Village News

September 2019

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

Long Marston by the Sea

John Kaye

This year's show on the Long Marston rec was the best that we can remember. There was great support from the community in setting up and running it and the Horti society pulled out all the stops.

This year's theme, was Long Marston-by-the-Sea. There were donkey rides and a "beach" for the little people, and a "pier" full of stalls and entertainments. There was even a Punch and Judy show which was a massive hit despite, or perhaps because of, the removal of the traditional domestic violence!

Miss Fortune, a mysterious and alluring lady with preternatural foresight and a

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cute little caravan, held her clients spellbound - or at least had them rolling with laughter. We hope her travels will bring her back to future shows. The Hemel Hempstead Band provided the perfect seaside ambience for the afternoon, and there were plenty of sideshow games too.

The society's treasurer and vice-chairman was asked if the show had been a successful money-raiser - "Any accumulated surpluses go to local causes, and as you know we support the Village News too, but we don't run the show to make money. Our aim is to keep the tradition going and make it as much fun as we can. That includes of course the Flower and Produce Show in the Victory Hall. This year we put a lot into extra entertainment and we covered our costs - but I should mention that the plant stall, organised and run independently by a local resident in support of the Village Hall, raised about £500 for the Victory Hall's building fund. What I would also like to say is a big thank you to everybody who helped on the Friday, Saturday or Sunday and in some cases all three - there are too many to name but they know who they are."

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August has been a busy month! The Long Marston Horti was upgraded to a Horti Plus with entertainment for young and old. Wilstone ran its summer Rounders event and by selling tickets turned it into great event for over 100 people. They raised over £700 for the SOS fund.
We are so lucky to live in villages that have people who are happy to organise events and a community of people who get involved when these events come round. I know from running school fetes that a lot of blood sweat and tears goes into the planning and delivering of events.
Well done to all involved!
I hope you enjoy this months VN—it's full of loads of interesting and entertaining articles.
Just a thought - we don't have a jokes page. If you enjoy a joke why not send them into the Editor at the usual email address (above) or if you are really keen you could volunteer to create a Jokes and Quotes Page—finding us material from the internet or...
I like this one

Where lipstick is concerned, the important thing is not color, but to accept God's final word on where your lips end.

Jerry Seinfeld (Comedian and actor)

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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

1st Sept 2019–Trinity 11
10.00am –Sunday Worship at All Saints, Long Marston
11.30am – Holy Communion and Harvest Festival at St Cross, Wilstone
13.00pm – Harvest Lunch at St Cross, Wilstone
3.30pm – Holy Communion bcp at St Mary's, Puttenham

8th Sept 2019 – Blessed Virgin Mary, Trinity 12
10.00am – Confirmation Team Service at St Peter & St Paul's Tring
3.30pm – Service of Light at St Mary's, Puttenham
6.00pm – Evening Prayer at All Saints, Long Marston

15th Sept 2019 – Trinity 13
10.00am – Worship for All Harvest Festival at All Saints, Long Marston
10.00am – Holy Communion at St Cross, Wilstone
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3.30pm – Evensong Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Puttenham

24th Sept 2019
10am – Holy Communion at St Cross, Wilstone

29th Sept 2019 – Trinity 15
10.00am – Sunday Worshipat All Saints, Long Marston
10.00am – Holy Communion at St Cross, Wilstone
3.30pm – Service of Light at St Mary's, Puttenham

St. Cross, Wilstone.

The next edition will be for October and the deadline for items for inclusion is: Wednesday 18 September 2019.

What's on...

Diary Dates..

Friday 30 August.
Cecilia Tea Rooms
Saturday 7 September
Wilstone Fun dog show 1pm—4pm
Wednesday 11 September
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Marston Village Hall
Tuesday 1 October
6.30-8.30pm Travel Impressions event Tring (See page 15)
Saturday 5 October
Puttenham Jumble Sale
Wednesday 9 October
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Marsrton 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 Marsrton Village Hall
Friday November 15
Wilstone Film Night
Wednesday 11 December
Wednesday at One 1– 5 pm Long Marsrton Village Hall
Friday December 13
Wilstone Film Nights
Friday Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 20, and Apr 17

Sudoku Corner by Colin Moore

No 132 Moderate

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Tring Rural Parish Council Meetings

The public are welcome to attend these meetings.

Wednesday 4 September 8.00pm Puttenham Village Hall
Wednesday 2 October 8.00pm Wilstone Village Hall

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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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 1wlmscoubs@gmail.com

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.

Long Marston do it again! by Kay Dell

Issy and Oliver (Inter Village Captains)

Long Marston Schools Inter-Village Report
Every year, 6 local village schools come together to compete in a variety of track events attended by a wide field of enthusiastic children from years 3-6.
This competitive tradition has been a part of our school life for 35 years with a total of 19 successful wins.
On Tuesday evening we were welcomed by Great Gaddesden and Gaddesden Row who were hosting this year. It consists of races such as egg and spoon, sack, tunnel ball and many more. So much time and effort goes into arranging these events, so we say a big 'Thank you' to them.
We were joined by Aldbury, Wiggington, Little Gaddesden. It was a well-attended evening and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.
Well done to everyone who took part so enthusiastically, all the children were amazing.
Big congratulations to Long Marston School, where we came 1st overall for the 4th year running and were able to bring the trophy back to school with us……..again!

When we arrived, we had butterflies swimming in our stomachs. We slowly walked to our pen, where all our friends were waiting. We were all discussing our races and becoming extremely excited. We could all feel the adrenaline in the air. It was such a great evening out.

"My favourite race was potato race I was so nervous before it but I thoroughly enjoyed it and came 1st" said Oliver.

"My favourite race was tunnel ball. It was so exhilarating and exciting. I thought it was the best race. Overall we won and Oliver and I got to hold the famous Inter-Village Trophy" reported Issy.

Wilstone Film Nights
coming soon

Our new film night season starts in the village hall on Friday Oct 18th. Here are some of the films currently being reviewed for screening:

Rocket Man – the dramatic and tortuous story of Elton John

Fisherman's Friend – how the shanty singing fishermen in Cornwall's Port Isaac, found fame

First Man – the story of the first man on the moon

Yesterday – the feelgood film of the year, depicting a world who has never heard of the Beatles, cigarettes or coca cola

A Star Is Born – the tragic love story behind the rise of a struggling artist and her seasoned musician

The Current War – The battle for the power of power between Edison, Westinghouse and Tessla

Official Secrets – a compelling story of a British intelligence officer involved in a government conspiracy

About Wilstone films

We have been screening films at Wilstone Village Hall for some 13 years and they have proven to be a highly popular Friday night venue not just for the films, but as a way of getting to know friends and neighbours in the surrounding villages. We provide a subsidised bar and free snacks during the interval. Everyone is most welcome. Films starts at 8pm but most audience members turn up at around 7.15pm.

Prices

Tickets cost £7 and can be bought from the community shop once the film is announced in the village newsletter. £1 of every ticket sold is donated to the fundraising to SoCS, Save our Community Shop.

FILM NIGHT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019	October 18th	
	November 15th	
	December 13th	
2020		January 17th
		February 21st
		March 20th
		April 17th

Letters to the editor ...

From Martin Winship

Wednesday at One

I just wanted to say how much my wife Maggy and I, and our granddaughter Lana, enjoy the regular "Wednesday at One" held on the second Wednesday of most months in the Victory Hall, Long Marston. We are always greeted by the smashing organisers and volunteers, with hot drinks and a lovely selection of cakes and biscuits. Lana has great fun with the play dough and colouring books, and there are plenty of other toys – for all ages; a selection of boxed games, demonstrations (and training) on how to knit, and even a ping-pong table. There are newspapers and magazines for the less athletic, and a coming and going of fellow villages to talk to and catch up with. In fact, I have so enjoyed the get together that I intend to donate a dart board – so get your *arrers* out and step up to the *oche*. I'll see you there!

From Mr Stroud

Victory Hall parking

Am I the only one who is annoyed and alarmed at the decision by the Victory Hall Committee to deny vehicular access to the rear car park of the hall? I was under the impression and indeed it was relayed to me by a parish councillor that it would be closed overnight and opened during the day, am I surprised by it not being so, not really.

I get the impression that only a select few are being allowed to use the car park.The football club I know do use it but then again they do pay rent.So is it the case rent the hall and be granted the use of the car park?

I find it a bit ridiculous that the disabled and those residents of the village with larger families whose children make use of the playground have to carry any bikes, scooters, and whatever they need to carry even over that short distance. And what of the disabled and the older residents who do not have the ability to walk even that short distance be denied the pleasure of enjoying what I believed was for the whole village to enjoy.

I do understand the reasons for the barrier and wholeheartedly support it but for the whole village to be punished for the sins of the few smacks to me of overreaction to a small problem. I must admit that since the gate has been closed I have had a warmer welcome at the Wingrave recreation ground and indeed have enjoyed the facilities at Aston Clinton, where at least my wife can watch proceedings over a cup of tea.

My wife, who is severely disabled, no longer get to watch our "pooch" being exercised as getting around the village anyway is a nightmare, but that's for another day.

I have a second question as to who on the committee grants the authorisation to park on the front of the hall as the sign says it is a private car park.

I look forward to a reply from the village hall committee.

Talia and friends make a big splash in the National Finals

Congratulations to Talia Williams who, along with her team mates, made history for Berkhamsted School by becoming National Champions for winning the U11 Girls ESSA 4x25m Freestyle Relay. The girls swam a tough regional round in Watford in May, qualifying for the 25th ESSA Primary Schools' Team Championships National Finals which took place in Sheffield in June. After a nail biting final to win gold medals, the girls also went on to finish 3rd nationally in the U11 Medley Relay, taking home bronze medals too. The medals were well deserved after many early morning training sessions ! The girls were lucky enough to be presented with the winning trophy by Olympian swimmer Mark Foster.

Melanie Williams

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It's time to join the fun !

To again raise funds to help support the production of our free parish Magazine, "Village News", we will re-instate our 100's Club.

This season's 100's Club lottery will run for 6 months - October 2019 through to March 2020 inclusive.

You can choose to pay 2 quarterly payments of £15 or the full 6 months at £30.
Only one lottery draw number will be allocated per person.

To be eligible for inclusion in October's draw we must receive your payment by 8th September 2019.

If you are a current player, and already have been assigned a draw number, please send your entry fee (cash or cheque) to the address on the below application form.

Otherwise, please complete the application form below with your details and send the form and a cheque, made payable to "Long Marston, Puttenham and Wilstone Parish News" , to the address on the form. On receipt of your cheque a formal receipt will be emailed to you, along with your assigned membership (Draw) number.

For technical reasons we are unable to accept payments for the 100's Club by Direct Transfer to the Village News bank account.

Your member ship (Draw) number will be entered into each of the 6 monthly draws with the chance of winning :-

- 1st prize – £100 * - or 20% of the monthly prize pool, whichever is the lesser
- 2nd prize – £50 * - or 10% of the monthly prize pool, whichever is the lesser
- 3rd prize – £25 * - or 5% of the monthly prize pool, whichever is the lesser

The monthly draw will take place in public each calendar month. The winners names will be published in the Village News.
A cheque will be sent to the home address of each prize winner.

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1. All participants must be over the age of 16 years.
2. The "numbers" will be issued in sequence by the Treasurer.
3. The draws will take place on or before the copy deadline of each month, in public, at various establishments.
4. The fee for each number must be paid in advance.
5. Each number purchased will be entered into the monthly draw.
6. Each number can win only one prize in a month.
7. The winners will be advised by email, usually within the first 2 days of the month following the draw date.
8. The results will be published in the Village News Magazine.
9. All prize money paid out will be by cheque.
10. In a dispute, the decision of the Chairman of the Village News is final.

Jack Quartly 1933 – 2019

Abby Fermont

ON the 19th July, Wilstone Church was packed as over 130 family and friends came together for the funeral of Jack Quartly, one of Wilstone's most long-standing and much-loved residents. The choice of 'All things bright and beautiful' as one of the hymns was perfectly suited to Jack, whose love of birds and animals (particularly dogs) was renowned.

Jack was born in Towersey, near Thame, the fourth of six children, although the family soon moved to Thame, where he was part of the church choir. He went north for his National Service, then when he returned, worked at Bensons, so he could cycle home, then at Hazells printers in Aylesbury. His friend at Hazells, Bryn, was courting a young woman called Jill who lived in Wilstone and Jack was soon introduced to Anne, Jill's sister. Bryn and Jack would regularly cycle to Wilstone to meet up with the girls, going swimming in the reservoir on hot days. Jack and Anne were married in 1961 in Long Marston church (Wilstone being closed at the time) and celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2011. They moved into a cottage in Long Row, Wilstone where they were soon joined by Linda, who was born in 1962 and Tim, born in 1964. It was after Tim was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis that Jack began working at Glasser's Mill in Wilstone (where the Mill development is now) so that he could be on-hand if needed.

Always active, Jack enjoyed his garden – having a particular fondness for clematis - and he loved bird watching. As anyone who walked past his house will know, he had multiple bird feeders in the garden and for several years setup a camera in a nesting box. Jack also kept racing greyhounds which ran at the Oxford dog stadium and he would take them for walks most weekends. He and Tim were keen Oxford United supporters and also enjoyed horse racing, so much so that Tim discharged himself from hospital one year so they could go to Cheltenham! Jack also played crib and darts for the Half Moon for many years, and even after he retired from these activities, enjoyed going there for his favourite ham, egg and chips lunch.

1994 was to be a year of very mixed emotions. It started wonderfully with Linda's marriage to Andrew, but just the following week Jack suffered a heart attack and later that year they lost Tim. Jack and Anne suffered this tragedy with great courage and dignity. Family was always of the utmost importance to Jack, Tim's fiancée Lesley and their grandson Lloyd continued to play a large part in Jack and Anne's lives. After his heart bypass operation in 1995, Jack retired and kept house for Anne, who continued to work at Long Marston school. As well as maintaining the garden, he took on the washing, ironing and cooking, although not always to her standards!

It was around this time that Jack joined the Dolls House club in Aylesbury, which he attended for over twenty years. This is where his practical nature and his patience came together in the kits he created with such skill and care. He and Anne were particularly wonderful neighbours, greeting newcomers with bouquets of flowers from their garden, and theirs was the house that all the children wanted to visit at Halloween, as they always had a plentiful supply of sweets and a fantastically-decorated house.

Jack and Anne went frequently to Norfolk to indulge in their joint hobby of bird watching. They also enjoyed coach holidays to Ireland, the Isle of Man and Holland, and even flew to Scotland, although Jack was not always a fan of food he hadn't had before. If the family went to the Chinese takeaway, he always ordered chicken and chips. Rice is only to be had in puddings, and as for carrots - 'orange fishes' – they were a banished vegetable!

After Anne was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Jack became her devoted carer, attending Alzheimer's groups and taking Anne out as much as possible to places he knew she would enjoy, like Dunstable Downs. For the last few years, his constant companion was Ollie, the rescued Dachshund. With his genuine interest in others, Jack continued to make friends through the coffee mornings at the Church, which he attended with Linda. He was a great listener and no doubt the keeper of many secrets! He also very much enjoyed attending the Film Nights at Village Hall, partaking of a couple of glasses of red wine and even dancing at the Abba party after the screening of Mamma Mia last year.

A generous, gentle man and gentleman, with a wicked sense of humour, he will be very sadly missed by a lot of people, but there is some comfort to be had in the fact that he is now where he wanted to be, resting in Wilstone Churchyard alongside Tim and Anne.

Donations of over £500 were given in his memory to The British Heart Foundation and St Cross Church.

FURNITURE DISPOSAL
from Wilstone Village Hall

Wilstone Village Hall Committee is seeking to dispose of various items of furniture and equipment, and are offering it to village residents in return for a donation to hall funds. Any reasonable offer accepted.

Items include:

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- Two-door chest lockable steel cupboard
- Three door tall wooden cupboard
- Two large wooden bar/shelf units
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- One large wooden dining table
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- Free standing fridge
- 12 children's plastic chairs
- Children's play equipment

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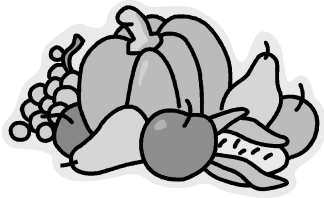

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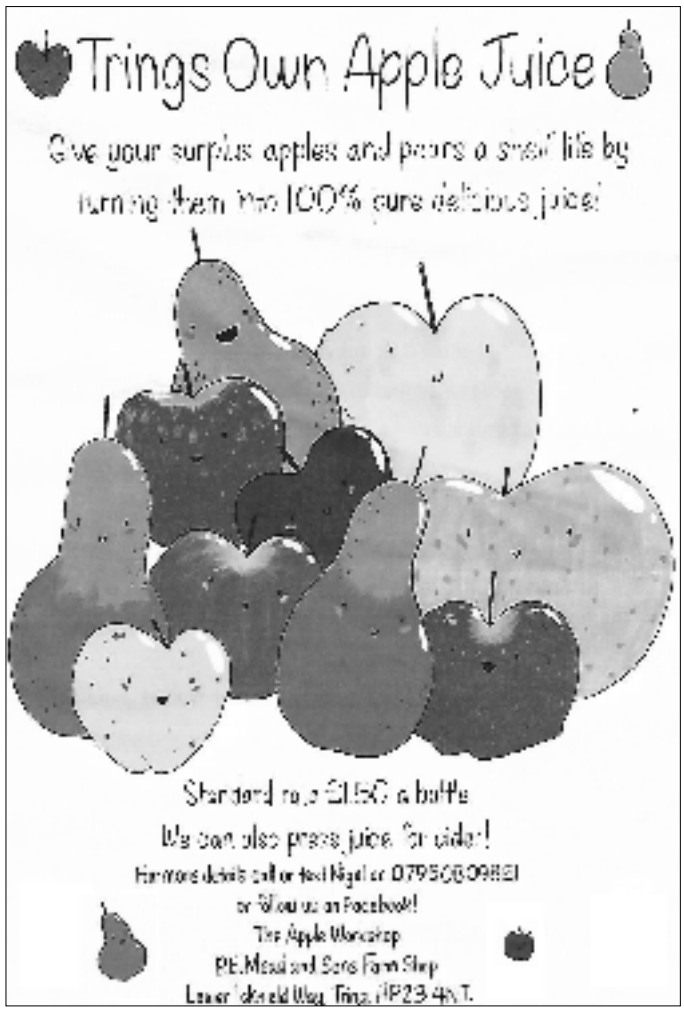

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Update Event —11 October 7 pm

Thank you for all your patience whilst the two committees have been considering the various development options for the shop. Following an extensive evaluation covering everything from locations to funding, we're very excited now to be able to reveal the best option plan for our new space and to explain what all the money we are raising will be used for.

Obviously, we have several significant hurdles still to overcome before the plan is realised, such as finance and planning permission but, in essence, the plan is to buy the current premises and develop the right-hand side into two, two-bedroomed cottages. These would then be sold in order to recover most of the cost of their development and the purchase of the original premises, leaving us with the shop that we would own.

The shop will remain where it is with an additional space at the back to be used as an office, storage room, toilet and potentially a community hub.

This option has been chosen by both the Shop Management and Development Committees as the one which is most viable and fulfils the key objective of retaining the shop in its current location in the centre of the village.

Once the architect's drawings are finalised to our satisfaction, we'll submit a pre-planning application to Dacorum Borough Council. At the same time, our cost consultants are preparing a cost estimate for the preferred option. If this is acceptable, we will set about securing the necessary finance, which is obviously a crucial stage in the development process. A new share option will be launched and this, together with match funding, will, we hope, cover any shortfalls or unforeseen costs.

What it might look like

Whilst all this has been going on, we have been fundraising through various projects such as the Open Village event. We are aiming to raise £12,000 through fundraising, which, together with donations will go towards paying for the professional fees, the refit of the shop into its expanded space and ongoing maintenance costs. Up until now, we have been very fortunate that nearly all of the advice we have been given has been free of charge, but eventually there comes a point where professional fees cannot be avoided.

We will be holding an information evening on **Friday 11 October at 7 pm** in Wilstone Village Hall when up-to-date, more detailed and larger (!) plans will be available.

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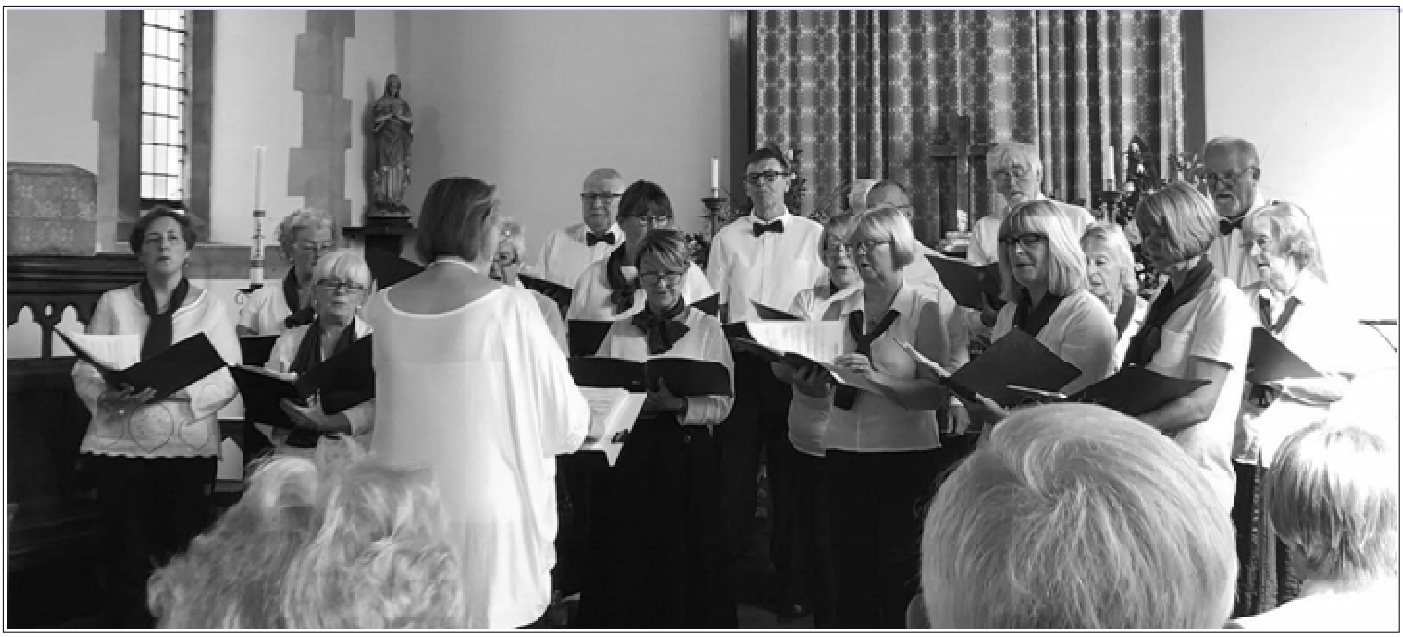
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Jo Woodbridge

On 7th July Sing Wilstone performed their second summer concert. An audience of some 65 people listened to such delights as All Kinds of Everything, When I Need You and Bring me Sunshine. The audience was invited to join in too and raised the roof singing Copacabana and Tie a Yellow Ribbon. After all that singing, cakes, tea and Pimms was enjoyed by all. We were delighted to make a contribution to the Access For All (new steps for St Cross) and Save our Community Shop funds.

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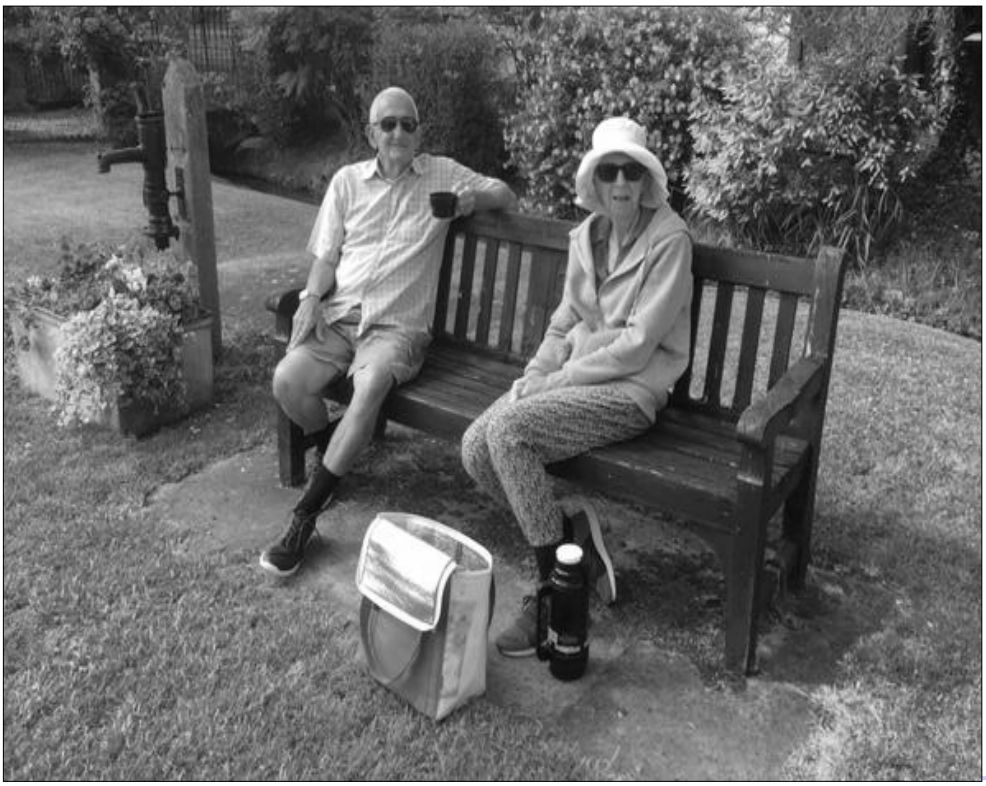

Australians in Wilstone

By Keith Fox

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The Puttenham Page

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Saturday, 5th October – 2 p.m.

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Please come along to help – it is always good fun with plenty of chat, either with sorting during the week or manning a stall on the Saturday.

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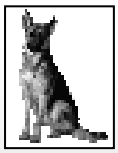

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La Crème de la Femme

A Story of Longub Puttastone

by Martin Winship

It has been mentioned before that Prunella Lympe was the proud possessor of a distinctive singing voice; indeed, it was Old Siegfried who had originally coined the phrase "Vocal Abrasives" to try and adequately describe the phenomenon, though this admittedly inventive term really did not do it justice. Prunella had always felt passionately that she had great operatic potential, and while it is true that she did indeed bear a passing resemblance to Maria Callas, she actually sounded much more like Tito Gobbi suffering from a severe bout of laryngitis. It is not altogether surprising therefore that when Prunella decided one month to honour the recently formed Glee Club with her presence – and voice –in the Village Hall, she was greeted with a noticeable degree of coolness and a decided lack of enthusiasm, which she, naturally, put down to the shockingly ungrateful jealousy of her lessers. The evening began with what the leader of the group referred to as a "warm-up", involving repeatedly warbling up and down the scales, attaining and holding challengingly high and low notes, and what could best be called "trilling" – an unusual and disturbing cross between giggling and yodelling. At the conclusion of this session, Prunella found herself alone, at some distance from the other songsters, who were standing in a confused group, looking dazed and a bit pained. The leader took Prunella's arm and gently led her to one side, and very nervously and as diplomatically as she could, suggested to her that it would, perhaps, be a sensible and sound idea if she would generously give the other members time to catch up with her advanced technique. It would be only fair. Perhaps she would therefore consider practicing at home for a short while; say a few months.

Unsure whether to feel proud and flattered or insulted, Prunella left, taking a rolled-up bundle of scores and lyrics, which the leader had kindly given her, for her to perform at home. When she arrived she was greeted by her husband, who appeared to be in a state of some consternation, as he had been eagerly anticipating a wonderfully quiet, uncomplicated evening, intending to apply himself to some research into fluid dynamics involving a large number of beer bottles. Prunella's sudden and completely unexpected early return had quite unsettled him, poor chap, but when she explained what had happened at the Glee Club, he rapidly recovered his spirits, and seemed to have an attack of "trilling", before he remembered his research, and made himself scarce.

Next morning, putting on a brave face, and determined to carry on, Prunella gave her husband orders to convert a small, little-used room at the back of the house into what she ostentatiously termed a "music room", and there, in the weeks that followed, she worked her way diligently through the sheets of songs and librettos given to her by the Glee Club leader. At the same time, her husband began to notice certain strange and initially puzzling phenomena. One afternoon, after Prunella had spent an hour or two assaulting the eardrums and finer feelings of her neighbours, he cautiously emerged from his workshop where he had taken cover, and happily finding that peace had returned, he began to potter about the garden. Now, outside the window of the so-called music room, there grew a magnificent pink climbing rose, which had unfortunately been subject to a dreadful plague of voracious greenfly, all attempts to eradicate which had failed. Prunella's husband strolled over to examine the plant, and was surprised to find it totally free of aphids. He was utterly astonished when he discovered thousands of the tiny pests, lying on the ground under the rose, on their backs with their legs in the air, all stone dead.

On another occasion, coincidentally while Prunella was in full swing again, her husband was cringing in the sitting room, when he noticed that despite it being exactly 11 o'clock, the cuckoo in the clock which hung on the opposite wall had, for the first time ever, failed to emerge. He staggered to his feet and hurried across the room. Then, sticking a finger in one ear he put the other close to the little door and heard, he fancied, a sort of low whimpering sound from within. Another time, he was listening to the cricket test match on his radio when Prunella cranked up. The radio valiantly tried to carry on, but soon started to sound as though it had been carelessly submerged in a bucket of water, before giving out a few sparks, a fizzing noise, and packing up forever.

Perhaps the strangest happening was when Prunella's husband chose to raid the fridge under cover of a particularly aggressive rendition of "D'ye Ken John Peel". He knew that fresh peaches and pots of double cream had been delivered with the groceries the day before, and thought that a bowl of this wonderful mix would do him good. He was dismayed to discover that inexplicably all the cream in every pot had turned sour. When the very same thing happened a week later he began to suspect a common factor. To test out his theory, he arranged several pots of fresh double cream, cunningly concealed about the music room the next time Prunella was scheduled to erupt. As he had anticipated, the entire lot turned sour.

He "got rid of the evidence" by distributing the pots to the neighbours, and was taken aback by the almost immediate demand for more. Alice declared it some of the best she had ever used, and that it had helped to produce wonderful biscuits and cakes. The vicar was in rhapsodies about his devilled eggs, and Florence quite ecstatic over her cream of tomato soup. Even Old Siegfried was enthusiastic, revealing that his rheumatics were done the power of good when he rubbed some of the cream on his knees.

Prunella's husband carried on with his little secret enterprise, and even improved on the first batch. He discovered, by trial and error, that the best results were obtained when Prunella performed her interpretation of "The Jewel Song" from Faust, so he bought her the Karaoke version to encourage her.

And so it was that on the shelves of the Community Shop, the best-selling pair of Alice Ball's Celebrated Brussel Sprout Relish and Thomas Crab's home-made Cider were joined by the immensely popular Pru's Song-Soured Cream. Prunella never did discover the truth. Nor did she ever again join the singing group in the village hall, much to their Glee.

Joan Dean receives the Thomas Chapman Award

Sally Smith

JOAN has lived in the village all her life. She grew up in Gubblecote before marrying and moving in to Cymric House, opposite the old Boot, then later Old Toms Farm.

Joan has been actively involved in the village community all her life in many ways and although now not able to be quite so active does continue to do be involved where she can and in ways she is able.

In recent years, she has been a great supporter of the allotments at Potash Lane. She, and her husband Neil, have had an allotment since the early seventies. In the seventies the allotments were rather neglected, with many uncultivated plots. Joan was instrumental in getting a water supply put on in the early days and more recently she set up and organises the Allotment Cup - the annual award for the best kept allotment. This is presented at the Village Show. Last year she organised an evening on the allotment get together so everyone could meet their fellow gardeners.

Joan is also a keen supporter of the Village News and has been part of the editing team for some years. When the request went out for people to pick up and deliver out the magazines from the shop she again put her hand up and now does this with Neil, her driver.

Joan and Neil realise how lucky they are to have the lovely garden at Old Toms Farm and the field behind it and in the past Joan invited the Good Companions to a tea in the garden every summer. Until last year the Horticultural Society used the field for the fireworks and bonfire night.

Joan has been an active member of the Tennis club since it first started on the court on the recreation ground. Joan was secretary of the club for many years and was instrumental along with other committee members in securing the land up near the Cricket Club in order to build the two courts and clubhouse there.

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From the Parish

by John Whiteman

What is happening in our Church? What next?

Cecilia Hall will be buzzing on Saturday 28th September when Church members from All Saints', St Cross, and St Mary's will gather with their fellow Christians from Aldbury and Tring for a morning of talking and worshipping together. The purpose is to review our Vision for the Tring Team Parish, to celebrate our successes and to focus on what we need to do better. This may sound a bit 'airy-fairy' - not to say 'religious' - but this month's meeting is a sequel to a similar workshop held in 2013, which has guided our direction since then. It's time for us to look forward to the next five years.

The vision statement in the box may not be the snappiest marketing or political slogan, but it does express what we believe and what we are trying to do together. And we have been able to take the lead in community concerns - like Fairtrade, and Food Banks - as well as launching and sustaining new activities to support more people in our churches - from toddler groups to tea parties. We have been the focus of the civic commemoration of key events - for example, just recently the D-Day invasions in 1944. In the villages we have worked hard to re-establish a regular pattern of worship in each church every Sunday.

As we look to the future on 28th September we shall reflect on our possible role in facing the challenges confronting our parish and beyond. The deep fracture in each community associated with the Brexit project: the pain felt by those who voted to leave, by those who hoped to remain, and by those who did not express a view at all. Beyond that concern looms the challenge of Climate Change; we have to revisit and reform our stewardship of the planet if we are to avoid making it uninhabitable.

We are being guided in our assessment of ourselves by some benchmarks taken from a recent handbook (The Healthy Churches Handbook, by Robert Warren).Here is a rather terse summary of the seven benchmarks.

1. Energized by faith, rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive:helping people to grow in their faith, and to share it.

2. Outward-looking focus: rooted in the local community, working in partnership with other groups. Passionate about justice and peace, locally and globally.

3. Seeks to find out what God wants: develops and communicates a shared sense of where it is going.

4. Faces the cost of change and growth:while embracing the past, it dares to take on new ways of doing things. Takes risks, admits when things are not working, and learns from experience.

5. Operates as a community: relationships are nurtured, so people feel accepted and are helped to grow in faith and service.

6. Makes room for all, being inclusive and welcoming: different social and ethnic backgrounds, mental and physical abilities, and ages, are seen as a strength. Works to include newcomers in the life of the church.

7. Does a few things and does them well, focused rather than frenetic: does the basics well. Uses one-off events to make sense of life and communicate faith. It enjoys what it does and is relaxed about what is not being done.

The context for this is an evolving model of what the church is, and what it should be trying to be. It has been shifting away from just an emphasis on a building, where Sunday services are run by the clergy, more towards an emphasis on an outward-looking faith community. In our workshop in September we'll aim to explore further what we mean by church, and what it means to each of us.We want to pray and work together to evolve the vision that we had in 2013, and use it to guide our activities as a healthy church.

If you're already a regular church member, please come and join us on 28th September (get in touch for details, john@tringteamparish.org.uk orVivianne on 01442 826092). If you're not currently a church member, why not come and see what we are up to these days?

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A plethora of produce

by Sally Smith

TRADITIONALLY, September marks the beginning of autumn and all the beautiful colours that surround us in nature seem to be saying that time is moving on. The nights seem to suddenly get longer and the Indian summers that we often have are spent denying the fact that the nights are chilly – thank goodness for fire pits and bonfires!

Nature seems to be in a rush to make sure that all crops are gathered in before winter settles in and there always seems to be more vegetables to crop and find something to do with. Pickles, chutneys and jams are typically made at times like this. I know that I have a store cupboard full of produce made in previous years that seems to somehow get forgotten after the first jar is tasted. I always intend to get them out and eat them, but then don't get round to it; perhaps I should put them in a more obvious location rather than hiding them away in the 'cupboard under the stairs'. No doubt I shall re-examine what's in there when I make this year's batch of sloe gin and courgette chutney.

The other problem with so much produce being ready at the same time is that, very soon, we run out of things to make with it that those around us will eat – courgette fritters, courgette loaf, courgette surprise …. You know how it goes! The other thing with courgettes in particular is that, left to their own devices, they suddenly become marrows. This is where this recipe comes into its own. It uses the whole marrow as well as other produce which may be on hand and can be adapted for both meat eaters and vegetarians.

Stuffed Marrow

Ingredients:

1.5kg marrow split lengthways
500g Mince (beef/turkey/lamb)
1 onion, chopped
2 carrots, grated
1 400g can chopped tomatoes
300ml vegetable stock
½ tsp. dried mixed herbs
100g breadcrumbs
20g grated parmesan
salt and pepper for seasoning

Method:

- Scoop the flesh out of the marrow – discard the seeds and keep the flesh. Then boil the marrow shells for about 10 minutes until they begin to soften (I use a fish kettle for this)
- Dry fry the mince then remove from the pan. Using the same pan, add oil and then fry the onion, carrots and marrow flesh for about 5 minutes until soft.
- Return the cooked mince to the pan and add the tomatoes, stock, herbs and seasoning.
- Bring to the boil and then simmer for about 10 minutes or until the liquid has reduced down and the vegetables are cooked.
- Add 2/3rds of the breadcrumbs to the mixture and stir in.
- Lay the marrow shells on a shallow heatproof baking sheet or dish and then fill with the mixture.
- Mix the remaining breadcrumbs with the parmesan and sprinkle over the filling.
- Place under a pre-heated grill until the topping is golden brown.

WI News

Maggy Winship

OUR July meeting is traditionally our Birthday Party, and this year we were celebrating 65 years of Long Marston and Puttenham WI. We welcomed 11 ladies from other local groups and together with our own members had a very sociable evening, with a mouth watering selection of food on our buffet. Members had been asked to bring a childhood photo and we had fun guessing who was who. The evening was rounded of with tea and a slice of blue birthday cake.

In August we had our usual tea and cake stall at the Village Show. With the perfect weather there was a very good turnout and we did a brisk trade.
On 12th October we will be having another litter pick. Our spring one was very successful, but it does not take long for the litter to start building up again. Look out for posters nearer the date for details of times etc.

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Special call-outs went to village newcomer Mark Costain d his visiting brother Tom, who both smashed the ball out of the park on every go. They continually scored rounder after rounder, leaving their opposition red-faced and wondering just how to deal with such unsportsmanlike village behaviour! Meanwhile, another set of brothers, Matthew and George Cobb, also showed everyone how it's done, adding numerous rounders to their team scores too. When Phil Madley bowled and spectacularly caught Sheena Coggar on what might just have been a 'No Ball', there were boos from the crowd (or was it cheers?) and it was a while before Sheena reluctantly left the pitch. Suddenly the level of competitiveness between teams went up a gear or two. Youngest player, Finlay Russell proved he is a rounders star of the future, winning the prize for Best Junior. And Ned Driver finished off the afternoon fittingly with a brilliant rounder on the last ball of the day. In the end, it was the Yellow Team, led by Captain Tom Patterson, who narrowly took home the winning trophy with an impressive 23 rounders.

The rain held off and over £700 was raised from sales of tickets, burgers, beer and cake - all of which was provided by a superb team of volunteers, who kept players and spectators suitably refreshed all afternoon. It was a wonderful and hugely successful event, new friends were made and hopefully it's something that will be repeated again soon.

The winning team players were::

Tom Patterson (Capt), Maura Patterson, Kelly Smith, Ursul Backler, Finlay Russell, Bruce Russell, Phil Madley, Keith

Richard Smissen—head chef. Photo bombed by an enthusiastic lady in blue.

Win £5 if you can correctly name everyone in this picture and the unlucky batter.
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Rounders comes to Wilstone

by Amanda Russell and Tessa Simmons

A fantastic time was had by all on Sunday 11th August at Wilstone's Rounders and BBQ event - all to raise funds towards our 'Save Our Community Shop' campaign.

Over 100 people turned out from near and far for an afternoon of fun and food, with plenty of willing participants eager to play. Four mixed teams of every age were put together and everyone threw themselves into every innings (some literally!) There was a lot of running, loads of rounders, some amazing catches and many dropped ones too!

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Pictures: Tom the Yellow team captain holds up the prestigious trophy. The four team captains and a select few from the 100 people who attended.