Cross Wilstone and  
All Saints Long Marston**

You are most welcome to join us at any of the services.

### 1 June

10.00am  
6.00pm

All Saints Morning Prayer  
St Cross Evening Prayer

### 2 June

2.00pm

**(Monday)**

All Saints Toddler Worship

### 8 June

8.15am  
10.00am  
6.00pm

St Mary's Holy Communion  
All Saints Holy Communion  
All Saints Celtic Evening Prayer

### 15 June

10.00am  
10.00am

St Cross Holy Communion  
All Saints Morning Prayer

### 16 June

2.00pm

**(Monday)**

All Saints Toddler Worship

### 22 June

10.00am  
3.30pm

All Saints Holy Communion  
St Mary's Evensong

### 29 June

10.00am

St Peter & St Paul, Tring  
Team Service



All Saints, Long Marston.



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[www.wilstone.me.uk](http://www.wilstone.me.uk) (Click on Village News)

## What's on...

**MARSWORTH**  
**STEAM & CLASSIC**  
**Vehicle Rally**  
 Historic Steam Engines, Agricultural, Classic Cars, Bikes and Trucks  
**Sunday 15th June 11am-5pm**  
 Treat Dad to a fun day out on Fathers Day!

**Family fun and entertainment**

**FREE Shuttle Bus**  
 to and from Tring  
 Vintage bus of course!  
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Any local groups, organisations and businesses that wish to get involved, hold a stall or stand, provide an activity or entertainment please contact the organisers before the end of April to book your spot...

**info@MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk** or call us on **07770 725461**

## Smiffy's Curries

Hi, my name is Emily Smith and I am doing a *World Challenge Expedition* to Rajasthan, Northern India in July 2015. I am looking to raise money and offer a **Friday** curry service.

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## Times for mobile library Route 72

**Thursday fortnightly 12th and 26th June 2014.**

<b>Tringford</b> (Piggeries Pine)	<b>11.00 to 11.20</b>
<b>Wilstone</b> (The Half Moon)	<b>11.25 to 11.55</b>
<b>Astrove</b> (Astrove Lane)	<b>12.50 to 13.15</b>
<b>Puttenham</b> (Church Lane)	<b>13.20 to 13.45</b>
<b>Long Marston</b> (Queen's Head)	<b>14.00 to 15.15</b>

## Diary dates...

**Tring Rural Parish Council meetings** (8pm)

*The public are welcome to attend these meetings.*

**Wednesday 4 June**, Wilstone village hall

**Wednesday 2 July**, Puttenham village hall.

**Monday 2 June**

MCC Unicorns A v. Northants 2nd XI, at LMCC.

**Tuesday 3 June**

MCC Unicorns A v. Kent 2nd XI, at LMCC.

**Friday 6 June**

Cecilia Tea Rooms. Cecilia Hall, Puttenham. 3-5pm.

**Saturday 7 - Sunday 22 June**

Bucks Open Studios - [www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk)

**Sunday 8 June**

Wilstone Fete and fun dog show. Fæte of the Romans. 12.30.

**Sunday 8 June**

Mix 96 Tour de Vale bike ride. Starts Stoke Manderville.

**Sunday 8 June**

LMCC Sunday Chess Valley League fixtures commence.

**Sunday 15 June**

Marsworth Steam Rally. 11am to 5pm.

**Tuesday 17 June**

Herts over 60s XI v. Leics over 60s XI, at LMCC.

**Saturday 21 June**

Cheddington Village Fete, The Green, 2pm - 5pm.

**Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 June**

Wingrave Open Gardens, 11.30am to 6pm. £5.

**Sunday 22 June**

Church Open Day, All Saints Long Marston. Teas.

**Sunday 22 June**

Midsummer Picnic, Long Marston recreation ground, 1pm.

**Tuesday 24 June**

All Saints social afternoon 2 - 3pm.

**Friday 27 June**

Summer Wines at Victory Hall, Long Marston. 7.30. £15.

**Saturday 28 June**

Fun Day and cream teas at St. Cross, Wilstone. 2pm-4pm.

**Saturday 28 June**

BeaconLit literary festival, Ivinghoe, 10am to 5.30pm.

**Saturday 5 July**

The Mad Summer Ball, Upper Wingbury Farm, Wingrave.

**Sunday 6 July**

LMCC fund raising day: President's XI v. Mike Dean XI.

**Tuesday 22 July**

All Saints Social afternoon 2 - 3pm.

## Community Shop Wilstone opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 7.30am to 2.00pm

Saturday 7.30am to 1.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

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[www.pitchero.com/clubs/longmarstoncricketclub/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/longmarstoncricketclub/)

... don't miss anything with our guide to local events! Free listings.

### Saturday 2 August

Long Marston Village Show.

### 3,4 and 5 August

Minor Counties cricket at LMCC. Herts v. Cumberland.

### Tuesday 26 August

All Saints Social afternoon 2 - 3pm.

### Saturday 30 August

Jumble sale, Cecilia Hall, Puttenham. 2pm.

### Sunday 7 September

St. Cross Harvest Service and lunch. 11.30am.

### Friday 12 September

Cecilia Tea Rooms. Cecilia Hall, Puttenham. 3-5pm.

### Saturday 13 September

Historic Churches, Bike 'n' Hike.

### Tuesday 16 September

St. Cross Holy Day service.

### Tuesday 23 September

All Saints Social afternoon 2 - 3pm.

### Saturday 11 October

October Supper with Neil Gurney, Puttenham. 7 for 7.30pm.

### Friday 24 October

Quiz and Curry, All Saints, Long Marston.

### Tuesday 4 November

Rosemary for Remembrance at St. Cross, Wilstone. 10am.

### Saturday 8 November

LM Cricket Club race night at Marlins.

### Remembrance Sunday 9 November

Remembrance Day services, St. Cross and All Saints. 10am.

## Summer Wines



Friday 27th June 2014 at 7:30pm

The Long Marston & Puttenham Victory Hall committee invite you to a Summer Evening event to raise funds for the Hall. You will have the opportunity to sample and learn about a number of wines that have been particularly chosen for their suitability for summer drinking.

Whether you already know your Pinots from your Pints, or if you are keen to learn more about the wines that you drink, you're sure to discover something.

Light snacks that complement the wines will be included as part of the ticket price which is £15 per person. To buy tickets, or for more information, please contact Tim or Liz Ayling on 01296 661384 or drop an email to [LMsummerwines@gmail.com](mailto:LMsummerwines@gmail.com)

You are all invited to join us at

## The Madsummer Ball 2014

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on Saturday 5th July 2014

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## WINGRAVE OPEN GARDENS

June 21st and 22nd

11.30am - 6pm

- 15 village gardens
- lunches and teas
- art exhibition

£5 for one day or £8 for both days.

Proceeds to Parkinson's UK and Wingrave Methodist Church premises improvement schemes.

Tickets and programmes available from the gardens on the day.



## Cheddington Village Fete

Cheddington are holding their Village Fete on **Saturday 21st June** on the Green from 2 til 5pm. Attractions will include dance displays, balloon race, tombola, raffle, coconut shy, bouncy castle, BBQ, beer tent and many other stalls. There will also be a Scarecrow competition.

## We all dig Wilstone!

*Well, the Romans certainly did - by Julie Yeardye*

LIVING in an old cottage, I'm always fascinated by the old curiosities I can dig up in my garden: broken china, marbles, rusty bolts, elastic bands, tin soldiers and loads of old bones - but before you get alarmed and call CSI Wilstone, these are only animal bones! The real discovery of human civilisation has been made by Wilstone resident David Weekes, who dug up a roman coin in his garden, dating all the way back to 96-98 AD. Not your usual rusty old penny!

The bronze coin bears the head of Roman Emperor Nerva with the inscription: IMP NERVA CAES AVG PM TR P COS IIII PP - translated as *Emperor Nerva Caesar Augustus, Greatest Priest, Tribune of the People, Consul, 4<sup>th</sup> time, Father of his Country*. At the time, the Romans had conquered most of Britain and Publius Metilius Nepos was in charge as the Governor of Britannia. The coin has been authenticated by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and has been identified as a sestertius, enough money to buy two loaves of bread or about half a litre of reasonable wine - all still available 1900 years later at the Wilstone Community Shop!

Before you rush out and buy a metal detector, David made this incredible discovery in the late 1960s, but you can find out more about the Romans on 8 June 2014:

### **The Fête of the Romans,**

Wilstone village fete and dog show, from 12.30pm.



*Thank you to John Painter for additional information on the coin and its inscription.*

## ... and more Roman stuff

### **Roman bake-off competition**

Don't forget to enter your Roman cakes into the kid's '**Roman Bake-off competition**'. Bring them along to the Fete before 11 am on 8 June for the chance to win cash prizes. Recipe and ingredients can be found in the Wilstone Community Shop.

### **Roman fancy dress contest**

There is also a **kid's fancy dress competition** - to be judged by Vicus the Roman re-enactment group - so make sure you dress up in your best Roman outfit and join the procession at 12.30 on 8th June, from the Wilstone War Memorial.

*Abby Fermont*

## Bishop Paul to be next Bishop of Liverpool

THE appointment of the Rt. Revd Paul Bayes (Bishop of Hertford since 2010) as the next Bishop of Liverpool was announced by Downing Street on 7th May. He will become the 8th Bishop of Liverpool, succeeding the Rt. Revd James Jones. On hearing of the appointment, Bishop Alan said: "Paul Bayes has made a wonderful contribution to the Diocese of St Albans during his time as Bishop of Hertford. He has not only become a good friend to many people, but he has also been a wise and energetic Christian leader. I am sorry that he is leaving us but I am also sure he will be an excellent Bishop of Liverpool. I wish Paul and Kate well in their final weeks in the diocese and as Paul takes up his new responsibilities." Bishop Paul is asking our diocese to pray for him as he takes up his new responsibilities. (*Diocese of St. Albans.*)

## New members wanted for friendly local committees

THE Wilstone Village Hall Committee welcomes 'new blood', so anyone who would like to join either the Wilstone Village Hall Committee or the Wilstone Fete Committee please contact Richard Smissen on the numbers below. The committees are friendly and fun, and organise social events including film nights, quizzes, wine tastings, and of course the very popular village fete. If you are new to Wilstone they are a good way to meet your fellow villagers. The committees each meet once a month in the Half Moon. The Fete Committee operates from October to Fete Day, usually in June. It's not strenuous, everyone's views are appreciated, and it's an opportunity to make a worthwhile contribution to your community.

Richard's numbers are: home: 01442 823253; mobile: 07768 802093; email: richard.smissen@btinternet.com

## 'Thankful Village' plaque to be placed in Puttenham

A MEMORIAL stone with a 'Thankful Village' plaque is to be placed in Puttenham on the grass verge outside the old parish rooms building. It will be officially unveiled on Sunday 10th August. After the First World War, those villages whose men all returned from the war were called 'Thankful Villages'. Puttenham was one of only 51 villages in the country that could celebrate the safe return of all, and therefore there is no War Memorial in the village.

This commemorative plaque of Welsh slate was presented to the village last year by a team of ex-servicemen who toured all 51 villages by motorcycle to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. The memorial stone and the unveiling are being organised by The Puttenham Trust.

## BeaconLit returns - bigger and better

*BeaconLit*, the small literary festival with big ambitions, returns on Saturday June 28 with a new venue, a full-day's programme, and a dazzling array of authors.

The festival aims to raise interest in books and writing within the 'Beacon Villages' - Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Ivinghoe Aston, Slapton, Marsworth, Cheddington and other communities close to Ivinghoe Beacon in the beautiful Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Last year's inaugural half-day event attracted visitors from far and wide, and the organisers are hoping to grow their audience this year. The full-day festival runs from 10am to 5.30pm in Brookmead School, Ivinghoe.

"There's something for everyone in BeaconLit 2014," said local crime novelist Dave Sivers, who will again chair author discussion panels. "We think of it as a live chat show. The morning offers an a la carte selection of sessions on getting published, talks on writing craft, and hands-on creative writing workshops."

A day pass costs £13.50, but early birds can buy them for just £12 before May 17 - a saving of more than 11%. For those who only want to attend for half a day, there are morning and afternoon passes. Generous concessions are available for young people in full time education. For more information, and to buy tickets, visit the website at

[www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk).

## GCSEs? Perhaps not like this

by Andy Ashwell

IN the light of the forthcoming GCSEs, I thought that it might help some young hopefuls to spice up their English essays with some of these inspired similes that are purported to be genuine examples taken from GCSE papers:

- Her hair glistened in the rain like nose-hair after a sneeze.
- The little boat drifted gently across the pond, exactly the way that a bowling ball wouldn't.
- He was as tall as a six-foot-three-inch tree.
- She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it is about to throw up.
- The ballerina rose gracefully *en pointe* and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a lamppost.
- She grew on him like she was a colony of E.coli and he was room-temperature British beef.
- She walked into my office like a centipede with 98 missing legs.
- The door had been forced, as forced as the dialogue in the interview portion of Family Fortunes.

*Good luck with that! Ed.*

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**Intermediate – Advanced** held every Mondays 2-3pm £5 per person.

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**Bucks Open Studios, 7 - 22 June**

**Phil Madley:  
encaustic wax artist in Wilstone**



'Purple leaves' by Phil Madley. (Sorry it's in grey here! Ed.)

Meet Phil, a specialist encaustic wax artist who uses an iron, hot air gun and coloured waxes to dramatic effect. Very different, original work is on show in his studio. An enthusiastic and talented artist who exhibits widely and demonstrates to art

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**Bucks Open Studios, 7 - 14 June**

**Liz Young: bookbinder**

LIZ YOUNG, the Long Marston bookbinder, is joining a group of four painters, two jewellers, a photographer and a textile artist to show and demonstrate their work at the Chiltern MS Centre, Wendover, June 7 – 14. As one of the group put it: "I enjoy exhibiting alongside a friendly, like-minded group of artists." Another said: "I don't really have space in my studio at home and in a group you can have fun and support each other. You also get visitors who might not come to your studio."

Each of the group will be demonstrating their work, at different times, and will donate 20% of their takings to the Centre. With such a wide ranging variety of art and craft visitors will surely find something of interest and the Centre's homemade cakes are an additional draw! Liz thinks she is the only tradi-



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tional craft bookbinder taking part in Open Studios. Having trained at the London College of Printing, she works mainly in leather with decorative gold tooling. She will be showing several private press books, printed in limited editions, which she has specially bound. As well as her decorative notepads with tear-off pages that are so popular. She also specialises in restoring old books.

**At the MS Centre, Oakwood Close, Wood Lane, Wendover, HP22 5LX.** (Go to the roundabout between Halton and Wendover and turn up Wood Lane to the top of the hill.)  
**June 7 - 14, 11am - 5pm (Sunday 11am - 4pm).**



Two stunning examples of Liz Young's book bindings.

## Investing in village hall

A BEAMING treasurer Neil Williams was able to report a very successful financial outcome to the year ended 31st March 2014 when he presented the annual accounts to the AGM of Wilstone Village Hall Committee on 14th May. Increased revenue from hirings and from the "Planet Wilstone" village fete took total revenue to £25,007 - up from £23,399 the previous year. Committee-run events at the hall continued to be very popular with villagers. All this resulted in a surplus of £7,754 for the year compared to £5,966 in 2012/13. The committee intends to use the money to make substantial improvements to the hall this year, including new toilets, at an expected cost of £27,000.

The AGM elected committee members for the coming year, but noted that there are still places available on both the Village Hall Committee and the Wilstone Fete Committee. Richard Smissen was re-elected Chairman, Jude Roust was re-elected Secretary, and Neil Williams was re-elected Treasurer. Richard Smissen said that it would be good to get more new committee members to fill the available spaces, and made it clear that everyone was welcome to put themselves forward. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help the committee with its work in any capacity. (Contact: Richard Smissen on 01442 823253, mobile 07768802093, email richard.smissen@btinternet.com)

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## From our reporter at the Parish Council meeting

### Chairman to step down in 2015

RE-ELECTED as Chariman at the annual meeting of Tring Rural Parish Council on 7th May, Cllr. Mike Tomlinson said that this would be his last year, as it was his intention to stand down in May 2015 when the whole Council was due for re-election. At that time he will have served 10 years as a Parish Councillor, and he did not intend to put himself forward to re-election to the Council. Cllr. Chris Griffiths was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Representatives on various external bodies for the coming year are: Victory Hall - Cllr. Alan Winfield; Wilstone Village Hall - Cllr. Richard Briant; Tring Charities - Cllr. Ollie Wheeler-Cornell and Cllr. Mike Tomlinson.

### The hydrologist reports

The flooding expert employed by the Council, Mr. Paul Webber, has presented the draft of his report which was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 7th May. Although there was general agreement that the draft contained useful information, some Councillors felt that it did not meet the brief sufficiently well. Cllr. Tomlinson said that he was disappointed that the report did not cover the whole parish, as had been specified.

Cllr. Griffiths, who had conducted Mr Webber around the whole parish said: "I think this is a poor report. He has just written down what we already know". Others thought it was useful. Cllr. Mann said that the report did provide an authoritative statement which was of use in arguing the case with the various authorities.

Councillors would have liked to see more recommendations for action. It was suggested that these could be grouped under three headings: culverts; Thames Water and pumping; Canal and Rivers Trust improved water management. The Clerk, Lucy Bancroft, would give feedback on the draft report to Mr Webber, particularly requesting more recommendations on practical actions. Cllr. Tomlinson confirmed that the Parish Council would take the lead in implementing actions resulting from the final report.

### Changing room funding maze

A separate meeting with officers of LMFC had been through the maze of avenues which might lead eventually to a grant to help with building better changing rooms at the Long Marston recreation ground, which is owned by the Parish Council. The most likely source was a preferential loan from a public body called the Hertfordshire Public Works Loan Board. An appli-

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cation for Lottery funding was not likely to be successful in this case, and the particular circumstances here will not qualify for a grant from either the Football Foundation or Sport England. Councillors agreed to make an application to this Public Works Loan Board. In the meantime LMFC were providing £6,000 from club funds for the current works. Club Secretary Daphne Bateman said that the lack of funding was preventing the club moving forward. They could not start youth teams until the toilets and changing rooms met the required standard.

## £3,000 for a new lamp?

Councillors were astonished to hear that it was going to cost £3,000 to provide a replacement street lamp column in Wilstone. The broken street lamp outside the old Buckingham Arms in Tring Road is attached to an existing electricity pole, but all new and replacement street lights have to be provided on a separate light column. Even so, this charge seemed excessive and Councillors determined to see if the job could be done cheaper. Street lighting in the villages is one of the responsibilities of the Parish Council, and also one of the biggest items of expenditure. The annual budget for street lighting last year was £3,110, most of which is maintenance and electricity charges.

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## Community shop's successful first year trading *by Phil Buchi*

THIRTY FIVE member-shareholders attended the very first AGM of Wilstone Community Shop Ltd on 28th March to review what has turned out to be a very successful first year's trading. Total sales for the year 2012/2013 amounted to £85,394, which generated a small profit after tax of £3,260. Turnover is now sufficiently large that this small Industrial and Provident Society has had to register for VAT.

Chairman Diana Crapnell outlined the rapid progress made since Liz and Ron Faulkner decided to take a step back from day to day running of the shop in May 2012. The village shop was quickly re-established as a volunteer based community operation which opened for business on 1st November 2012, and any villager can become a member-shareholder. Acknowledging that it was the volunteers that had created the success, she said: "I would like, on behalf of the management committee, to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every person who contributes their time and energy to keeping the shop open. At the heart of any venture of this type is local commitment, endeavour and spirit and it really is heart-warming to know that our community has so much of it. But I also know that we, as volunteers, get a great deal from being part of the team and in getting to know so many people in our local community."

As a result of the initial success, a paid part-time shop manager can be appointed, though the day to day staffing still depends entirely on volunteers. The AGM was able to fill all of the committee posts for the coming year. The meeting acknowledged the work of Neil Williams, who stood down as treasurer after successfully managing the start-up phase. Neil said that a good surplus for 2014/2015 was forecast and, so far, trading was up 25% year-on-year.

There can be no doubt that this transformation into a community-run enterprise is an impressive achievement, and is a credit to the many people who have rolled up their sleeves and got to work. A village shop is a great asset, but it is not easy to make the numbers work. The accounts show this clearly. If a successful enterprise like this only generates a modest annual profit of £3,260 - even though there were no staff costs - it is quite clear that it would not work as a conventional business. But this team of retail pioneers have proved that by harnessing the energy of the community we can have a village shop, as long as the volunteers keep coming forward.

## Church Warden stands down

AT the recent AGM of St. Cross Church, Andrew Minter did not seek re-election as a Church Warden. Andrew was first elected to the position in 1994 and has continued in post without a break. It is anticipated that Andrew will still be closely involved with the administration of the church. *KM.*

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## Shop talk: Sunday staff EPOS training with Phil and Paul

ON a lovely Sunday morning recently I visited the wonderful Community Shop in Wilstone. There behind the counter were the two lovelies in the photograph, Paul Lovis and Phil Cogger. They were doing their EPOS training (new till, to the rest of us). Being a volunteer at the shop myself I was impressed to see how un-phased they were at the prospect of using the new till system. Of course, beavering away in the back room was their guardian angel, Diana Crapnell - just in case. I was pleased to see that Paul and Phil were having fun. They practised their new skills on my selections from the deli section. Very professional.

I sometimes work the early shift (7.15 am) usually with Diana or Neil (another guardian angel), and I'm so very impressed with how the whole thing has come together. Fabulous cakes appear from fabulous bakers; sausage rolls made by Maura, how does she do it?

I feel as though I'm playing 'shops' when I'm on duty because it has a cosy but efficient air about it all. My sister and I used to play shops when we were children. The big difference now is that it is real money. When we were children, my sister and I used buttons of varying colours for cash. We even had made up names which we still use (to each other) today: she was Cynthia Winterbottom and I was...Agatha Prendergast.



I shall not - after this spilling of beans - sign this article!  
Do visit the shop if you haven't thus far. You'll return over and over - and you might even get to meet Agatha.

### Allotment News:

## A soggy start to the year

by Anna Evans

AFTER a soggy start to the year, when little could be done on our plots, thankfully the weather has improved and there is now a sense of urgency and considerable activity. You can now see beans and potatoes popping up everywhere.

We had a successful meeting at the Half Moon last month, welcoming new members and making plans for the Allotments and the Village Fete, where we are amalgamating with the plant stall. We are also planning an October event, similar to our very successful Well Opening event which was held in 2012.

After a lengthy delay, the trees alongside the footpath, that shut out much light to the plots at that end, have at last been dealt with. The ditch has also been reclaimed so hopefully this will alleviate the flooding problems we had last winter. All the plots are taking shape and maturing year on year. The last vacant plot has recently been let so we are now full up for the first time. Unfortunately we will be losing Paul and Sarah Dollah in the next few months as they have sold their house and will be moving. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them and Megan and Jessica good luck and happiness in their new home. We provisionally have a new tenant for Paul's plot when he relinquishes it so we will soon be able to start a waiting list.

Missing most from the Allotments at the moment is Jane. However, hopefully by the time this is published she will be on the move again and back at the helm. Hooray!

*To enquire about Wilstone Allotment Association  
call Jane Waterhouse on 01442 826813.*

## VILLAGE VIEW



**The wooden bridge over the Aylesbury Arm.  
Picture taken by Fran Flowerdew.**

## Letters...

### Parking presents problems

I have been a resident in Long Marston for over 20 years and felt this subject needed to be brought up and hopefully acted upon. The way people are parking in the village is not only appalling but downright dangerous. I drove through the village on Saturday 26 April, or should I say, slalomed in between the cars parked on both sides of the road before the school. Coming out of Cheddington Lane is an absolute nightmare - you can't see a thing, making it really dangerous. Why do people need to park on the road? Where did you park before?

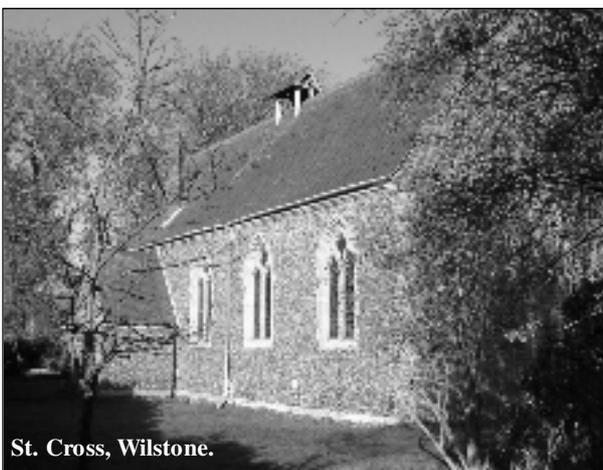
After negotiating this I drove on further down Station Road to find four cars parked in a line on the *footpath*: a clue in the name - footpath for feet, not cars. It was impossible to walk past on the path meaning children, people with prams and dog walkers had to take their life in their hands and walk in the road. This is now happening on a regular basis. Also, when events are on at the church I am sure arrangements could be made to park at the hall. I am asking as a matter of urgency before there is a serious accident to please take a little more care and consideration in the way you park.

*An unhappy resident. (Name and address supplied.)*

### Share a taxi to Chilfest?

Over the past few years, Tring Football Club has been the venue for a series of concerts that has now become 'Chilfest'. Being a fan of 70's & 80's music, I am planning to go to both the Friday and Saturday nights this year (4/5 July). I was wondering if there are other people going from the villages who would be prepared to share a taxi as I know the difficulties in getting hold of one on the night after last year!

*Toby Davidson 07970 636168*



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Look for the low numbers to make a start then go for the top middle box, build it upwards and onwards!

Solution on page 32.

## Blue Moon The Vale Musical Society production, director Neil Gurney

Review by our man in the stalls Howard D. Du-Witt

ON a set reminiscent of a Humphrey Bogart movie, Detective Leslie (Alan Munt) stands on the platform at Euston Station waiting to see his old flame, Gloria (Jenny Giles). After a 'Brief Encounter', they agree to meet up for a drink at a local bar. Gloria is the lead in a touring review, managed by Richard (Terry Veal), who is obsessed with her himself. She and the fabulous chorus are due to perform at the Blue Moon Club, run by Jerry (Gordon Bishop). Soon, we find out that Leslie is after a diamond gang fronted by 'Dickie the Diamond' and 'Jerry the Gem'. Gloria in the mean time continues to see Leslie, covering her tracks by confiding in Douglas (David Sev-ers), a camp and very possessive costume dresser. Eventually, Gloria receives a bunch of flowers from Leslie, who she claims is an old girlfriend when questioned by Richard.

In the second half Douglas overhears Jerry and Richard making plans to smuggle the diamonds after the show and goes to find Leslie to tell him. The two of them make plans to trap the pair at the after show party. After a successful show, including

such numbers as 'Anything Goes' and 'Summertime', Leslie makes a dramatic entrance dressed as Gloria's friend and gets Richard to spill the beans and arrests him!



The whole show was interspersed with loads of songs from the 1930s and very cleverly created and conceived once again by the genius that is Neil Gurney. The clever and witty dialogue owed a little to his pantomime talents but fitted perfectly with all the songs he had chosen from the era to create a memorable evening out for all.

## The Queen's Head Golf Society on tour on the Isle of Purbeck

The Queen's Head Golf Society was formed a few years ago by a passionate golf enthusiast and now organise two tournaments a year, a one day cup and a weekend away. During this time, they have played at some lovely venues and endured a variety of weather, including being snowed off last year near Newbury! At the end of March, we had a glorious weekend based in Bournemouth and playing the wonderfully scenic Isle of Purbeck Golf Course. Overall winner was David Spring, winning on the last hole after a spirited effort from Dennis Brosnan on the second day. We have also played locally at Three Locks, Leighton Buzzard and Aylesbury Vale.

The Society welcomes anybody who would like to join, regardless of handicap and this year have secured a round of golf at the beautiful Whipsnade Park Golf Club set in the Chilterns adjoining the famous wild animal park. The cost for 18 holes of golf, a morning reception and a 2 course meal after-



wards is just £40 and takes place on Friday 22nd August. Anyone interested in joining can sign up on the notice board inside the pub.  
*Toby Davidson*



WITH the weather improving, plans continue for our annual village show. Its popularity

is such that all the regular stallholders have rebooked for this year. We hope to organise more entertainment in the arena this year to make it more interactive so watch this space! More details next month.

In the mean time, the Horti is planning a community get-together this month in the form of a MIDSUMMER PICNIC on Sunday 22nd June from 1pm. This will be a totally FREE event for villagers to come along, bringing a picnic with them

and meeting friends, old and new! The main part of the day however will be the staging of some friendly ROUNDERS matches on the rec during the afternoon. This is a very popular sport for all the family and the intention is to get everybody involved.

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## Vicus Roman enactment group to camp at Wilstone

ROMAN enactment group 'Vicus' (pictured here) will be setting up a military camp at Wilstone so that they can stage military manoeuvres at the Wilstone fete and dog show on Sunday 8th June. Their camp will be shared, apparently, with some ancient Britons, with whom they expect to do battle once a truce is over. Members of Vicus will come from far and wide to take part in what for them is one of a regular series of realistic portrayals of a Roman army unit in the field.

In Wilstone they will march down the village street at 12.30, forming the guard for Queen Jane of Wilstonia as she travels to open the village fete at the recreation ground. Combat is expected during the afternoon, but there are also demonstrations of camp life including crafts and cooking. The Hemel Hempstead Band will be there too!



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# On Bin Dad Knee

by Andy Ashwell

REGULAR readers of this magazine may remember reading about me using a slightly dodgy knee as an excuse for avoiding potential humiliation in Florence's school running club's early morning burn-ups. Well, my slightly dodgy knee turned out to be a bit more than slightly dodgy – not helped by a skiing holiday and a week of 'trying to walk it off' in The Lakes – and was operated on three weeks ago to repair a torn meniscus cartilage.

I must say that the most traumatic part of the whole business was not the operation or the GA or the pain (or the lack of sympathy from the family) but the taxi ride to the hospital. "You took a taxi?" I hear you ask. "Surely your caring and loving wife dropped everything to rush her seriously injured, crock of a husband to the hospital in his desperate time of need?" Well, no, she didn't. But, to be fair, she *was* going to take me and we had actually chosen a date to fit in with her busy work schedule. But when my appointment was suddenly brought forward by five days it rather scuppered that plan, so I put on a brave face, gritted my teeth and went stoically on my own to the hospital in a taxi.

The taxi was one of those half-petrol, half-battery hybrid affairs that are supposedly extremely fuel-efficient and ultra eco-friendly. Well they are if you drive them conservatively, but not if you drive them like Lewis Hamilton and

alternate your foot between hard on the accelerator and hard on the brake. I have noticed that for some unknown reason many bus and bin-lorry drivers seem to employ this same staccato style of driving too. Surely, if you've got any serious thoughts about becoming a Formula One racing driver, your vehicle of choice shouldn't really be a 25-year-old bus or a large, rubbish-filled lorry.

Anyway, thanks to my taxi driver's gallant global-warming efforts I arrived at the hospital early and, grateful to have arrived in one piece, I paid him the agreed amount and staggered out of the car. I also gave him a tip – not one on how to improve his driving and help save the planet, but a monetary one – as I felt that he might need the extra cash to pay for more fuel and some new brake pads.

The knee operation went without a hitch and five days later I was fit enough to drive sedately to my parents' house to look after my frail, 94-year-old dad while my sprightly, 87-year-old, Wimbledon-hopeful mum went out to play tennis. My dad, unsurprisingly, isn't very agile but he still likes to get out for a short walk every day if he can. A walk was not what I wanted because my knee was aching a bit after my drive, but when I tried to dissuade him from going he cut me short. "Stop your moaning, boy; I'm twice your age and what's left of both my knees hurt like hell, so if I can do it, so can you!"

He had a point and seeing as I had been advised by the surgeon to keep mobile I decided not to argue with him. We set off on our little jaunt and just as we left the driveway and turned onto the pavement a big yellow bin-lorry roared up and screeched to a halt outside the house. Two men emptied the bins into the back and the lorry immediately accelerated hard towards us and then skidded to a halt level with next door's bins.

My dad continued up the road, doggedly pushing his three-wheeled Zimmer to stay ahead of the lurching lorry as it roared and screeched behind us. It struck me as being rather ironic that the recycling lorry was being driven in such an un-eco-friendly way.

On the plus side though, this surreal game of Grandmother's footsteps made me forget about my aching knee and turned an otherwise tedious dawdle into something a bit more exciting. When the bin-lorry got too close and threatened to overtake us I goaded my poor dad into

putting *his* foot down to keep us ahead of it – little things, hey?

My knee is making a good recovery and the surgeon has now discharged me. Before I left I asked him when I could resume playing squash and running. Playing squash didn't seem to worry him at all – despite the fact that half the players at the squash club have had the same knee operation as me – but the mere mention of wanting to go running again absolutely horrified him. He said that running was the bane of all knee surgeons and that I should find something else to do instead.

So I now have the perfect excuse for avoiding the embarrassment of losing to Florence and her friends at the school running club and I think in future I will stick to something more sedate like racing my dad and his bucking bin-lorry.



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## 60th anniversary year for WI branch by Sue Barraclough

2014 is Long Marston and Puttenham WI's 60th Anniversary Year and in the long tradition of the WI it is proving to be an interesting and stimulating one.

We have enjoyed a variety of talks so far – in January we were taught the art of felting, something which proved to be very therapeutic as we spent the evening stabbing wool amid lots of chatter and laughter but surprisingly everyone left the hall with a finished article and not too many stabbed fingers.

February found us being taught how to improve our Feng Shui by Denise O'Dwyer who is a Grand Master, the basic principles of this old Chinese art were explained to us, as was the best way to attract luck to our door- I have been told that one member actually had her front door re painted after hearing the talk so let's hope that she immediately felt the benefits, if not at least she would have the comfort of a lovely new front door! Later in the month we were invited to one of our members' gardens to view the beautiful variety of snowdrops that she and her husband had cultivated, the trip was enhanced with musical entertainment, mulled wine and muffins and raised a considerable amount of money for the Syria Crisis appeal.

March found us, in spirit at least, in Russia exploring the beauties of the Amber Rooms at the Catherine Palace in St Petersburg guided by a very knowledgeable speaker Michael Bartlett.

April brought a complete change of mood when we were joined by Bill Hamilton who has been a journalist and broadcaster for 50 years. He was with the BBC as Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Special Correspondent and gave us a very lively and interesting talk about his life and times which involved riots in Brixton and Toxteth, IRA bombs in Brighton, the war in Lebanon, the tragic consequences of AIDS in Africa and the plight of dying and neglected children in Stalinist Albania. He proved to be a very lively and interesting speaker and kept us all enthralled.

May was our resolutions meeting at which we voted to increase awareness of the need for organ donation and this was followed by a talk from one of our members, Margaret Noakes, on her extensive collection of Animal bells – The sheer variety of the bells, which adorned everything from Elephants and Yaks to Goats and Sheep, was really amazing and Margaret brought it all to life for us with an account of where they had come from and her various adventures in pursuit of them.

Next month sees us off on our annual garden visit which this year will be to Chesham Bois house and later in the month hosting an evening ramble and meal for various other Federation WI's then in July we will be having a birthday party to celebrate our 60 years as a WI with the theme being everything from the 50s.

In addition to these things we continue with our own walking club, theatre club and lunch club and we are also busy working on our entry for the Bucks County Show.

As you can see we have a variety of interesting events going on right here on your own doorstep and we would be very happy to welcome new members. We meet once a month at Long Marston Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 so why not come along and give it a try, you will find us a very friendly group.

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## The Whitchurch Morris Men – Morrisising on *by John King*

APOLOGIES for my missing article from last month. To err is human but to really mess-up requires a computer. However, as I write, the busy month of May continues. Some of us were up very early on May Day and danced in the summer with the Towersey MM and were reported on by Lilley Mitchell of BBC Radio Oxford. However, this was not the beginning of the day for one of us. Just before 1 a.m., Roger Comley, our Fool, was interviewed on BBC 5Live regarding his other Morris Role being that of Fool to The Squire of the Morris Ring. Each Side has a Fool and their task is to maintain discipline of the dancers by whacking those dancers who are not up to muster with a sow's bladder. To fulfil this role correctly, the Fool must also be a very accomplished dancer and therefore, able to spot when things go wrong in the dance. The role of the Fool to the Squire of the Morris Ring is somewhat different. Rather akin to the fools of the aristocracy, his job is to inform and advise the Squire of the Ring about the feelings and wishes of the rank and file members of the Morris Ring. In this way, the Ring reflects the attitudes and wishes of its members.

Anyway, we had a cracking breakfast in the Three Horseshoes and it was nice to retire from the drizzle – a typical summer's day then. The bank holiday Monday saw us out and about and the weather was much improved. You can catch a brief video report at:-

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/morris-men-s-annual-mayday-dance-1-6041253>

The following Saturday saw some of us at Cambridge with 62 other Morris sides at a joint federation meeting. We saw Young Miscellany, a side of 6 – 8 year olds who dance Border Morris and I'm told are looked after by St Alban's. The slightly older Harlequin Morris are a Cotswold side aged



**The Whitchurch Morris Men - up early and high up on May Day.**

about 16 – 20. You can find them on You Tube. We were also treated to a terrific interpretation of The Nutting Girl by The Belles of London City. Sung acappella and danced in a very balletic style, I'm never going to see Harry dance it with his boots on in quite the same way again.

The caravan is out of storage and is being washed so look out Yorkshire Dales here we come. The Sunday dinner is already booked as is Busy Lizzie's in Skipton for fish and chips on Monday evening. If you want to know more, go to our websites: [www.whitchurchmorris.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchmorris.org.uk) [www.leedsmorris.org.uk](http://www.leedsmorris.org.uk) or [www.thaxtedmorris.org.uk](http://www.thaxtedmorris.org.uk) where further details are available.

8 p.m. dancing out continues with The Grand Junction Arms on the 3rd June, The Hampden Arms on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, The George and Dragon, Quainton on the 17<sup>th</sup> June and The Oak at Aston Clinton on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. Check out the Events list on our website.

*Wassail, John King.*

## Scoots provides scooters to help you get to work *by Matthew Pack*

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## *The agricultural story line...*

*by David Mead*

### Troops ready for the Normandy landings in 1944



THE anniversary of the Normandy landings brings back memories from my life when 9½ years old. A troop of 25-pounder field guns arrived in the field by Simon's house. They positioned them around the headlands. The soldiers were from Newfoundland. I gather wheel marks can easily be seen from an aeroplane so they were not allowed to cross the grass field. One of them, E. Scharpe, signed his name on a top bar of a stile. It was there until a few years ago. I also remember my mother saying they had suffered heavy casualties. My mother did comment on the fact that they had knocked over a gate post which had to be hastily repaired to keep the cattle in.

Now, where was I? We've started cutting some grass, baling it and then wrapping it before stacking it in the yard at Wilstone. The all-important weather has been very helpful. Neil Dean's paddock was dealt with in readiness for his grandson's wedding. I wish them luck and hope this wonderful wedding weather holds. The gang do quite a bit of contract work. Chris is off to Bovingdon today. The wrapping machine is very wide and it's a real struggle negotiating the narrow lanes. I believe Chris said there was 30 acres to do; acres today hectares tomorrow. Which way has to be remembered when sending a bill.

The cereal crops are really good but the dreaded black grass is just showing in places. The effective spray has been withdrawn by the EU. More alternative crops are being grown. We've got oil seed rape, beans and maize for silage. This last crop has been drilled in the 35 acre field opposite the new houses at Dixons Gap canal bridge. Maize can't be drilled any earlier because of the frost damage so it's got some growing to do to get as high as an elephant's eye by the end of September.

The ewes are waiting for the shearers to arrive. The Aussie gang usually come to us after David Leach's. We have to keep an eye on the ewes. The warm weather encourages fly strike. Having patches of maggot is not a pleasant condition. The value of the wool doesn't pay for the shearing. We've still got two full sacks from last year. More gloomy news on the beef trade. It's obviously got too expensive. The trouble is an animal takes nearly two years to be heavy enough, so expensive calves are not making enough when finished. Will the next bunch of calves be cheaper?

The rapeseed oil trade is good. Chris' daughter, Beth, has been in command at Wendover farmer's market and has done really well. There is nothing like a bit of glamour on a summer's day to help things along. No hard feeling Chris, even with your knee repaired you can't compete. On my home front Teresa sends away for exotic plants so I had a blitz last autumn to rediscover rear of the garden. Well, this morning we had to go out to see some very exotic blue and white iris,



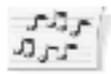
**Canadian troops assemble in England for the invasion force. They were destined for Juno beach in Normandy, where 14,000 of them landed on D-Day. By evening they had penetrated seven miles inland, breaking through the 'Atlantic Wall' of German defences. The cost was 340 dead and 574 wounded.**

(Picture: Canadian Government)

as tall as we are. And I'm doing what thousands of people have done in the past, I'm growing sweet peas. I've got special ties, new bamboos and hourly inspections. So far slugs, pigeons, badgers, mildew, late frost and hourly inspections with big boots have not affected the plants. I'm afraid this year's Wilstone flower show is too early. I'll try to get some flowers ready for my birthday in November.

I hear New Mill folk have lost the battle to save their village hall. I was told the church wanted accommodation for a chaplain for Tring School. It seems he is going to have a choice of six houses right on the roundabout. I remember seeing a pantomime there with my cousin Alison in the cast. It must have been during the war where the only place you could get ice cream was in Ayres shop just across the road.

*P.S. Daughter Sarah has lost hens to the fox. Small numbers of hens are real characters. I'll be interested in any suggestions on how to control the pest. Not battery cages for the hens.*



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## Obituary: James Draper: a true countryman

JAMES DRAPER, who died in April after a long period of ill health, was a true countryman. He was very well known locally for his skill at landscape gardening, and as a well-regarded and energetic member of the community. From an early age James was interested in all things to do with the countryside, and this became a major feature of his life. Born in Tring to a local family, his father, Nelson Draper, worked for a while at the Pitstone cement works before joining British Waterways looking after a section of the Grand Union canal. His mother, Violet, was from another Tring family - the Biddles. While he was with British Waterways the family lived in a canal-side cottage at Broughton, an ideal home for a young boy at home in the countryside.

James went to Tring Secondary School where he did well. His report book shows consistently good results. He particularly excelled at rural science, general science, art, woodwork and metalwork, and was regularly top of his class in these subjects. His form teacher, Mr A Speed, said of him in 1966: "James is a responsible and pleasant class member who is always willing to help. He has contributed a great deal in time and effort in the Science Department and has a natural and pleasing ability with plants and animals. This is well above average and well worth cultivating." Mr Speed clearly knew the young James well.

While a youngster in and around Tring he met a girl, Laura Parker, who everyone called Bella. She enjoyed being taken fishing, shooting and rabbiting and it was the start of a lifelong partnership. On leaving school he obtained a place at Penrith Forestry College, and went to work as a forester for the National Trust on the Ashridge Estate. In 1971, before returning to college, he suggested to the 17 year-old Bella that they should get married - right now. Paying £3 10 shillings for a special licence, the couple 'eloped' to Berkhamsted, where they were married in the Town Hall with James' sister Belinda and brother-in-law Alex as the only witnesses. Bella says that the wedding party went on to the Lamb in the High Street to celebrate, but she was too young to have a drink! Everyone then put away their best clothes and went back to work in the afternoon. It proved to be a very successful and enduring marriage. James continued to work on the Ashridge Estate where they had a tied house, and later on the Hughenden Estate, where he was working manager. Their daughter Joanie was born in Tring, and in 1988 he set up on his own when the family moved to Wilstone, employing his nephew - also called Nelson.

To get the new landscape gardening business started, Bella bought a 'John Bull' printing outfit (many of us will remember the tiny rubber letters and tweezers) and an old typewriter. They printed business cards and put leaflets though doors and gradually a clientele built up that continued to keep him busy until the effects of diabetes forced him to give up about four years ago. Many villagers have the results of his work in their gardens today. His lifelong passion for the countryside never waned, and he particularly enjoyed shooting and fishing in the local area, in Scotland and in Ireland. His own garden was



designed to be a haven for wild birds, and he was also a breeder of birds - particularly goldfinches, which he kept right up to the end. Being a grandparent delighted him, and the arrival of Daniel and Joanie's children - Jacob (now age 6) and Poppy (now age 4) - was a source of great joy to James and to Bella. It is sad that he missed the arrival of a third grandchild, Isaac, by only one day.

In recalling memories of James a common theme emerges: that he was a jolly and humorous man, interesting, good natured and fun, someone it was good to know. And, as Mr Speed observed back in 1966, he was always willing to help. It is good that he felt a lot better in his last few days and was able to take out the dogs, spend time with his grandchildren and enjoy his birds. The funeral service was conducted at St. Cross, Wilstone, by Rev'd Joanne Wetherall, and he is buried at Tring cemetery. Large numbers of his friends, neighbours and relations attended at both locations. It is good to be able to conclude these notes with a welcome to that new grandchild. Congratulations to proud parents Joanie and Daniel on the birth of their third child, Isaac, on 15th April 2014, weighing 8lb 3oz. Mother and delightful baby are doing very well. *PB.*

*James Morris Draper; born Tring, Hertfordshire, 6 May 1952. Died 14 April 2014, age 61.*

Bella, Joanie and Daniel would like to thank the community for the generous and anonymous donations towards the cost of the funeral.

Donations made at St. Cross in lieu of flowers also raised £317 for the Renal Ward at Stoke Manderville Hospital, where James was treated. *DJ.*

## Big Jim: a personal recollection *by Adrian Brightley*

JAMES and I met over twenty five years ago on the Rossway Estate near Berkhamstead. Known as Big Jim to the army of beaters and dog handlers on the shoot there, he drove the beaters wagon with a skill that belied his immense stature. Having parked the tractor and trailer he invariably came over for a chat and a quick fuss of the dogs before seamlessly joining the beating line. He was clearly a man who loved the woods and their wildlife, often stopping briefly to admire a tree or shrub, never missing the sight of an owl as they silently swooped through the trees or a song bird busily feeding. Ever the gentleman, he treated everyone with respect from the occasional rock star guest gun to his fellow beaters. Usually accompanied by his nephew Nelson they were both well liked and, importantly, reliable. Never missing a shoot day, Jim clearly was at his happiest in the fields and woods.

Although not a competitive clay shot, mornings at the Royal Berkshire Shooting School and summer evenings breaking clays at the "hunt shoots" were always eagerly awaited. Shooting trips to the Borders, Derbyshire and Northern Ireland followed over the years. Jim marvelled at the woods around Penrith where he had attended Newton Rigg College many years previously (to study forestry), enthusiastically pointing out the different areas he had worked in as a young man.

Jim enjoyed sharing his passion and got immense pleasure in mentoring his son-in-law Daniel in the dark arts of the countryside, shooting, pigeon decoying and ferreting to boot. During summer evenings Jim was often found with Bella contentedly casting a float on the canal, my resulting dog walks inevitably prolonged as we started a conversation that invariably needed to be concluded later in the pub.

James had a deep respect for others particularly the elderly, witnessed first-hand he was incredibly kind to my parents. Ever practical he turned a redundant pile of stone into some raised flower beds, pruned an ancient apple tree with the skill of a surgeon and laid some paths so my father could enjoy his garden well into his advancing years.

Visits across to my parents in Jim's truck were an experience taking me back down the lanes and back doubles explored in my youth. He seemed to know every beech wood and estate in the Chilterns. A shooting trip to Northumberland in the winter of 2012 was to be Jim's last; it seems rather fitting that Dan used a photograph taken on that occasion for James' order of service.

*For a picture of baby Isaac James Jellis please turn to page 35.*



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## Mad Summer Ball 2014 *Part 2, by Jane Murrell*

### Supporting children's charities 'Starlight' and 'Joss Searchlight'

#### Mad Summer Ball 3, 5th July 2014 at Upper Wingbury Farm, Wingrave.

THE plans for this year's Mad Summer Ball are all going well. We have all the music confirmed for the evening from the reception drinks to the dancing in to the early hours of the morning. We have now met with all the charities and decided that they are all in need of our help. They all give help to people of our area and some help beyond that.

#### Joss Searchlight

Our most local charity is Joss Searchlight. This was set up to help children and families who have been diagnosed with cancer. The charity Joss Searchlight (website: [www.jossparkesearchlight.org.uk](http://www.jossparkesearchlight.org.uk)) was set up after the sad death of this lovely little boy in 2011 after a battle with cancer. Joss and his family are from the local area having lived in Ivinghoe then, when Joss was three years old, moving to Ledburn. He and his brother attended Wingrave C of E school until Joss's illness prevented him from being able to carry on there. As he needed more care than Wingrave school could offer, the family had no choice but to move him to Swanbourne School. Joss was diagnosed with a rare cancer, brainstem glioma. In 2005 he was given just weeks to live. Brain tumors are the UK's biggest childhood cancer killer. Every year there are hundreds of families being given the devastating news that their child is critically ill. Even with all the breakthroughs in cancer treatment, the outlook for these children can be quite bleak. Brainstem glioma is a cancerous glioma tumor in the brain stem. Around 75% are diagnosed in children and young adults under the age of twenty. Brainstem glioma starts in the brain or spinal cord tissue and typically spreads throughout the nervous system. The cause is still unknown. Common symptoms include: lack of facial control, (droopy eyelids) - double vision - headache or headache that gets better after vomiting - nausea and vomiting - weakness and fatigue - seizures - balance problems.

Symptoms can develop slowly and subtly and may go unnoticed for months. In other cases, the symptoms may arise abruptly. A sudden onset of symptoms tends to occur with more rapidly growing, high-grade tumors. His parents were left feeling numb on hearing the news from the consultant that no parent wants to hear: there is nothing they can offer to your much loved child to help them. It was then they looked to try and find somewhere or someone who could offer support to them through this difficult time. But there was no one to help, no counseling, no family support - nothing. They felt on their own, and not knowing which way to turn. With the support of his family and friend, help of complementary therapies, prayer and maybe a degree of luck, Joss managed to live a happy fulfilled life for six years. This made him the longest survivor of brainstem glioma.



Quoting from the diary that Joss's parents kept through put their borrowed time with Joss, I think sums up how parents must feel when hit with the news of a terminally child: *"In writing this I have seen myself angry and I have seen myself cry uncontrollably. I have seen the green monster of resentment lurking on my shoulders and I have seen me pitying myself. I have seen us both in a way that I wish I hadn't and never want to witness again. I was angry and I still am, angry at life. What makes me angry is how unjust life can be. When Joss was born I became a parent and when he became ill I became an enormously angry Dad."*

There are 14 support groups for adults with cancer but nothing for children or the parent of children with cancer in our local area. So Joss Searchlight charity was set up. They are now offering support for the families and children with cancer in our area. They have a family support helpline 01525385800 or email [support@jossearchlight.org.uk](mailto:support@jossearchlight.org.uk). They are able to make a difference to families affected by their child's cancer.

#### Starlight

This brings me to Starlight, co-founded by actor Emma Samms - who made her name as Fallon Colby in the iconic 1980's soap



'Dynasty'. Emma has used her fame to help hundreds of thousands of sick children throughout the UK, USA and Australia. She was only nine years old when her younger brother was diagnosed with aplastic anaemia a then terminal illness. Starlight are now offering wishes to terminally ill children, such as distraction boxes (full of toys to help take their minds off injections, taking of blood, and many other horrible things that are necessary with their treatment), ward parties and pantos. It has been shown that all of these things can help in the recovery of a sick child.

Quoting a leading consultant children's cancer specialist: "Often treatment of cancer or other serious illnesses in children involves unpleasant and painful procedures; it is very difficult to make a child happy at this time. This is what Starlight does in hospital and hospices all over the country."

For all of these reasons we decided to support these charities and hope you will as well. Look forward to seeing you all at the Mad Summer Ball 3 on Saturday 5th July 2014 at Upper Wingbury Farm, Wingrave, and sing and dance to the brilliant Bjorn Again. Try your luck on the raffle. Or buy one of the great auction prizes and help us to beat the total raised at the last ball come and join us in what will be a night to remember. Help us help these charities to make the difference these children and parents need in their most challenging times.

# The Puttenham Page

compiled by Christine Rutter

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those attending was won by Brian Saunders who nominated the Lymphoma Association of Aylesbury. Due to the result of an excellent raffle, both charities received £190 (rather than the £150 that was announced). Thank you to all who attended and thereby supporting these very good causes.

## St. Mary's Church

### Progress report...

The Swales constructed in December seem to be working in reducing the damp levels within the church fabric, which will enable us to start planning for the new floor, improved heating, wall plastering and redecoration. Please support The Friends of Puttenham Church to help us fund the ongoing work.



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# Season underway at Long Marston Cricket Club

by Paul Dumpleton, Chairman

GOOD start to the new season at Marlins with resounding wins in all the pre season friendlies. First week of the League season saw wins for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI's but the weather caused abandonment after 3overs of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI game at Challow. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI won by 1 wicket of the last ball away at Witney Mills.

Second league weekend saw a great win at home for the first XI against Leighton Buzzard Town and another win for the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI didn't get enough runs at Horspath.

National Village Cup win at Marlins on 11<sup>th</sup> May against Preston (nr Hitchin) which gives us a home third round against Langleybury on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May (game concluded by the time you read this).

ECB Trophy games at Marlins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June.(see village news diary). Top class cricket guaranteed (weather permitting). Why not come along and enjoy the scenery and sunshine.

Keep up to date on our website - all results in detail as well as club news.

## All in a day's work for Village News team assigned to Showgirls shoot

IT'S a tough job, but someone has to do it. Turning out on a sunny Sunday afternoon to arrange a photo shoot for the Wilstone Show girls is all part of the job for your volunteer Village News photographers, keen to make sure you see all the best shots on these pages by getting to grips with these girls. This photo session was directed by Phil Buchi (on the steps, having completed a risk assessment) and the pictures were taken by John Painter and Phil Buchi.



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### Posy Festival at All Saints, Hertford

All Saints Church, Hertford is holding a Posy Festival from Friday 11 July to Sunday 13 July 2014, to which we would like to invite all our friends from All Saints, Long Marston.

The Festival is a Flower Festival with a difference. It has been created to celebrate with thanksgiving the lives of loved ones or close friends. It has also been designed to include national or personal heroes, a country or location, an act of kindness or a time that holds a special memory. *Wendell Newbold.*





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## News from All Saints

THANK YOU to everyone who helped and supported the various fund raising events in May. We have enjoyed some very successful times playing football, throwing the Hoopla and also a concert.

**On 15 June** we shall be at the **Marsworth Steam Rally** holding a 'Beat the Goalie' competition – do have a go!

**Sunday 22 June:** All Saints will be open for the national **Churches Open Day**. Tea and Cakes will be served from 2pm until at least 5pm. We shall remain open until the **Rounders Match** on the recreation ground has finished, so you can support both events!

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Social afternoon 2 - 3pm as always.

*Carole Harrison 01296 668526.*

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## Sudoku solution

by Colin Moore

No 85 solution

2	8	1	3	4	7	6	5	9
3	6	5	8	9	1	7	4	2
9	4	7	6	5	2	1	8	3
5	3	4	1	2	8	9	7	8
7	1	8	9	3	5	4	2	6
6	2	9	4	7	8	5	3	1
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4	9	2	7	6	3	8	1	5
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## From the Vicarage

by Rev'd Jane Banister

### Making buildings work

THE TV schedules are full of property programmes – Location, Location, Location; Homes under the Hammer; Grand Designs – the list goes on and on. I do find myself fascinated by them, by the fashions that come and go, by what look like modern designs yet seem to me eminently impractical. The buildings are no longer called homes or houses but properties, in a way that seems to impersonalise them, and yet the decoration and changes are all made with the goal of making them more personal, and individual. We invest a great deal both emotionally and financially in these buildings.

What I would find fascinating would be programmes on other buildings and how they work – think of the amount of time we spend in schools, workplaces, village halls, and how many of them are fit for purpose. Money constraints quite often mean that we have to make do, and having to think round these problems surely make for interesting and imaginative solutions. Schools' need for power and electricity has increased dramatically, yet many have systems that cannot cope with this. Halls were built before disabled toilets or health and safety regulations were seen as important.

And of course there is one particular set of buildings that is close to my heart – churches. There are a huge variety of buildings in our parish alone, particularly if you count the non-Anglican ones as well – and they all have their beauty and their frustrations. Heating is always a huge issue – we are used to everything having central heating (often too much), and it can be difficult to explain to brides that while a Decem-

ber wedding is a romantic idea, we don't recommend strapless dress and sandals. We are restricted by what we can do to churches as many of them are listed buildings. They are seen as lovely art works, and ornaments to the communities in which they are situated, and the state tells us what we can and cannot do. Yet we receive no state funding at all and every cost of the building has to be met by the congregation. We want to have our churches used more often, and we don't want them to be seen as museums. Some of the churches in our parish are kept open every day. Tring for example has lots of visitors, as does Aldbury situated as it is in such a tourist attraction. Wilstone too is open as it is on the route of walkers.

The Diocese of St Albans, of which we are a part, has designated one Sunday a year an Open Church Day, when we are asked to advertise the fact that we are open, and at All Saints we are taking advantage of that fact, and are opening on June 22 in the afternoon. We are inviting you all to come in and have a look round (and we hope that it will be seen as part of the celebrations that include the village picnic and rounders match)

Do you know when it was built? Do you know who the statues are? Have you read the memorials on the wall? Have you walked round the churchyard? Come and do all those things and have a cup of tea and a scone. Use it as a time to have a moment of peace, to learn something new about your community, to come and tell us what would make you visit again. "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord"

*Best wishes, Jane Banister.*

### Spotters' corner No. 274: GPO BSA Bantam D1 for telegram delivery

GLEAMING in pillar-box red, this 1965 125cc BSA Bantam D1 (plunger rear suspension model) was spotted at a special display at the nearby Milton Keynes Museum recently. Owned by Simon Dixon of Milton Keynes, it was loaned for the day for an exhibition of telecommunications vehicles.

The museum has a fine permanent display of telephone and telegraph equipment in a new exhibition hall. The main museum is housed in a Victorian farmstead, features local history, industry and farming in a series of engaging displays, which include a complete street of old shops with post office and pub. Located near Wolverton about 30 minutes drive from here. Opening times and directions from:

[www.mkmuseum.org.uk](http://www.mkmuseum.org.uk)

(Picture: PB)



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## Annabel Fairhurst

ON Easter Sunday at St Cross Church, Wilstone, the Rev'd Valerie Rockall baptised local village resident Annabel Olivia Fairhurst into the Church Family with many friends, relatives and villagers present to swell the congregation. The service was much appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

*Colin Milner (Annabel's grandfather)*



## ... and Isaac Jellis

WELCOME to new reader Isaac James Jellis born on 15th April (8lb 7oz) an pictured here only a few minutes old! Congratulations to proud parents Daniel and Joanie. The smiles in this picture say it all.

Isaac was born the day after the death of his grandfather, James Draper (see obituary on page 26). His second name is James, after his grandfather.



## Eggciting time on Easter Monday

*by Jo Woodbridge, pictures by Colin Reedman*

RAIN was threatened on the day but the sun shone on St Cross, Wilstone. Jo Wetherall began with a short service. The Easter candle was lit and a sprig of rosemary was doused in holy water and sprinkled over the group. It was then time to hunt eggs. Over 20 children ran full pelt around

the church garden with parents and carers looking on. William was the 5 and under winner, Dan won the 6 - 10 category and Freddie and Ben won the 11-and-over age group. Hot Cross buns were in abundance to enjoy after the hunt and each child went home satisfied with a small chocolate egg.



## Hail Caesar! Showgirls to join in the fate of the Romans

THE Wilstone Showgirls will be joining in the fate of the Romans at Wilstone Village Fête and fun dog show on Sunday 8th June. They will be part of the parade through the village alongside Roman soldiers which begins at 12.30 from the War Memorial. We can't wait to see what artistry they have produced for us this time; the legionnaires are in for a treat we have no doubt. The Showgirls are organised by their creative director, Maggie Buchi.

Fête committee chairman Jill Walker (who also manages to be a Showgirl) said: "Join in the parade by coming dressed as a Roman or Ancient Wilstonian. It'll be bags of fun."

Roman legionnaires in full battle order will be setting up camp in the village over that weekend, and will be staging fierce battle scenes during the afternoon.

*More Roman stuff on page 18.*



(Picture © 2014 John Painter)

**Wilstone Showgirls Jill, Jane, Sam, Julie, Sheena, Jo and Caroline try out their Roman attire.**

## Village football match raises £1,225 after extra time at the bar

**Final score: Pub side of Long Marston 3, School side of Long Marston 2**

*by Toby Davidson*

LEE DIAMOND orchestrated a wonderful evening's entertainment when his 'School' side of Long Marston played the 'Pub' side. Fortunately the weather was kinder than last year and with the Vicar's barbeque doing a roaring trade, the game started promptly. Both sides seemed evenly matched with chances at both ends and the scoring was opened by Pub side captain Ian Reid. The response from the School side was swift, playing down the hill, and Barry Miles soon equalised to leave the score 1-1 at half time. The second half started well for the Pub side with an early goal for Paul Hunt. With the ball going from one end to another, Reid scored a decisive second goal. At 3-1, the School side then threw everything at the Pub goal and were rewarded late-on by a Lee Benham goal, but it proved too little too late.

After the match, players and supporters moved into the Village Hall for a splendid evening do, with a disco manned by David Severs, a super curry cooked by Tim Ayling and copious amounts of beer courtesy of Fuller's Brewery and Queens Head landlord, Will Foster. An excellent day raised £1,225 for five village organisations. Thanks to Lee, referee Norman, linesman Didier, and all who helped on the day.



**An entertaining game at Long Marston recreation ground**