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HOUSING IN WILSTONE. ARE WE A VILLAGE OR A TOWN?

By Jane Waterhouse

MANY people from Wilstone and surrounding villages will have attended the meeting at the village hall on 24th February this year regarding the possible areas of the village where housing could be built. We were led to believe that these were just ideas and that we, as villagers would have a say in the plans and future development of the village. The Parish Council surveyed the local population to determine what the housing needs of the residents were and how we would meet the housing needs of residents in the future. This revealed a need for a modest number of small units for young villagers and a couple of bungalows for elderly and disabled in our community.

Rectory homes had put in for planning permission prior to this meeting on the field adjacent to the allotment field, just before the canal bridge. The parish council turned the plans down sighting such concerns as lack of infrastructure, drainage, sewage, and that it was not the type of housing identified in the survey.

There has been a missive from central government since then saying that Dacorum must build significantly more housing in the Dacorum area or the council will be financially penalised next year.
This action has led to a very worrying flurry of activity. Although the parish council suggested the plans were turned down; I understand that Dacorum council has asked Rectory homes to increase the number of houses on the site. Rectory homes has also contacted Tring Charities, who administer the allotment field, asking if they can buy that field as well, if they are successful in gaining planning permission. Alongside these two sites Dacorum council is pushing ahead with building behind the houses along 36-42 Tring Road which will be accessed from Grange Road.

Herts County Council owns the field behind New Road which could be accessed easily from a new development on the allotment field. From my uneducated guestimate this could be another 80 plus houses in the village built on precious green field sites effectively doubling the size of the village.

As I'm sure you are aware, Wilstone and the surrounding villages does not have the necessary infrastructure to support this huge increase in families.

1. Schools in the area are full – primary and secondary
2. Doctors are full
3. Drainage in the area is poor and could not cope with a doubling of houses
4. Sewage disposal is a major problem, we quite regularly have raw sewage washing down lanes
5. There are hardly any buses
6. Parking is already contentious in the village plus Tring station is unable to cope with the amount of commuters that use the station already
7. Roads are already busy with traffic
8. Lack of pavements in the lanes makes walking or cycling a dangerous activity.

Some houses in the area have been on the market for years due to the cost of housing in the area. The new houses recently built offering the help to buy scheme, took several months to sell.

Local people in ordinary rural employment cannot afford the house prices in the area. We need to be creative with the type of housing we build for this sector of our community, not cover the area in costly inappropriate housing which will stand empty for months. Our village is well known for a vibrant community, we all know each other, care for each other, and work together to make the area something to be proud of. I am afraid with this huge development we will lose our village identity. I cannot sit by and let this happen to my community.

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Wilstone Open Gardens

Wilstone residents will be opening their beautiful gardens and allotments again on 23rd June. If you are proud of your garden then why not show it off! Having a variety of gardens in size, shape and content makes an interesting event. If you do volunteer don't worry about missing out on the Open Village events as they run from midday, whereas the Open Gardens run from 2pm to 5pm. We could also arrange for private visits to the gardens you are not able to get around to. We really hope that you would like to show off what dynamic and hard working residents we have in Wilstone, let Jo Woodbridge know if you would like to participate on 01442 891444 or jomark@waitrose.com.

Wilstone Open Village

Sunday 23rd June, 12.30pm onwards

Live Music Featuring Local Artists

Visit a wonderful selection of gardens and an amazing art installation transforming our village bus stop!

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Pop-up-café. Cream Teas, BBQ, Fish & Chips & Ice Cream, Cream Teas & more

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Please keep bringing your donations of bric a brac, tombola items and books to the shop

Village News

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How time flies, it seems like only a few days ago that I edited the last issue of Village News. So much is happening these days and before you know it the summer will be over so make the most of it and forget about the B**** word. There is a whole host of things coming up , not only locally but nationally so get on with your plans before it is too late and enjoy your holidays.

Sadly the Parish Council is down to four dedicated villagers when the full complement should be eight so if you wish to be on the Parish Council please advise any of the current members. You will not need an election as there is not the full number. Think about it, you will find it most rewarding and a great benefit to the Parish.

Colin Davenport

The next edition will be for July and the deadline for items for inclusion is: Wednesday 19 June 2019.

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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

2nd June 2019 – Easter 7
10.00am – Sunday Worship at All Saints, Long Marston
10.00am – Holy Communion cw at St Cross, Wilstone
3.30pm – Holy Communion bcp at St Mary's, Puttenham

9th June 2019 – Pentecost
10.00am – Holy Communion cw at All Saints, Long Marston
10.00am – Sunday Worship at St Cross, Wilstone
3.30pm – Service of Light at St Mary's, Puttenham
6.00pm – Evening Prayer at All Saints, Long Marston

16th June 2019 – Trinity Sunday
10.00am – Worship for All at All Saints, Long Marston
10.00am – Holy Communion cw at St Cross, Wilstone
3.00pm – Stick Walk followed by short service at Long Marston
3.30pm – Taize at St Mary's, Puttenham

23rd June 2019 – John the Baptist
10.00am – Holy Communion CW at All Saints, Long Marston
10.00am – Worship for All at St Cross, Wilstone
3.30pm – Evensong at St Mary's, Puttenham

25th June 2019
10am – Holy Communion at St Cross, Wilstone

30th June 2019 – Peter & Paul
Team services at St Peter & St Paul's Tring 8am & 10am due to Curate's Ordination at St Alban's abbey
3.30pm – Service of Light at St Mary's, Puttenham

St Mary's, Puttenham

What's on...

Diary Dates..

Wednesday 5 June
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Masrton village hall
Sunday 9 June
Pitstone Farm Museum Open Day 11 am –5pm
Sunday 23 June
Wilstone Open Village event
Sunday 23rd June
Long Marston & Puttenham Horticultural Society picnic on the Rec 1:00pm
Friday 28 June
Cecilia Tea Rooms
Wednesday 10 July
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Masrton village hall
Sunday 14 July
Pitstone Farm Museum Open Day 11 am –5pm
Sunday 21 July
Millhoppers Butterfly Walk
Saturday 3 Aug
Long Marston Show—"Long Marston by sea"
Friday 9 August.
Cecilia Tea Rooms
Saturday 7 September
Wilstone dog show 1pm—4pm
Wednesday 11 September
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Masrton village hall
Saturday 5 October
Puttenham Jumble Sale
Wednesday 9 October
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Masrton village hall
Friday 11 October
Cecilia Tea Rooms
Friday Oct 18
Wilstone Film Night
Saturday 26 October
Puttenham Trust's October Supper
Wednesday 13 November
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Masrton village hall
Friday November 15
Wilstone Film Night
Wednesday 11 December
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Masrton village hall
Friday December 13
Wilstone Film Night
Friday Jan 17
Wilstone Film Night
Friday Feb 21
Wilstone Film Night
Friday Mar 20
Wilstone Film Night
Friday Apr 17
Wilstone Film Night

Tring Rural Parish Council Meetings

The public are welcome to attend these meetings.

Wednesday 5 June at Puttenham village hall
Wednesday 3 July at Wilstone village hall
The August meeting will only take place if needed
Wednesday 7 August Wilstone village hall

Millhoppers Pasture Reserve

Sunday 21st July 2019

Join us at **Millhoppers Pasture Butterfly Reserve**, near Wilstone, Tring.

10:30am-11:00am:
The inspection of a moth trap run at the Reserve during the previous night.
12:30pm-2:30am:
Butterfly Walk to visit Butterfly Conservation's only reserve in the Herts & Middx area and see a range of summer butterflies on a site where 20 different species have been recorded. This event is part of the Big Butterfly Count programme of butterfly walks .
Meet at either 10am or 12.00 midday at Wilstone Village Hall (Postcode - HP23 4PE; Grid reference SP903142).
Parking is available either at Wilstone Village Hall, or in the main street nearby. There is no parking at the Reserve which is 10 minutes walk.

Wednesday at One

Wednesday, 5 June 2019 from 1.00pm to 5.00pm
Long Marston Village Hall

THIS is a social event for everyone in our local community. Come on your own or bring your family and friends. We welcome babies, pensioners and every age in between!

Drop in for refreshments and a chat. There are crafts for children, board games for all ages and table tennis. Learn to knit or crochet with the WI.

Raffle prizes, unwanted magazines, toys for the under 5s and items for the sale table will be gratefully

If you have any ideas for this or future events, or can help in any way, please get in touchwith Kim Fox - kim.dixon@hotmail.co.uk or 01296 662922

Follow Long Marston Cricket Club at www.longmarstoncc.co.uk

1st Wilstone & Long Marston Scout Group

Could you get involved in helping with Cubs?

Cubs are boys and girls aged 8 to 10 years. We meet on Wednesday from 6 to 7:30pm in term time at Wilstone Village Hall.

We are currently looking for

- **Two more adults to join the Cub Leadership team**

There is support & training and good program resources available. We are insured for a younger sibling to come along, if needed.

If you would like to become involved please contact 1wlmscouts@gmail.com

Wilstone Fun Dog Show

Saturday September 7th from 1pm 'till 4pm

We are pleased to announce that **Chiltern Dog Rescue** have agreed to act as judges for this new Wilstone Village Hall event, being held because instead of a fete this year, we have the Open Village event.

So as an added event, we have decided to create a stand alone fun dog show. No fete. Just dogs!

- Best rescue
- Best puppy
- Best veteran
- Waggiest tail
- Best trick
- Best young handler
- Sack race
- Sausage scramble. And in addition,
- Fastest recall

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BOWLERS certainly enjoy their bowling, but as much talk can be about the quality of the meal provided by a club after a match.

We could name a few bowling clubs who are miserly with their food and who leave all the catering to a few ladies. This is not the case at **Cheddington Bowls Club,** where the men also muck in. Rodney's roast pork and Richard's herbed chicken are famed and set a standard few other clubs can match.

Bowls is not just about the great game itself, but about fellowship, fun and good food. You can't beat a great game of bowls followed by yummy food at £2 a head – *and that invariably includes a tasty pud +, if you want, a choice of beers and wines at very attractive prices!*

Bowls is a great value sport: a new bowler can join **Cheddington Bowls Club** for less than the equivalent of a £1 a week.

GIVE BOWLS A GO for FREE Tuesdays 2pm & Fridays 6pm, (May to Sept.)
or
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BUCKS ART WEEKS 8 - 23 June

WELL it is out - Bucks Art Weeks Directory with over two hundred and sixty artists and makers exhibiting and some demonstrating their working talent. It all starts on the 8th June and goes on right up to the 23 June, so grab yourself a Free Bucks Art Weeks Directory and go exploring the wonderful art in Buckinghamshire. Some artists and makers are open on certain days during the week and at weekends, so check them out in the Directory or view online at www.bucksartweeks.org.uk.

Phil Madley is one of those artists and works from his studio in Wilstone. He is a professional wax artist - painting in coloured waxes using irons, hot air guns, hotplates and more. Always something new, Art, techniques, workshops and humour. Fantastic demonstrations in a lovely setting - two doors from the "Half Moon" pub in Wilstone, look out for the signs. Phil is a popular demonstrator of his art and has done over 100 demonstrations to Art Societies throughout Southern England (he also teaches this art form) - so Phil's studio is a must see destination.

For further details of all the other artists and makers taking part in Bucks Art Weeks get yourself a Directory or view online.
Phil Madley
www.philmadley.com
https://www.facebook.com/PhilMadleyEncausticWaxArtist
t: 01442 822398

Alice Tymms

ALICE is a year 13 student who lives in Wilstone and will be attending Buckingham Palace Gardens on the 22nd May to receive the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Alice has spent 18 months completing the three sections necessary to achieve the award as well as expedition and residential trips. This involved 12 months baking cakes for the Wilstone Community shop, 6 months attending MMA classes and 18 months of flute lessons.

Additionally Alice had to complete 5 day expeditions in North and South Wales camping, trekking and orienteering in all weathers. Alice completed the residential last summer which involved a 2week pre-medical internship to Palampur,India with a group of other students who she had never met before.

Alice will be accompanied by her father Jonathan on her visit to the Palace (only one person is allowed to accompany the award winner) .

Pricess Eugenie of York, the Earl of Wessex and the Countess of Wessex will be in attendance.

Congratulations and good luck Alice enjoy your exciting day.

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DENS aim is to be the first port of call for people in Dacorum who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion; to support and empower them to take the next positive step in their lives.

DENS ensure individuals have access to temporary and short-term accommodation, and individuals and families have access to food and provisions. They provide a range of accommodation options to support people to move on and sustain their own tenancy and provide advice and training; empowering people to develop skills and confidence to build a better future and be an active member of their community.

DENS integrated services include:
The Elms, a 44-bed hostel providing temporary to short-term accommodation
Day Centre – providing a daytime haven, advice, shower, company and a hot meal
Open Space – a place where people can socialise, be creative develop their skills and seek advice
Move On Service - providing support for a move into more independent living
Foodbank – providing emergency food supplies and household provisions.

DENS ever-popular sponsored walk has been given a refresh for 2019. Setting off on Saturday 22nd June from the historic Berkhamsted Castle, there's a choice of 2, 5 or 10 mile routes.

Whether you're a serious stepper, a roving rambler or looking for family-fun, the Castle Walk has something for everyone, even four legged friends are welcome. With nature quizzes, castle activity packs and a sweet treat for children, it's the perfect local family day out.

Nicky Maxwell-Braithwaite, DENS Events Manager says "Our gentle buggy and wheelchair-friendly 2-mile walk goes along the Grand Union Canal and includes a children's quiz. The five and 10-mile walks take you along the canal, across beautiful Chiltern countryside with stunning panoramic views, passing historic buildings and picturesque villages. We're urging everyone to make a whole day of it and are encouraging people to bring along a picnic to enjoy in the castle walk.

Midland Mainline have kindly offered free spaces at the Berkhamsted railway station, so there will be plenty of parking." Over a decade of walking, the sponsored walk has helped to fund DENS' integrated services including their 44-bed Hostel, Day Centre and Foodbank. This year, with your help, DENS want to raise even more to continue to help rebuild the lives of people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion, as well as highlight the grounds and soak up the sun after your challenge."

Nicky adds "We're so excited to be working with English Heritage and are thrilled to incorporate Berkhamsted Castle, one of the oldest motte-and-bailey castles in England, into our issues that homeless people face

Find out more visit www.dens.org.uk/walk or email fundraising@dens.org.uk

Long Marston Cricket Club

By Matt Storey

THE Cherwell Cricket League season got underway in fairly underwhelming fashion for Long Marston CC.
After four weekends of friendlies, the 1st XI travelled to Westbury to start their fourth successive campaign in Division One on May 11.
Newly-promoted Westbury won the toss and bowled first on a grey and cold day, making light work of Marlins' batting line-up.
Only Ewan Crawley (13) and Matt Storey (15) reached double figures as the 1s were skittled for just 67. James Beesley and Freddie Thompson each picked up a wicket, but Westbury romped home to win by eight wickets.
It wasn't much better for the 2nd XI either, who were bowled out for 83 by Horspath 3rd XI in their Division four opener. Martin Henderson was the top scorer with 23, but the 2s did manage to pick up five wickets during Horspath's response. Vice-captain Laura Sandy took three of them, while club stalwarts Lee Beesley and Peter Toovey picked up one each.
Unfortunately the 3rd XI did not play after Bletchley 2s forfeited the game, which sees them pick up a maximum 25 points from the opening weekend. Luckily, there are 17 more Saturdays to put that right for each side and cricket is on at Marlins every Saturday and Sunday afternoon.
May has seen the return of Colts cricket on a Sunday morning and numbers keep rising. Any juniors over the age of seven are more than welcome to come along to the ground and take part. Bacon and sausage rolls and hot drinks are available to buy every week between 10am and 12pm while the youngsters receive their coaching too. Anyone with children interested in taking up cricket should call Lee Beesley on 07923462037.
We are also pleased to announce the first ever LMCC 10K fun run, to start and finish at the cricket club on October 20th. All the entry details are on our website (www.longmarstoncc.co.uk) and as well as any budding runners, anyone who'd like to volunteer would be most welcome. The route is yet to be finalised, but it's likely to be mainly off-road and to take in both our main ground on the edge of Long Marston, and our second ground in Mentmore.
Finally a reminder that the pavilion at Marlins is always available to hire, any enquiries please contact Matt Storey on 07918653473, and that everyone is welcome at the club on Saturdays and Sundays to enjoy the sun, have a drink and watch some cricket.

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Sudoku Corner by Colin Moore

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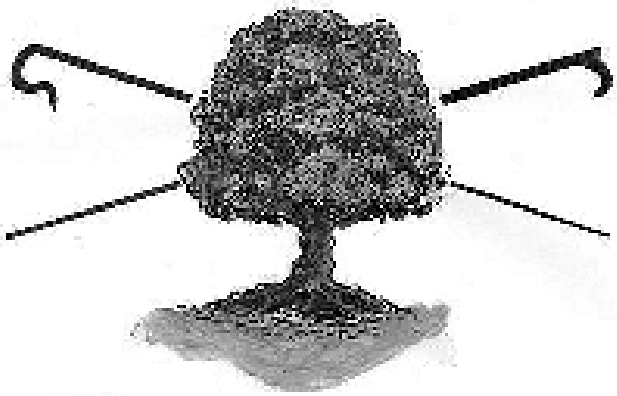

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Tring Parish Men's Society

LIVING WITH CHANGE

FOR various reasons only three men attended the meeting.

There were apologies from John who was celebrating his 90th birthday with his family, David W who was attending a PCC meeting, Martin attending a committee meeting of The Tring Local History Society, and Jeremy who was ill and phoned me to ask if I could chair the meeting.

Perhaps the title should have been coping with change as we all found living with change difficult.

When I was working in local government in the late 1980s management courses included Management for Change. At the time I was living with change as computer drafting was being introduced, but I had little interest in it. However during the 1990s while unemployed I decided to learn, but had no basic knowledge. So I went on an IT course covering Word, Excel and a data base whose name I have forgotten. I expanded a student question on budgeting which I now use for my monthly/annual household budget.

I then went to evening classes on AutoCad at a local college, and later had a full time place on what was the last free government AutoCad course for the unemployed at Westminster College. Later I attained a job – but that is another story.
A recent TV programme on OAPs depicted change being thrust upon people. Although I already had a digital camera, I preferred slides, but digital photography was thrust upon me. Now I am happy with it, and as I grow older am grateful for a camera which slips into my pocket, rather than carrying a bagful of stuff.

Ted recalled earlier changes like decimalisation, metrication (resisted and still not complete) and North Sea gas.

David G recalled changes in his profession. Computing with machines filling a whole room or suite, and programming with punch cards, filled his work of producing solutions for particular clients. The most advanced aspect was back up in i-clouds. Now software design is very different and does not involve the hardware.

Changes which have improved our quality? (ease anyway) of life are emails (I only added this to my pc when I saw job applications were going on line), search engines and satnavs. Since the meeting I have thought of how food has changed enormously for good, remembering the meat and two veg of my childhood, to the improved quality and wider choice we have today; and the increasing number of cafés and ethnic restaurants we have even in Tring.

All of us now have problems using websites as they fill up with adds and apps, and are difficult to navigate. I believe computers have passed their peak of user-friendliness, and the addition of more security measures is frustrating.

David G mentioned the problem of sending or receiving cheques, and refuses to pay by credit transfer.

Perhaps the pace of change has always been increasing, but it seems to me only yesterday that drones were literally pie in the sky. This contrasts with the years of delay we experience in public projects like Cross Rail.

Finally there is the change in your pocket which may disappear as we head to a cashless society!

I will finish with two lines from the hymn Abide with Me – "Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

All men are invited to attend meetings which are usually on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm (meals available) at the Half Moon in Wilstone. For details of meetings, including arranging lifts, contact Jeremy, email jeremybuckman814@gmail.com.

Leslie Barker St.Peter & St.Paul

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by Maggie Winship

ON A COLD wet and windy April morning nineteen brave villagers met at the Victory Hall, to be armed with rubbish sacks and litter pickers. We were each given a section of road to clear and off we went to find litter. A couple of hours later twenty bulging rubbish sacks were piled up outside the hall, the result of our morning's work. Half of this was recyclable - bottles and cans etc. It is a disgrace to think of all this litter being scattered about our village.

The WI would like to say a huge "Thank you!" to all those who gave up their valuable Saturday morning to help us clear it.

From our reporter at the Parish Council meeting

Dawn chorus
MAY 2nd: polling day. A sunny spring morning. I arrived at Victory Hall in Long Marston about 7.15, and had the dubious distinction of being the first of the 750 or so eligible voters to do so. I even got to see the ballot box being sealed. X marked the spot and I left, wondering what had happened to the Tring Rural Parish Council ballot paper. A search of t'internet revealed that we had an "uncontested election". In other words, the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, so no election was required. Hmm, I thought, wonder what's going to happen at the TRPC meeting on May 15th? Well…

Songs of praise
'Twas a sunny spring evening in Long Marston when a dozen villagers assembled in the Victory Hall to hear from the 'new' parish council at the TRPC Annual Meeting. They are: Cllrs Chalmers, Fox, Thirkettle and Ward. As "exiting chair", former Cllr Morgan was seated next to the clerk and started the meeting by offering a "big thank you" to those councillors he had served with: for making the TRPC very easy to chair; for their professional conduct, diligence, and for treating everyone in the parish equally.
Cllr Ward was then elected as the new chair, with Cllr Chalmers as vice-chair. Cllr Ward responded, stating that the council was hugely appreciative of all that former Cllr Morgan had done and for bringing everything, especially the finances, into line.

Evensong
The meeting then got underway with the various administrative tasks required at the start of the new parish year. Rather amusing was when Cllr Ward handed over £1 to the clerk, which is apparently the rent that Wilstone Village Hall pays to the council for the land that it's on!
As there are now only four councillors, there was a bit of swapping of responsibilities for the year, the gist of which is that Cllr Chalmers will now be the liaison point for the Flood Working Party and retains Planning, with Cllr Ward, who also has responsibilities for Footpaths. Cllr Fox is now the sole Highways liaison, with the Victory Hall and changing rooms. I somehow lost track of Cllr Thirkettle, but he still appears to be looking into the drains on Long Marston rec and dealing with goalposts *(sorry, Councillor!)*.
Cllr Chalmers reported that the Community Right To Buy scheme requires that the asset (presumably the land?) must be bought *before* applying for planning permission under the scheme. On a separate matter, if you see him out and about on his bike, he will be trying to identify 38 lampposts for the internal audit report… And correspondence has been received, stating that Rectory Homes are trying to develop the land around the Wilstone allotments, which is owned by Tring Charities. Cllr Fox advised that Herts CC's Mr Thomson has a copy of the Highways working party report and has been invited to the site, along with Peter Wright (also from County Hall), but no reply has yet been forthcoming.

Blessed are the peacemakers
In his new guise as Flood liaison, Cllr Chalmers will endeavour to find out what the Flooding Working Party and the separate Flood Working Group are each looking at; how they could work together; and what the TRPC can do to help.

Chorus of disapproval
It appears that numerous emails have been received regarding flooding in Long Marston. Cllr Ward, as chair, read out a formal statement on behalf of the TRPC which, after accepting that flooding was important and expressing sympathy to those to whom it had happened, then had a change of tone. She stated that the emails were becoming rude; the correspondent had threatened to report the clerk to Dacorum; that they were responsible for some of the councillors deciding not to stand for election again; and a formal request was made to "cease and desist negative criticism"!
Once the meeting was opened for public participation, things continued in this vein. It was requested that the original email was read out, followed by a counter-request that the reply was also read out. It was then pointed out that, if the email was already in the public domain, why was it necessary to make the clerk read it out? After discussion, Cllr Ward stated that the emails would not be read out.
Then someone got up to offer words of support to the Flood Working Party (FWP) and TRPC, stating that they have built up the momentum in getting work done, but that a "splinter website" was diluting that effect. He felt that the good points which had been made and the valuable contribution were being wasted by being separate from the FWP. He felt everyone would be more effective if they all worked together. Another speaker supported this view and the TRPC for following the appropriate procedures.
The person who had initially requested the email to be read out declined to speak further.

Grace
To end on a positive note, the Leighton Fun Runners thanked us for our support during their recent run through Long Marston. Cllr Thirkettle also thanks the litter pickers who have come through Long Marston twice recently.
Finally, for information: the agenda and draft minutes of the TRPC meetings are circulated a week before the meeting, to allow time for the councillors to read them. So, if you have anything you wish to add to the agenda, please ensure you get your request in in plenty of time.
Ah, it was almost like the old days…!

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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by Dave Morgan

OK WHERE to start. I was one of the shed owners on the allotment who recently had some rascal try and break into my little shed of tranquillity. They didn't actually do too much damage, simply bent my lock and prised open my window, but apart from that I was relatively damage free. However, I think there must have been an element of shock set in as I went straight out and purchased two more padlocks…… why I don't know as there isn't much in it of any value and it now takes me twice as long to get in.
I think the damage was more internal as I started to consider whether I could carry on with my hard labour if more needless damage was inflicted. However, I know that one day (many years from now) the chap will reach a certain age and find that overnight they have put on two stone and have developed a strange need to grow their own vegetables – something I'm still trying to achieve three years on.
There is something to do with the peace and quiet, the friendly banter, a shared joy in watching your vegetables get overrun by weeds, endless walks to the well and watching out for that Pidgeon who keeps feasting on my greens that makes allotment life the joy it is.
Whoever you are, the damage is only minor and I'm sure we all thank you for that, but try and think of all those folk bent over a shovel in the hope that this year their carrots will turn out looking like carrots and not pancakes, their beans will grow tall and all those newly planted seedlings will not be killed off overnight by the frost.
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John Muir Award

by Rachel & Nicola Friedli

I HOME educate my 14 year old daughter and together we have just finished the Explorer level of the John Muir Award. Now if you don't know anything about it; the John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places which encourages people from all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy and care for these places around the UK.

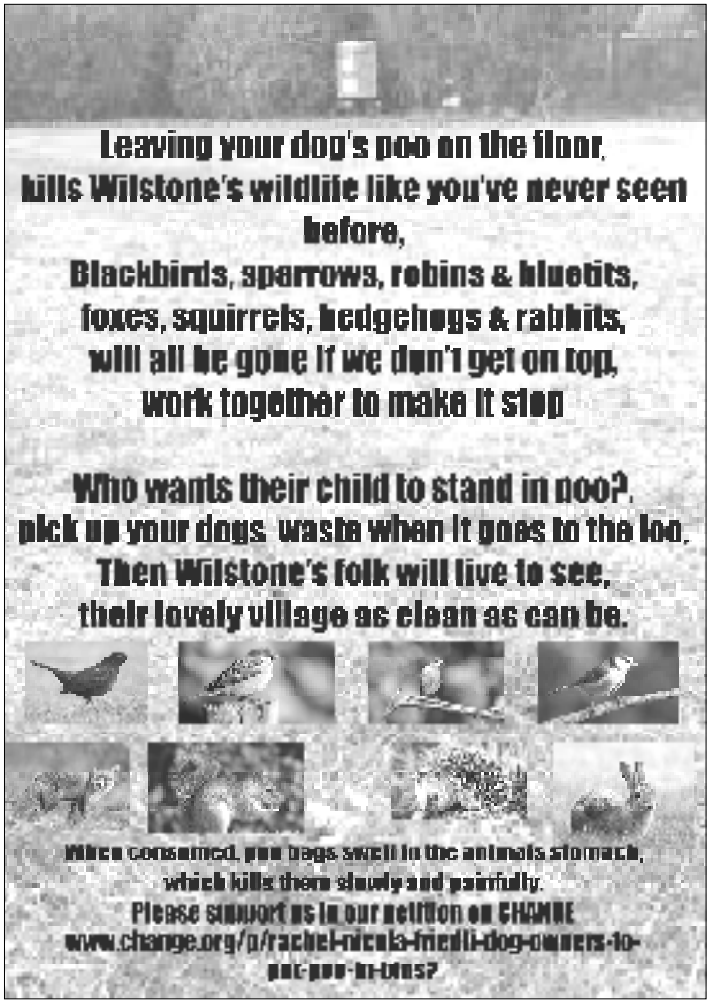
Like the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, there are three levels - Discovery, Explorer & Conserver;, each level requiring differing amounts of time and commitment. This time we are taking part in the Explorer level having completed the Discovery level last year and we are focusing our attention on the village of Wilstone.

For each level there are four components - discover a wild place, explore it, conserve it and share your experiences. As an added extra on this level we have found out a little more about John Muir and his ethos which is one of care, curiosity, communication and creativity. He was born in Dunbar in Scotland and loved the great outdoors, preferring that to doing any kind of schoolwork. At 11 years old he emigrated to USA with his family and over the next few years was instrumental in the foundation of the National Park system over there. Since the first was established in Yellowstone in 1872 there are now over 6555 protected areas across the world. John Muir urged everyone to 'do something for wildness & make the mountains glad by experiencing, enjoying & caring for wild places'.

So our wild place was Wilstone and the area around it and to research the village we used ***John Painter's*** thoroughly knowledgeable book on Wilstone as well as the internet, we explored Millhoppers Nature Reserve following the Poplar walk, took part in bird watching at Wilstone reservoir, walked the canals as part of our daily dog walks and found out more about how the locks work.

Conserving the village found us on the slightly random topic of dog poo and had us designing posters to stop owners from either leaving it on the ground or bagged and in trees. Wilstone has several poo bins dotted around the village and yet we still have a problem. Did you know that dog poo can make us humans sick and even kill other animals both wild and livestock? There was a fairly recent case of a young calf dying an incredibly slow and painful death having swallowed bagged dog poo that then swelled inside their stomach. So our advice is to please bag it and bin it; don't leave it on the ground for someone to step in or leave it in a tree; it can slowly constrict the growing tree too. As an added reminder our posters are dotted around the village for all to see. We have also started an online petition asking others to support us in our quest to make poo bins more available - check it out here www.change.org/p/rachel-nicola-friedli-dog-owners-to-put-poo-in-bins

The last element of the award to share our experiences is what we are doing here so we have produced two word searches with words that are important to Wilstone both now and in the past but unfortunately space did not allow them to be printed here.



The Puttenham Page

compiled by Christine Rutter

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Getting a Buzz

A Story of Longub Puttastone **by Martin Winship**

ONCE UPON A TIME Thomas Crab sat in the leafy orchard growing as it had for countless years behind his cottage, relaxing in the crisp clean spring air. His tatty cane chair creaked ominously as he stretched over for the glass of cloudy home-made cider sitting, most conveniently, on a small table at his side. His fat black turkey Gobbler pecked about here and there in the long rough grass and between the knobbly tree roots, making contented bird noises in his crop when he came across a fat grub or a juicy fragment of last autumn's windfalls.
Above, in the sun-flickering canopy, bees hummed peaceful songs to each other as they drifted lazily from blossom to scented blossom. Thomas watched them at work, his head resting on the back of his chair. He appreciated their vital contribution to his favourite tipple – his notorious cider – for they pollinated the apple blossom, and without that pollination there would of course be no fruit later in the year. He raised his glass to them, and drank a toast to their industry. He was replacing his cider on the table, when a thought occurred to him, as thoughts did from time to time; a thought that gave him pause. These here bees must come from a hive somewhere, and that hive must belong to someone or other. And that meant that someone or other was enjoying honey; honey produced from Thomas's trees. What an infernal cheek.
He knew that Ferdinand the Fish (who operated the mobile fish and chip van which called at Longub Puttastone once a week) owned bee hives. There bees might well be his. And that meant that he was getting free honey effectively at Thomas's expense – and he never even offered a discount! Thomas muttered something of an unfriendly nature under his breath; it was still loud enough to startle Gobbler, who stopped his exploring for a moment and cast his beady eye on his owner. As nothing further seemed to be about to happen, the turkey turned his attention back to grubbing and poking around. Thomas sat and mulled over the situation. Something would have to be done. A smile spread over his face. Of course. He knew a chap over Beersbury way who owned a good number of hives, and helpfully happened to owe Thomas a favour. Perhaps he could be persuaded to let Thomas have a hive (with resident bees)? That would be good. He rubbed his hands together. That would show Ferdinand.
His bee-keeping acquaintance came up trumps, and readily supplied him with an admittedly old but still completely serviceable hive, which also had a resident queen and a full complement of loyal lackeys – workers and drones. An appropriate site was selected in the orchard, and Thomas was gratified to see that his newly acquired minions set to work without delay, leaving the launch-pad at the bottom of the hive and making a bee-line (naturally) for his apple blossom. The level of activity was not perhaps as bustling as he had anticipated, but then, he admitted to himself, he *was* a complete novice and had much to learn.
A week or two after the installation of the hive, there was an encouraging burst of activity, with much more coming and going, and the volume of buzzing coming from the hive dramatically increased. Thomas felt confident that this was a good sign. His confidence was knocked back considerably when Old Siegfried paid him a visit one day, and was shown the hive by its proud new owner. Siegfried cast an admiring eye over the structure, then took a sudden step closer.
"But, Thomas! They're not bees! You've got a blooming wasp's nest in there!"
Thomas also had a closer look. "Are you sure? They all look the same to me; little buzzing chaps in yellow and black rugby shirts."
"Of course they're wasps! You'll have to get rid of them. Have it fumigated I expect."
"But where are my bees then?" asked a rather forlorn Thomas.
"Dead," said Siegfried in his usual blunt way. "Wasps sometimes attack a bee hive – kill all of them. The queen, the workers, drones too. Even the grubs and the eggs. Then they take over and make merry."
"That will be what was happening the other week when it all got busy and loud buzzing and everything. But do they make honey as well?" asked Thomas, suddenly hopeful.
"'Course wasps don't make blooming honey you nit!" snapped Siegfried.
"Who says so?" challenged Thomas.
"Everybody knows! You can't get near the little devils. They're not like bees – you can calm *them* down with a puff or two of smoke. That would only make wasps angry." Old Siegfried smirked. "Well, I suppose you could try breathing on them – after a couple of pints of cider your breath would stop a rhinoceros in its tracks!"
Siegfried went on his way, chuckling to himself, and looking forward to telling the regulars in the Half Head all about Thomas's wasp hive. And tell it he did, repeatedly, and with glee. The story was a good one, and well received, and soon spread about the village, and Thomas smarted under the strong impression that he had become a laughing-stock.
He turned the tables later in the year, however, when he appeared in the pub one evening, and began to distribute small jars of honey, each one bearing a label proclaiming the contents to be Thomas Crab's Unique Wasp Honey.
"Your idea was spot-on Siggy" he told the gathering. "I had a few glasses of my special vintage cider, and blew into the top of the hive. The wasps went all quiet and docile, and never stung me once. I've got more honey than I need, so you're all welcome. Mind, if you want more – and I expect you will – you'll have to pay for it. It's good stuff too. Got quite a kick to it, it has."
Most recipients were very dubious at first, but once they tried the honey, they had to admit it *was* something a bit special.
"I don't know if it's just coincidence," Siegfried told Thomas, "but since having your blooming honey, well, I've got a real spring in my step." Others agreed, and Thomas and his co-conspirator Alice Ball had a busy time keeping up with demand. Neither of them felt in the least inclined to reveal the secret formula – regular honey which Thomas bought, with Alice's special adjuncts – Stem Ginger, Cayenne Pepper, and Bob Martin tablets (crushed, of course).

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From the Vicarage

by Rev'd Jane Banister

DO YOU have role models? It is a question that we often pose of teenagers, usually because we are trying to help them make good decisions in life by following positive examples. Those who are named as the role models in this context are often instagram stars or footballers, whose names an old non-sporting person like myself does not recognise.

I have never been a fan of role models I will be honest, because so many of them seem to have feet of clay. Even when young, I had the serious attitude that no-one was perfect, so don't put anyone on a pedestal, and that has stayed with me. It can be easier to have fictional characters as an inspiration as they cannot let you down, and one of mine is Jessica Fletcher, the lead in the TV show from the 1980s and 90s, Murder She Wrote. She writes novels, solves crimes, keeps in touch with a phenomenally large family and friendship group, and I also rather admire her dress sense. What's not to like?

One of the important aspects of bringing up children, and I include communities in that and not just families, is to provide varied and interesting role models. It has been a wonderful part of church membership that our children have met many people of different ages and backgrounds who have spent time with them, listened to them, and helped them to think about the world in different ways. When picking their godparents, we also wanted to have a variety of people who would support them, love then and pray for them, and who could be role models. We chose family, friends, and from different generations, and all have been wonderful.

But this year has been a difficult one: my godfather (also my uncle) died after several years with dementia. His funeral provided a time for us to get together, to reminisce, to laugh, to cry and to rejoice in all that he had been. Our eldest child's godfather also died this year, from a lung condition that robbed this talkative and imaginative man of his voice and his breath.

Again, at his funeral, we gathered to thank God for his life, and to share memories of this totally original person. Both have been role models so that while thinking of their lives, we have realised what we can inherit from them, what we can learn, what we want to bring into our lives.

In the Christian faith, we use the saints as our role models, and when we talk of the saints, we do not just mean those whose names we know, but all those who went before us, who kept the flame burning, who lived lives of love and faith and hope as they followed Christ. Two of our churches will celebrate their saints in June: St Peter and St Paul in Tring, who are often spoken of as symbolising the heart and the head of the church; and St John the Baptist in Aldbury, Jesus' cousin, who could not and would not compromise, and for whom the truth was vital. They too are role models, but their feast days also give us a chance to remember all those who have shown us how to live lives of faith, who have been examples for us even though their names are not known, and who have kept the church going from generation to generation.

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Godparents Sunday

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During these times we discuss praying for and with our godchildren - perhaps using one of the many children's prayer books that are available. Another way to help our godchildren on their journey is to go to church with them, and as part of the church's commitment to support godparents, we are holding special **Godparents' Sunday** services in July.

All are invited to St John the Baptist Church in Aldbury on 7th July and to St Peter and St Paul Church in Tring on 14th July, when the 10am 'Worship for All' services will be focussed on our celebration of godparents.

The services are relaxed and fairly informal. We will also give thanks and prayers for godparents on these Sundays in All Saints Long Marston, St Mary's Puttenham, and St Cross Wilstone.

We'd love to hear more about your experiences as a godparent, and it would be great if you brought a picture of you and your godchild to make a 'godparent and child' display in our church. If you are happy for a photo to be used in this way, please bring one with you to the service.

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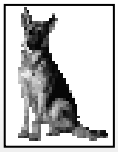

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Flower Power at St. Cross

SOMEBODY once told me that Christianity can be summed-up in one word—**JOY**. Love of **J**esus, love of **O**thers and love of **Y**ourself—in that order. No need for discussion, analysis or division, just JOY. A lovely simple phrase. Maybe that is what the hymn writer had in mind—'You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with praise, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands------'.

Neil Gurney can truly be said to represent joy in the fullest sense. His quiet faith sees him as a member of Wingrave church, organist and choirmaster. But his faith is probably the only aspect of his life that Neil is quiet about. His exuberant love of life shines through everything he does, from writing and directing the annual Long Marston pantomime, producing musicals at Pendley Theatre, running two hair dressing salons, and perhaps that for which he is most well known, flower arranging. On the last Monday in April St. Cross were delighted to welcome Neil to the church after an absence of nearly six years. Last time it was to co-ordinate a Flower Festival; this time was a little less ambitious with an evening of flower arranging, accompanied by a running commentary on Neil's views on life (fabulous), the universe (fabulous), and everything in between (fabulous).

Over sixty people enjoyed more than two hours of entertainment, sustained by tea/coffee and nibbles half way through. During this time, Neil created seven wonderful arrangements, which were raffled at the end of the evening. The lucky winners then had the difficult choice of which arrangement to take home, decisions possibly being determined by the size of their car. Many people had seen Neil's work before but for some this was a new experience. Rev'd. Didier had been very sceptical that flower arranging could ever be a 'man's thing', so he brought his wife along for moral support, but by the end of the evening even he was converted. And as a final seal of approval, Kathryn won an arrangement.

Further evidence of Neil's skills can be found throughout the year at church flower festivals, principally Marsworth, but also Aston Clinton, Wingrave and Pitstone. He has also created displays at Halton House and performed at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. Some of these events are to raise money for the venue hosting the demonstration, but the main fundraisers are for The Florence Nightingale Hospice, which has benefited from thousands of pounds thanks to Neil's efforts. For all his charity work, over many years, he was awarded the British Empire Medal in 2017.

On this occasion all the proceeds from the evening at St. Cross are going towards the Access for All appeal and everyone connected with the church is very grateful to Neil for his time and generosity in supporting this venture. The planned new access to the church is going to cost £20000, and the Friends of St. Cross are hoping to fund this themselves, but it is a big ask for a small church, and we are very thankful for everyone's support as we strive to reach our goal. One visitor has already asked when Neil will be returning to St. Cross—at the moment we don't have an answer but hopefully it won't be another six year wait! Until then, cross the diocesan border and enjoy the Marsworth Flower Festival, held during the August Bank Holiday--the flowers are wonderful, and the refreshments are pretty good too, but get there early if you want a large home-made fresh cream meringue. Fabulous!

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Wilstone Community Shop

Run by the community, for the community

We aim to serve the Community by:

- Keeping prices fair
- Offering a wide range of goods and services
- Stocking home-made and local produce
- Being a place where people like to shop and volunteers like to work

Post Survey: Feeling the love

The latest update from the Shop Development Committee:

◊ THE SURVEY closed on 20 April with 119 completed forms out of 650 circulated. The results show an overwhelming majority of respondents thinks that it's very important the village has a shop, that they would be extremely disappointed if the village didn't have a shop, and that its present location is by far the most favoured.

◊ the letters sent to local enterprises requesting meetings to discuss the possibility of donations will be followed up if no responses are forthcoming within a fortnight.

◊ property developers and architects have been invited to assess the property with a view to converting it into a cottage and flat, or two flats, with the aim of the revenue from these offsetting the expenditure on the shop.

◊ the possibility of using some space in the pub car park for the shop has been dismissed as unfeasible.

◊ the fund-raising group is up and running and already has a long list of ideas and projects to raise money. Its title is SOCS – Save Our Community Shop. A logo is being developed to make it readily recognisable.

◊ the stage is already being reached where a decision has to be made on which of the various options we should choose in order to concentrate on it fully and not be distracted by less viable alternatives. Without doing this, the business case cannot be prepared.

◊ having a stand outside the shop during the Open Village Day is being looked into so visitors can ask questions about the future of shop and offer support.

◊ a meeting with the Plunkett Foundation has been arranged and they will do a Health Check on the state of our negotiations and offer advice and recommendations on how to proceed, e.g. should we have charity status?

◊ a long list of grant-giving bodies has been drawn up and these will be approached when the time is considered to be appropriate

Toasties and more!

I'm very excited to announce that we have purchased a toaster and sandwich press and can now offer toast, toasted tea cakes and toasted sandwiches! It'll be great to be able to give our customers more variety, come in and try one or two!

Get your hands on a toastie soon!

Fill our socks!

Thank you to all our customers who continue to donate generously to the jar in the shop. The amount is growing steadily and has now topped £250. As you will see from the report opposite, a fundraising committee has begun its work in earnest and the first initiative is to ***'fill a sock'***. Next time you come into the shop, pick a sock off the 'washing line' take it home, fill it with coins and bring back when full. There are lots if different sized socks to choose from; from baby to knee-high so we hope that as many people as possible will join in.

Promotional feature sponsored by Wilstone Community Shop

DO YOU want to help save our Village Shop in Wilstone but don't have the spare time to volunteer? Are you looking to do something that helps our planet whilst donating to the shop?

During the month of June - **Positive Touch - Wellbeing & Holistic Massage** will be giving **10%** from all treatments & products bought through me to the **Wilstone Community Shop Development Programme** fund, so the more you buy the more they earn!

Treatments include **Indian head massages**, **wellbeing treatments**, **facials** & **baby/child massage classes** - and products - **Weleda 100% natural & organic skin & healthcare** plus two amazing natural & organic all-in-one-supplements - **Protein Max** and **Superfoods Plus** which come in a powder to be taken once a day.

Additionally as I won't be at the Open Village this year, I will also have a table outside the Village Shop on three Sundays in June - **2nd, 9th & 16th** at **0900-1200** for you to enjoy mini taster treatments for only £10 (as I did at the fair last year). If you would like to book either an Indian head, hand & arm or calf & foot massage please contact me at **rachel@positivetouch.net**

I will also have a selection of products for you to smell & try as well as some brochures.

Positive Touch works with your body to heal it from within by offering accessible massages to target specific niggles in your body alongside general advice for your health and wellbeing. I work on Saturdays at **Naturality Wellness Centre;** to book a treatment phone **01442 800400**. Additionally I hold Dad's baby massage sessions at **Carmenta Life** (next one is 15th June) and to book them call **01442 872591**. Both centres are in Berkhamsted.

By using 100% natural products in your daily routine, it reduces your contact with chemicals, which in turn helps to save the planet. Did you know that **60%** of the products you use on your skin, go directly into your bloodstream so it make sense to go 'au natural'. I use Weleda products in all my treatments plus I also offer facial skin consultations, home events and fundraising events for the charity of your choice. If you are interested in receiving a Weleda brochure or finding out more about either of the two supplements please contact me at **rachel@positivetouch.net** or **0777 333 2930** or even check out my website at **www.positivetouch.net** Alternatively if you are interested in baby child massage classes, I can run these as a 1:1 or on a group basis so contact me for more information.

HOUSING IN WILSTONE *contd. from page 1*

It is essential and right that we have some growth, but we do need it to be in keeping and to assist those who have lived in the area for years.

I don't know what can be done, but I know there are others that feel the same and that we must do something. Do you have knowledge or skills that would help us try and stop inappropriate housing being built.

If you are interested in working as a community to preserve our village please email to wilstonehousing@outlook.com

So that we can use our collective skills and energy .

Spotted Fly Catchers **by Colin Moore**

AN increasingly rare visitors to these parts. A few years ago you could expect to see these charming little birds in and around the villages. Typically they perch in the open and will suddenly dart out to catch a fly. If you se this behaviour it may be a spotted fly-catcher.

They arrive from Africa around late May and the adult birds leave again in August leaving the young to fend for themselves. The juveniles leave a few weeks later on their long trip.

Juvenile spotted flycatcher

Local names and numbers

Herts Police non-emergency number: **101**
Berkhamsted and Tring Safer Neighbourhood Team
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Call the police if you see a crime being committed.

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Hold that Thought!

By Sally Smith

HOW MANY of us capture 'moments' on our smartphones and then never print them out? Is it just me? We still don't have a single printed image of our family trip 'down under' last year, even though it's been on my extended jobs list for almost 12 months, somehow it never gets done.

This is a shame because photographs capture memories that, usually, make us smile and lead to other memories not contained in the image. My Mother used to make photo scrapbooks after each family holiday, based on bus tickets, postcards and, more often than not, blurred images of three children; in front of a train, standing to attention next to a sentry, climbing rocks or building sandcastles. The image may not have been clear, but the notation is, which is a blessing as sadly Mum no longer remembers the events. So thank you Mum for taking the time to create the memories.

One way to bring digital photos to life is to use a 'moving image' device; load the pictures onto a usb or into a file and plug it into the back of your smart tv. It's the modern equivalent of the slideshow of yesteryear – and far easier than setting up the projector screen and having to crane your neck when the slides are the wrong way round.

Food can also create memories – apple pie, trifle, rice pudding to name three desserts which conjure different memories for many people. For me, its chilli con carne which my Dad made for us when Mum was away. There was nothing special about it, apart from he had made it for us. Memories are just that, made for us by those we love merely by them being there.

Roast Banana Ice Cream (Serves 6)

Ingredients:

4 bananas
8 tbsp soft light brown sugar
2 tbsp white rum
juice of 4 limes
250ml whipping cream
200ml full fat milk

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4.
2. Peel and halve the bananas and put them into an ovenproof dish.
3. Sprinkle over the sugar, rum and half of the lime juice.
4. Bake until completely tender (how long depends on their ripeness)
5. Whizz the tender bananas with the remaining lime juice and leave to cool
6. Whip the cream until it holds it shape
7. Mix the milk into the cooled banana mix, then add the cream and stir
8. Pour into a shallow container, cover and freeze

FRIENDS, ROMANS, PUTTENHAM

EVERY YEAR Long Marston enjoys an amazing seasonal variety of events starting in the New Year, when the celebrated annual **Village Pantomime** takes place. The panto has been going now for over thirty years and is an experience never to be forgotten. Inspired by the amazing Neil Gurney, the panto provides an opportunity for the children's chorus as well as the (ahem) more mature cast members to discover skills and talents they never realised they had!

The blue skies and blazing hot sun which the summer inevitably brings to Long Marston, makes a wonderful back drop for the **Annual Village Show** (this year's **LONG MARSTON ON SEA**) with attractions and amusements on the recreation ground and a marvellous display of produce and crafts in the Victory Hall. As the days shorten and the weather turns chilly the **Village Bonfire and Fireworks** helps to cheer everyone (well, *nearly* everyone) and keep out the cold, with the help of an amazing firework display, hot food and, of course, *mulled wine*.

The build up to Christmas is enhanced by the glorious **Carols Round the Christmas Tree**, which as well as the uplifting music and lusty singing involves plenty of *mulled wine* (again) and *mince pies* as well as a personal visit by Santa with treats for the children.

In addition to all these regular festivities, other one-off events frequently pop up – **Talent Shows, Dances and Discos, Parties** – to say nothing of **Bulb Planting** and **Christmas Dinners**.

All these annual happenings are run by or helped by the **Long Marston and Puttenham Horticultural Society** the very jolly mob who better (and less tongue-twistingly) known as the **HORTI.** We love what we do, and we try to make sure that everyone in our community knows what's happening, where and when.

To receive regular updates so you don't miss out, contact me on martinwinship@live.co.uk

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LONG MARSTON BY THE SEA

Saturday 3rd August

The Village Show goes to the seaside!

a beach
a pier
donkeys
rock
Punch & Judy
men in socks & sandals

LONG MARSTON BY THE SEA

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Bring: *a picnic* **THE KIDS A BALL**

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Sunday 23rd June - Join us on Long Marston Recreation Ground from 1 o'clock