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New leadership for The Misbourne

Having said a farewell to retiring Headteacher Robert Preston at the end of the Summer term, The Misbourne School is now moving on into a new phase with a new Headteacher, Ms Jo Meloni.

Early in the second week of her role *The Source* had the opportunity to meet her and hear about her passion for supporting both students and staff to dream, aspire to and achieve more than they would ever have thought possible. She spoke of looking forward to finding ways that the school can engage with the community to expand the horizons for, and confidence of, each individual. Seeing the impact of just one session of the educational charity 'Talk the talk' when they came in to work with students (see page 5) gave her a real sense of the potential that inspiring input from a variety of sources can release.

When asked how she was settling in, her response was that by the end of her first week she felt The Misbourne was such a good place for her to be that it was as though she had been there for 6 months! She is looking forward to both the role and getting to know the area and people. Having been a PE teacher it's not surprising that outside school life she enjoys tennis, cycling and walking her cockapoo, Archie. We wish her well in this exciting new opportunity among us.



New Headteacher - Ms. Jo Meloni

Supporting the Air Ambulance



Maltsters team at RAF Benson

A team of friends, Maltsters from Malt The Brewery, have completed the National 3 Peaks in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance. They then visited RAF Benson on 1 September to hand over the money they had raised so far –

amounting to over £7,000 - to Ruth Dunkin. A film crew was on site for C4's documentary Emergency Helicopter Medics, so you may even see the team in the next series.

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The Source needs you!

This community newspaper for Great Missenden parish and HP16 residents has freely provided information, advertising and publicity for charities, churches, clubs and societies without cost for over ten years to you and over 5,000 homes. This has also given opportunity for businesses to reach over 12,000 people in a form read and appreciated across the area, at very reasonable rates. The cost of the production of the newspaper delivered free through your door has been kept to only 30 pence per copy.

The Source was one of the main outcomes requested by local people in the original Community Vision for HP16 public consultation 11 years ago - as local news in available commercial newspapers was, very obviously, lacking. The volunteer team that run the paper include the Directors, Colin Veysey and Anthony Sykes, a small editorial team and well over fifty volunteers who write, collate events, produce the youth pages, edit and design, proof read and, of course, deliver the five editions each year.

The Source is now offering the exciting role of promoting advertising amongst local businesses. This role also gives opportunities a) for increased networking and community links, b) to gain a real sense of contribution and achievement and c) to help maintain the continuity of what is probably the best free community newspaper in Bucks. It will also give valuable volunteering experience, which looks great on a career break CV. Training and support will be available from Anthony Sykes who has many years of industry experience. For more information please contact us:

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We would also love hear if you could help deliver some copies of the paper locally (approx. 1 hour five times a year). Thank you.

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What do Ballinger and South Heath want?

The results of the 'Have Your Say' survey are now in. Organised by the Great Missenden Parish Council, it asked residents of the two hilltop villages what ideas they had for HS2 funded community projects around South Heath and Ballinger.

The three most popular suggestions were:

1. Extend the footway down Frith Hill to the B485 across from the church. This would mean an easier and safer route to walk from the villages to Great Missenden.
2. Explore the potential for the Weights & Measures' building in South Heath to be used as a leisure/community facility. It could be used for a variety of events and activities which could complement the widely used Ballinger War Memorial Hall.
3. Build a sustainable surface for the car park at Ballinger playing fields. Enhancing the car park could be a benefit both to those using the playing fields as well as those attending the many events held at the Ballinger War Memorial Hall.



Weights and Measures - potential leisure / community facility

Lastly, the idea of building a website for both villages is being explored to help residents with better communication and enhance the two villages' sense of community and well-being.

The next step for these ideas is to explore them in more detail with the landowners and consider an application for HS2 funding.

Thank you to all those who participated in the survey. We are keen to involve and keep you and all residents of Ballinger and South Heath informed of progress and matters of concern to the villages. This is best done by email as it is the most cost-effective way for us to communicate.

Please do pass this information to your neighbours and encourage them to join our email listing for this project. This can be done by sending an email with your postcode, under the subject heading 'Have Your Say B & SH', to the parish clerk, Great Missenden Parish Council office at info@greatmissendenpc.co.uk.

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Chemist robbers caught



Kinton Pharmacy

Around one o'clock in the morning on Thursday, 9 August Kinton Pharmacy at 44 High Street, Great Missenden was burgled. A man smashed a potted plant from The Cross Keys

into the glazed door of the chemist then wrested the two tills from their sockets. A woman in the getaway car outside helped him shove the tills into the back of the car before they made off. All this was captured on CCTV with proprietor

Ronak Patel obtaining very clear images of the two criminals. The good news is that Hertfordshire police managed to trace the two who are now in police custody. They are charged with carrying out 24 such robberies.

Bright ideas to keep your home safe in the dark evenings

At this time of year, and especially once the clocks have gone back, homes are in darkness earlier in the afternoon – time to consider the security of your home. Protection against opportunist burglars means recognising that these criminals see the longer winter nights as an opportunity to increase their activities. To avoid becoming a victim of burglary, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils' Joint Community Safety team is encouraging homeowners to take some simple steps to help protect their home:

- Use a timer switch to turn on lights and a radio to give the impression someone is home
- Keep valuables and other electronic equipment such as laptops out of sight
- Security mark valuables with a UV pen and register them with www.immobilise.com
- Double lock UPVC doors or use dead locks on solid

doors

- Keep all spare keys, including car keys, away from the front door and out of sight to avoid them being 'fished' through the letter box
- Keep windows locked and keep the key out of sight
- Don't leave packaging of expensive items purchased on view as an advertisement to thieves

Neighbourhood Police Officers will be patrolling in residential areas and if they believe a property is at risk of being burgled, they will pop a 'Here's a bright idea' card through the door along with contact details for further crime prevention advice.

Residents can pick up security advice by following @TVP_ChiltSBucks and @csafetycdcsbdc on Twitter. For regular updates on crime and disorder in your area you can sign up to Thames Valley Alert.

**For further advice on crime reduction contact Chiltern and South Bucks District Council's Joint Community Safety team visit:- www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/
www.chiltern.gov.uk/crimereduction or www.southbucks.gov.uk/crimereduction. Or call on 01494 586535**

Raise the flag

Many thanks to the man who, off his own bat, puts the flags up in Great Missenden High Street each St George's Day.

This year he put them up again for the World Cup, and as a bonus, for the Royal Wedding as well. He is Bill Burgess and he doesn't even live here. But he is one of our unsung heroes. He does it because he likes the village. He is the father of Hannah McEnteggart, owner of Oasis beauty salon, and has for many years been a leading light in pulling the village Christmas Festival together.



Bill Burgess with one of his flags

Church War Memorial restored for centenary of end of WWI



Before cleaning the memorial and after cleaning

The war memorial outside Great Missenden Parish Church was erected two years after the end of the Great War, paid for by the local villagers. Originally known as the 'Memorial Cross', it was designed by a London architect and dedicated at a service of remembrance by the Bishop of Buckingham on 8 May 1920. It lists 38 names of men from the village who were killed in the War. The names of several others from Great Missenden who died in the conflict are sadly not

recorded on either this or the memorial in Great Missenden High Street.

The church was full of families bereaved by losing their menfolk and the dedication service was appropriately solemn, with music accompanied by dramatic muffled drums. The congregation processed outside for the dedication, after which the Last Post was sounded by three buglers from the Kings Royal Rifles Cadets who then formed a guard of honour. The congregation dispersed whilst a

muffled peal was rung on the church bells, 'in honour of the brave men of the parish who had fallen'.

The war memorial has been professionally cleaned, removing a century of dirt and mould, making the names legible. This work was funded by The Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (FoGMC), a War Memorials Trust grant and proceeds from the Great Missenden in World War I book sales. The war memorial will be re-dedicated at the Service of Remembrance on Sunday 11 November in honour of those who died.

The next commemoration event organised by FoGMC will be: Saturday 10 November, Parish Church, 2.30pm - Armistice by 'In Song and Verse', followed by tea. Tickets £10 at Samways Newsagents or on the door.

Remembrance Day Prestwood

It has been said that history repeats itself because no-one seems to be listening. Sunday 11 November, Remembrance Day, will be the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War 1 - a great opportunity to take time out to hear the voice of history. So many gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in order that we, 100 years later, can benefit from the freedom for which they fought. Prestwood Methodist Church and King's Church, Prestwood are joining together on this morning and would

like to invite you to an event that will honour those who fought, focusing on the phrase, 'Lest we forget'. The Methodist Church will be open from 10.30am and the event runs from 10.45 - 11.45am with a two-minute silence at 11 to mark the centenary anniversary of the end of hostilities. There will be supervised activities for children and an opportunity for refreshments afterwards. There will also be a walk to join with The Wool Nook for a short ceremony at Nairdwood Lane at 12.30pm.

Poppies to honour Prestwood's soldiers



Just a few of the knitted poppies for 11 November

The Wool Nook, the shop next to Cross Roads Garage, Prestwood, plans a special event for Remembrance Day in November. They will be covering the corner of High Street and Nairdwood Lane with crocheted and knitted poppies and there will be a special area for people to pin messages of remembrance/honour for those from Prestwood and Great Missenden who gave their lives. Laura has found that one of the ladies who is preparing the poppies has made a special poppy for each of the 35 men whose names appear on the war memorial in Prestwood, and has researched each of the men in order to provide some information with each poppy.

Anyone who wishes to get involved, please contact Laura at the Wool Nook by email: info@thewoolnook.com.

"ONE IN A MILLION"

Following in the footsteps of a local World War 1 soldier

Some of you will remember photos in *The Source* this time last year of Mark Smith, the Silent Soldier, who moved around Great Missenden on 8 October last year dressed in First World War army uniform to mark the death of his great grandfather Private Job ('Joe') Wilson who

was killed on the Western Front on that day in 1918.

Mark and his mother have been to see Job Wilson's grave in France. Her grandfather was killed in the Second Battle of Cambrai on 8 October 1918. He lies in Flesquieres Hill British Cemetery, in grave I.A.1 - a beautiful location and well kept by CWGC. They laid poppy crosses for Private Job Wilson and also for Lance Corporal George Foot DCM, another Great Missenden man who is buried in the same cemetery having been killed in the tank Deborah.

They were there on the centenary of the death of George Foot, 20 November 1917 when they met George Foot's nephew, Charles Foot, along with many other relatives of

members of the Tank Regiment that lost so many men in both battles for Cambrai. A piper who was in the cemetery played Amazing Grace for these two men who lie far from their homes in rural Buckinghamshire. Two young soldiers from the present-day Royal Tank Regiment were also in the cemetery to pay their respects.



Mark is back this year and will be giving a free talk on the 100th anniversary, at GM Baptist Church. 7.30pm Monday 8 October 2018, For more information, see www.facebook.com/Great-Missenden-remembers-Job-Wil.../.



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Bicycle art installation

Art Of Cycling Festival

Kingshill Baptist Church has hosted a number of art festivals in recent years to showcase the talents of local artisans. The latest was an event in June, focused on a fusion of art and cycling. To augment the displays of painters, photographers, potters and crocheting, there was a profusion of bike-related art, including decorated wheels and whole bikes. Community groups from the village were invited to submit their own pimped-up bike wheel which visitors to the event could

then vote for. In addition, there was live music from Little Kingshill Combined School's choir and former minister Colin Pye. There was an op-

portunity to have bikes repaired and a number of stalls to entertain visitors, including a static bike set up for punters to pedal a virtual route from Little Kingshill to John O'Groats. A barbecue fed folk throughout the two days, while an outdoor service was held on the Sunday morning, all along a bike-theme. The whole event was a stunning success and the weather blessed the weekend with unremitting sunshine too. Over the weekend £900 was raised which has been donated to Butterfly House, South Bucks Community Hospice.



A decorated bicycle wheel

'Midsomer Murders' Church restoration complete

A major project to clean, protect and conserve ancient wall paintings at The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Little Missenden has recently been completed. It was made possible by a National Lottery grant of £305,000. The Courtauld Institute of Art has described the murals as 'an exceptional ensemble of paintings of different periods of national importance.'

St John's church Little Missenden, which has featured in many episodes of Midsomer Murders and numerous other film and television productions, has been a focal point of the local community for over 1040 years, having been built in the year 975. Indeed there is very nearly 2,000 years of history in the fabric of the building as it contains Roman bricks within its walls.



A newly discovered painting being painstakingly restored

The Church is open to visitors everyday (subject to the usual Sunday services, weddings etc). A children's edition of the guide is also available and, among other things, visitors will discover the origins of the Catherine Wheel firework!

If any organisations are interested in arranging a tour they should contact the Parish Church office on 01494 862008.

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PTC Prestwood Theatre Club proudly presents: Mixed Doubles

Described by the writers as 'an entertainment on marriage' this is a collection of short monologues and one act plays, several with a rather cynical view. It is tongue-in-cheek humour, and although all the plays were originally written and

performed in the Seventies, they can be seen in many of today's situations. With writers such as Alan Ayckbourn, Harold Pinter, George Melly and Fay Weldon, there will be something for everyone. Which will be your favourite?

Performances at Prestwood Village Hall on 25, 26 and 27 October at 7.30pm
 Tickets available online www.Prestwoodtheatreclub.co.uk

2019 Pantomime

The 2019 pantomime will be Puss in Boots, written by the late and sorely missed Michael Ward-Allen. It is to be directed by Sandie King and auditions will be on Sunday 28 October and Thursday 1 November. This is not only a wonderful opportunity for young and old to try out and get involved with this excellent theatre group and gain from their 40 years of experience, but also to

honour Michael who gave so much to the group and the community.



One of PTC's previous brilliant Pantos

Ninebarrow come to Holy Trinity

Ninebarrow is a multi-award-winning folk duo, impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition.

Described by Mike Harding as sounding 'damn fine', by Seth Lakeman as 'a fantastic duo' and by Kate Rusby as 'absolutely amazing', Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breathtaking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. Most recently, the duo were nominated in the 2017 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in the 'Horizon' category for Best Emerging Artist. Their latest album 'Releasing the Leaves' was awarded five stars in both Maverick Magazine and the English Folk Dance and Song Society Magazine (where it was described as "immaculate"), and was listed in The Telegraph's Top Folk Albums of 2016. Ninebarrow is coming to Holy Trinity, Prestwood on Thursday, 15 November.

Early-bird tickets are available until 15 October at the discounted price of £11 (plus a small booking fee) from the website www.brownpapertickets.com. Tickets thereafter will be £12.50. There will be a licensed bar selling alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks and snacks so don't miss what promises to be a fantastic evening.



Folk duo Ninebarrow poster



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New Headteacher for The Misbourne

Ms. Jo Meloni
(contd from page 1)

After graduating, with a 2:1 (Hons) degree, in Physical Education with Geography and Education Studies from Warwick University she has had 24 years of experience in secondary schools. During that time, she has worked in some challenging schools both in inner cities and rural locations. Her leadership contribu-

tion has driven significant improvement in a number of schools. As part of a team she has supported some schools in successfully moving from special measures to good, and in her most recent Ofsted inspection specific areas which came under her leadership were described as exemplary. It is that experience, particularly in the areas of leadership development,

(of staff and students); Continuous Professional Development (CPD); curriculum design; pastoral support and high standards of teaching and learning, about which Jo feels so passionate, and that she believes make the biggest difference to the life chances of young people. As well as her experience as a senior leader and teacher she has coached and developed other teachers and leaders, without neglecting her own development in leadership, including at-

taining the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). As we talked it was clear that she recognises both the opportunities for continuing the excellent development of the school, as well as the challenges posed by some of the target driven methods for resourcing schools such as The Misbourne. However, she believes that staff at The Misbourne are a great team who are motivated and more than capable of achieving world class results.

'Talk the Talk' boosts student confidence

On September 6, Year 12 students at The Misbourne School worked with expert trainers from the education charity Talk The Talk. The mission of Talk The Talk is to improve students' communication skills to enable positive interaction in all life situations. They have trained over 15,000 students in the past twelve months in England and Wales and nearly 75,000 since they first started - using a programme developed over the past six years.

Talk About The Future supports students preparing to leave school or college by developing the competencies needed to take

this step with confidence and a positive mindset.

Richard Hull, the Director of Talk The Talk said, "Leaving school to enter the world of work, further training or education is both an exciting and daunting time. The prospect of independence is often overwhelming. Students may leave school with an array of experiences - but often without realising how these have equipped them with a unique skill set. We ensure students define their own skill set and have the confidence to talk about themselves in all manner of life situations".



Talk the Talk with Year 12 Misbourne students

The Prince's Trust results for life reported that, 'When asked what skills they lacked when they entered the workforce, 50% of workers said confidence, 23% said communication and 19% said the ability to look after their mental health. The tasks most likely to make people feel nervous require robust soft skills, with 'giving presentations', 'discussing conflicting points of view with colleagues' and 'managing a team' topping the list of

most daunting tasks.'

Professor John MacBeath of Cambridge University has said, "The evidence points very persuasively to a highly successful intervention, in particular for shy and reticent students, helping to increase their skills and confidence".

For further press enquiries, please contact Richard Hull (Director - Talk The Talk) richard@talkthetalkuk.org



Well done to The Misbourne students

GCSE results in top bracket
Ex-headteacher, Robert Preston issued the following statement on GCSE results day: 'Year 11 students at The Misbourne achieved encouraging results in the new and more rigorous GCSE examinations. Over 75% of all students achieved successful passes in English and Mathematics and a number of students achieved the coveted grade 9 in a

range of subjects. This places them in the top bracket of all students in the country which is fantastic.'

Particularly high achievers include: John Akhurst, Jessica Bex, Evie Booker, Jamie Brewer, Fraser Campbell, Amelia Collett, Scarlett Dodd, Holly Fyfe, Ellie Gardner-Thomas, Madeleine Morgan, Billie-Lisa Rhoades-Smith, Alisha Sandhu.

These successes reflect the extra work and training needed by teachers to deliver these new and more rigorous specifications alongside consistent hard work from the students.

Well done to everyone.

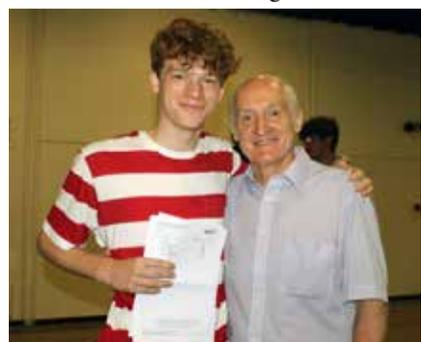
A level result success

This has been another good year for Year 13 students achieving A*/B grades in a range of subjects, enabling them to continue to their first choice of destination. Results were encouraging given the new and more diffi-

cult examinations and this reflects the hard work of both students and staff. Particular credit for high achievement goes to:

William Bennett, Jodie Crayton, Holly Gannon, Jack Butler, Ryan Leiper, Alec Pitman, Belle Putnam, Sam Harvey, Georgia Shute, James Tyler, Tom West.

Robert Preston said, "I wish all my students every success in the future and well done".



John Akhurst with ex-Headteacher, Robert Preston



left to right : Head of Sixth Form, David Dwight, Jodie Crayton with Robert Preston



Naughty teddies climb the shelves at night

Busy summer at the library

Children had a great time at the library this summer. There was a good uptake for the Summer Reading Challenge. Top Banana, an Amersham company, held a cookery class on the Beano theme of the Challenge and the littlies had great fun with the soft toys sleepover in which they left their toys overnight at the Library where they got up to all sorts of mischief.

Author to visit Great Missenden Library



Best selling author - Annie Murray

Annie Murray, bestselling author, will be at Great Missenden library on Wednesday, 31 October to talk about her writing and

the research that goes into her work. She's famous for her Birmingham trilogy and Sisters of Gold which is set in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter in its Edwardian heyday. She also now writes under the name Abi Oliver with a new, first novel published in January 2018 called 'A new map of love'. The event is at 2.30pm and tickets are £3 including tea and cake.

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HS2 Enabling works - revised dates

HS2 Ltd's Enabling Works contractor Fusion and their appointed subcontractors Buckingham Group will soon be starting new works around Great Missenden. The proposed programme of works is as follows but is subject to change which may delay some of the start/finish dates given.

Mid October 18

- UKPN will be diverting power lines which currently run across the location of the haul road route. Works will take up to 4 weeks.

End of October 18 to Early November 18

- Set-up of the welfare, security and storage area, located at the entrance to the haul road off the A413.

- Ground investigations will need to be carried out on Link Road and Frith Hill and take approx. 3 weeks.

Mid - November 18

- Start of construction of the haul road. Completion end May 2019.

- Works to widen Frith Hill at the junction onto the A413 will start and take approximately 6 weeks. Dependent on progress these works may be interrupted by the Christmas embargo (explained below).

Late - January 19

- Works to widen Link Road and around onto the A413 (heading in the direction of Wendover) as shown on the plan below for 3 months. This includes changes to the entrance into Buryfield car park.

As a result of the Link Road works, some on-road parking spaces along the road will be lost.

The Parish Council is looking at minimising the loss of parking spaces on the Link Road by reinstating as many as practical after the road has been widened. The Parish Council is also looking for options to provide further replacement parking, so if you have any ideas please contact the parish office.



This map is purely illustrative - it would require the entire page to read the detail. To view please visit the Library or the Parish Office.

Managing traffic impacts

Fusion has given us the following information regarding concerns raised about the impact on local traffic.

- Normal working hours for HS2 activities are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on a Saturday.

The contractor will consider applying to do night works only where this might reduce the overall impact to residents or road users.

- The contractor has a 'traffic management embargo' through the Christmas period from 27th November 18 to 7th January 19. This means they can put nothing in place restricting traffic during this time (traffic lights, Stop/Go boards etc). The contractors will also stop all its works for two weeks around Christmas and New Year.

- There are no plans for any day-time closures of either A413, Frith Hill or Link Road during these particular works.

- The works on the highway will require some restriction of traffic to one lane, but only when absolutely necessary. Whenever possible temporary traffic lights will be used only during the hours of 10am - 3pm. Where traffic lights will be needed the contractor will place advanced notice signs on the road so you know what to expect and when.



The Great Missenden HS2 public meeting
Want to see the detailed draft plans?

The plans for these works which were shown at the event are still subject to approval by the County Council. Large copies of the draft plans can be found in the Parish Council Office or at the Library in Great Missenden. You can also email Fusion if you would like PDF copies of the plans community@fusion-jv.com or speak to them at the monthly HS2 drop-in sessions.

Enquiries, questions or complaints about the works can be made to hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk or Freephone Helpline: 08081 434 434 (available 24/7)
Cllr Mike Johnstone - GMPC HS2 lead

The Source Cartoon: Tractor
by Lyndon Mallet



"Local traffic seems to be getting heavier."

On your bike in Prestwood



New bike parking in Prestwood

As the result of a local resident pointing out the lack of secure bike parking in Prestwood last year, Great Missenden & Prestwood Revitalisation Group has recently sourced funding for bike stands in the High Street Car Park. Following agreement from Chiltern District Council, which owns the car park, the first 'Sheffield' type stands were installed at the end of June.

GMPRG is grateful to Buckinghamshire County Council's Missenden Local Area Forum for kindly providing

grant funding for this secure bike parking project.

Have you noticed that GMPRG has also organised a couple of cycle security rings down the right-hand side alley at the Co-op in Prestwood? They were fitted at the end of August and GMPRG would like to thank The MidCounties Co-operative for providing the funding.

It is hoped that this provision will encourage locals to pop to the shops by bike instead of always jumping in the car.

Further sites for new bike parking are currently under discussion for Great Missenden and the shopping area of Prestwood. All suggestions welcome by email to secretary@gmprg.org.uk

For information on other projects that GMPRG currently has ongoing, please visit www.gmprg.org.uk

The Community Vision Update results are currently being collated with a view to being available later in the year.



The Midcounties Co-operative



October's Chilterns Walking Festival

Organised by The Chilterns Conservation Board, this popular festival takes place from Sat 6 - Sun 21 Oct. There are over 50 guided walks and activities across the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. All are led by enthusiastic volunteer walk leaders.

Events near us include:

- Roald Dahl Countryside Trail - walk ref 15, Sat 20 Oct
- Lives Cut Short - walk ref 44, Sun 7 Oct, a Victorian cemetery being restored in Berkhamsted
- These Little Piggies - walk ref 5, Mon 8 Oct & walk ref 30, Mon 15 Oct, guided trail on a miniature pig farm in Amersham
- Beacons of the past (Pulpit Hill) walk ref 27, Tues 9 Oct
- Short Walk on Naphill Common walk ref 1, Wed 10 Oct
- JH Kennard and Amersham on the Hill - walk ref 9, Sat 6 Oct
- Walk through Beechwoods from Princes Risborough - walk ref 32, Thurs 11 Oct
- Bradenham Estate and Hearing Dogs - walk ref 26 Fri 12 Oct

- Take the Train for a Walk, High Wycombe to Princes Risborough - walk ref 2 Sat 13 Oct
- Mindful Walk near Berkhamsted walk ref 19, Sun 14 Oct
- JH Kennard and Chesham Bois - walk ref 10, Sunday 14 & walk ref 11, Wed 17 Oct
- Trains and towpaths, long walk from Aylesbury to Wendover - walk ref 3, Wed 17 Oct

Details of all guided walks and activities can be found at www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest. All walk places must be pre-booked via the website.



Guided walks in the Area of Outstanding Beauty

HS2 MONTHLY DROP-IN SESSION - COMMUNICATIONS

HS2 Ltd are holding drop-in sessions monthly in the Great Missenden library 2pm to 6pm on **Fridays 19 October and 16 November** with representatives from their contractors to answer questions that residents may have. Just come along and ask your questions!

Angling Spring wood



Angling Spring wood

Angling Spring wood is a well-used 16.4 hectare wooded site linking Prestwood and Great Missenden. It is currently designated an ancient semi-natural woodland (ASNW), meaning that it has been continuously wooded since 1600 AD. There are also areas of 'plantation on the ancient woodland' site (that are abbreviated affectionately to PAWS) which are capable of restoration to more natural conditions. The wood is owned by Chiltern District Council and managed by the Chiltern Woodlands Project.

In 2003-04 newly-formed Prest-

wood Nature became involved with Angling Spring Wood offering their members' expertise in ecology and biodiversity and, with the appointment of John Morris and the involvement of Chiltern Woodlands Project, a sounder plan began to emerge.

Over the years, work parties from Prestwood Nature have removed holly and laurel and ensured that the paths are kept clear and areas opened up to provide a suitable habitat for wildlife. They have also helped plant fifty broad-leaved lime trees and Service trees (whose alternative name is the Chequer Tree) to mark the 50th anniversary of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in

2016.

Many local people have an interest in Angling Spring wood – walking there, walking to somewhere (as did the priests from Missenden Abbey), walking a dog, riding or cycling along the bridleway or simply enjoying the bluebells whilst travelling along Martinsend Lane. There are many opportunities to get more involved and to help care for this ancient woodland by joining one of the Prestwood Nature working parties.

Everyone is very welcome in this wonderful ancient woodland!

To find out what is happening in Angling Spring wood check the Prestwood Nature Website:

www.prestwoodnature.org

National Meadows Day comes to Great Missenden

On Saturday 7 July, Prestwood Nature welcomed visitors to Boug's Meadow in Great Missenden to celebrate National Meadows Day.

Boug's Meadow is a conservation area next to the Link Road, which contains the River Misbourne and a small copse, as well as a meadow. Prestwood Nature has been developing it since 2006. A huge amount of work has been done in order to encourage wild flowers such as poppies and daisies that would naturally be found in chalk meadows. This

has included regular mowing and on a Community Day last September, scraping off the topsoil with a digger. Removing nutrients in this way makes it harder for species such as nettles and docks to grow and outcompete the meadow flowers.

Visitors found their way around thanks to new signage and Prestwood Nature volunteers. A photography workshop was held to coincide with Prestwood Nature's Junior Photo Competition. This was an opportunity for younger visitors to de-

velop their composition skills. Their favourite subjects were flowers and butterflies although the reluctance of the latter to stay still was a challenge! The old 'wagon' road that runs along one side of the site and which may once have led to Missenden Abbey was also popular. If you are a budding young photographer and would like to enter the Junior Photo Competition then look at the Prestwood Nature website for details on how to upload your masterpiece.



Boug's Meadow at its colourful best

Priestfield Arboretum open day

On Sunday 21 October 10.30am – 4pm the public are invited for the last time this year to Priestfield Arboretum, Stony Lane, Little Kingshill HP16 ODU



The beautiful Redwood in Priestfield Arboretum (photo courtesy of Barbara Rippington)

It is a private collection of rare and specimen trees, in a delightful small woodland setting near the geographical centre of Little Kingshill, on the north-eastern slope of the plateau between Windsor Lane and Hare Lane. Measuring approximately 5.5 acres, it is one of Little Kingshill's best kept secrets. Originally forming part of Harewood, a large estate sold off in lots in the early 1900s, Priestfield is believed to have comprised the orchard and part of the kitchen garden. In 1917 the eponymous Thomas Priest, an amateur tree enthusiast, took ownership and subsequently planted the first specimen trees, mostly conifers well suited to the slightly acid soil overlaying the deeper chalk. Since 1943 when it was bought by Marcel Porn, the ownership has remained in one family

Alan Mitchell of the Forestry Commission measured and listed the trees in 1968, and again in

1982, by which time maintenance had become increasingly difficult for the owners, and it had become sadly overgrown. Following a clearance by the Chiltern Society Small Woodlands Group, a small band of local enthusiasts formed the Friends of Priestfield, to help voluntarily to maintain this very special area and work towards its future survival.

Monthly maintenance sessions take place for approximately 2 hours, to tackle the ever-invasive bramble & laurel, to keep the trees clear from overgrowth and to plant new trees to ensure the future. In dry periods watering of the recent plantings, has to be attended to. The dedicated volunteers who manage and maintain the arboretum are happy to share their love for this special place and offer free guided tours throughout the day. Admission £2. Guidebook available. Regret uneven terrain not suitable for the disabled.

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Prestwood Evening WI

A highlight of the summer programme was the Wine Tasting at the June meeting when Carol Hazlehurst demonstrated the correct way to taste wine to enjoy its full potential. The Spanish wines tasted were accompanied by tapas and all those present, including representatives from neighbouring WIs, had a lovely evening.

In July, Sherry Scott MBE spoke about the work of the Burma Forces Welfare Association. She has for many years run the charity giving aid to Burmese war veterans and their families. In August the smells of Caribbean food filled the hall as member Sandra Webb demonstrated several dishes. Over the years Sandra has raised more than £10,000 for the XP charity through demonstrations at WI meetings.

The Harvest Auction takes place in October and in November it celebrates its 61st birthday, combined with the AGM. The December meeting will consist of creating Christmas floral decorations. Plans for next year include a games evening, talks about Work Aid and stained glass.

New members and guests are always welcome in the Village Hall at 7.45pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Further details from Christine Plested 01494 890202



Guinea Pigs are social creatures

Caring for guinea pigs by Abigail Chung

Guinea pigs can live for 4 to 8 years which means that choosing one as a companion pet is a long-term commitment. It's important for them have

access to other guinea pigs as they thrive on company of their own kind. They can be kept in same sex groups or in pairs, although if you decide to

keep a male and female together, you would need to make a decision about neutering the male if you don't want them to start a family of pups (the term for guinea pig babies).

They are curious creatures so it is important to consider where to house them. They can be kept indoors or outside but, as their hearing is very sensitive, outside may be preferable if the indoor environment is busy and loud. Despite their size, guinea pigs need a large enclosure with a run and should, ideally, have a separate sleeping area where they can retreat for peace and quiet.

They are natural grazing animals, which means

it is important that they are fed quality non-dusty hay to keep their digestive systems working, along with a small amount of guinea pig mix food. They also benefit from having some fruit and vegetables to give them a good source of vitamin C as, along with us humans, they lack the enzyme to produce it for themselves.

Guinea pigs are gentle and communicative creatures and can be quite friendly. However, they do need to feel secure. Remember to take care when picking one up, always use both hands, either holding it close to your body or sitting with it on your lap.

Prestwood on Sea 2018



Prestwood on Sea lunch 2018

At the end of August the main organisers of Prestwood on Sea, Mary Spooner and Mary Wiles, enjoyed being interviewed on Wycombe Sound 106.6FM talking about the event. It was also an opportunity to talk about things going on in the village, especially for the older residents.

As the local older people made their way to the Prestwood on Sea holiday club, after weeks of lovely summer weather, it rained! This did not, however,

dampen the spirits of the 60-plus guests (numbers and age!) and helpers who enjoyed the three days of activities, food and friendship. Entertainment was provided this year by the Chiltern WI Choir, Elaine and Tony Ring from Little Kingshill with their illustrated talk on The Fascination of Wildlife and Prestwood's very own Colin Veysey and Philippa Wallin. Lunch times were very sociable occasions and everyone enjoyed the home cooking. The free raffle had over a dozen prizes each week, all kindly donated by people in the village and the table flower arrangements went home with a guest from each table.

Once again we are very grateful to Sweet Charity for their generous funding towards the cost of putting on the three days of Prestwood on Sea and to all the helpers, including the drivers of the Age UK bus who provided transport. Helpers came from Holy Trinity Prestwood, the Methodist Church, The King's Church, Cryers Hill Methodist Church and Great Missenden Baptist Church.

Prestwood Forget-Me-Not Club for the over 60s

Prestwood Forget-Me-Not Club has been part of village life for many years, celebrating its 57th birthday with an anniversary cake cut by Karl Pedersen. The Club is actively looking to welcome new members hence their motto 'The Hand of Friendship Welcomes You'. If you know anyone who would like to come along on a Tuesday afternoon for a spot of chatter, tea and cake then please do make contact.

The next two socials will be held at Prestwood Village Hall on Tues 2 Oct and Tues 6 Nov from 2.15pm. The Autumn Sale will be Sat 13 Oct at Prestwood Village Hall from 2-4pm with homemade cakes, jewellery, scarves, tombola, raffle. Refreshments will be available at very reasonable prices, so please come along. The funds raised at this event will go towards the annual Christmas Lunch in early De-

ember.

There is good entertainment already arranged for 2019 so if you know anyone who is lonely, do let them know that a warm and friendly event happens in Prestwood Village Hall on the first Tuesday of most months.

Recent events have included a full programme of entertainment along with a couple of outings. In June the club went for lunch at The Ferryman Inn, Oxfordshire and in August to Millets Farm, Oxfordshire for a spot of shopping and coffee. The Club would like to thank Sweet Charity who have been very kind to them over the years and at the June outing enabled members to enjoy lunch at very little expense.

Transport is available for those unable to walk or do not drive. To join The-Forget-Me-Not Club please

contact Chris Davy, Chairman, on 01494 865682 who will provide you with further information.



Karl Pederson with some birthday cake

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Courtney Harvey - Prestwood's National u18 Bowls Champion



Courtney Harvey bowling for the Sutton Winson Trophy, 2018

Prestwood's Courtney Harvey has won the 2018 Sutton Winson Trophy after defeating Nottinghamshire's Nathan Richardson in the final at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa. Having narrowly lost the opening set in the final, the 18-year-old Courtney secured the second set 5-4 and went on to win on an extra end. She had reached the final after defeating Norfolk's Nicole Moseley in the semi-final, also on an extra end.



Courtney with her bowls

Courtney now plays bowls at Gerrards Cross Bowls Club (GXBC) which she has found to be a fantastic move for her and her family as it has improved their bowling ability whilst being surrounded by other friendly bowlers who are just as competitive - including the Men's Captain of England.

So, it was the weekend of the 11-12 August that the Royal Leamington Spa Bowls Club hosted the Sutton Winson tournament where Courtney became National U18s Champion. She has en-

tered this under 18s competition for a few years and in 2017 reached the semi final. The format is that groups of three play two sets of 5 ends in a round robin with 3 bowls each and the winner of the group plays in the singles, while the other two form a pair. In the later stages of the competition it becomes two sets of 7 ends.

As well as entering this competition, Courtney won the County Junior Pairs, was runner up in the County Junior Singles and represented Buckinghamshire in the Amy Rose (U31s competition).

Congratulations to Courtney, who has now taken up a place at the University of Northampton studying Event Management. She chose this course having gained a passion for it when planning school proms, parties, business events, and during a week of work experience with a local Events company in High Wycombe - Mabrouka Events. In 2017 she also volunteered at the Bucks Skills Show and will returning home in October to help there again.



Courtney with her championship winner's trophy



Walking football players from across Chiltern & South Bucks at Sprinters

Sprinters Walking Football Festival

On Saturday 18 August Sprinters Leisure Centre hosted its 3rd annual Walking Football Festival for all players that participate in weekly sessions across Chiltern & South Bucks Better leisure centres.

This event is growing and the number of players nearly doubled from 2017. The idea is to bring players together for

a celebration of the sport and its successful growth across our area. The day is very much based on being a fun, social time and is played on a non-competitive basis.

Participants came from across Chiltern & South Bucks giving everyone the opportunity to meet each other as well as bringing spectators to the event. Refreshments were pro-

vided for everyone and medals were presented to each player involved.

This year they also engaged with local business and invited Malt The Brewery to send a team from their members to play. This helped to cement the relationship between Sprinters and the brewery, Sprinters members being invited to the next Malt open evening.

Join the Colts!

With the sun shining on Prestwood Common all weekend, over 200 boys and girls attended the Colts 50th Anniversary Presentation Weekend in May. The event was attended by some ex players, coaches, managers and officials who enjoyed a display of photos, match reports and paperwork going back as far as 1968. The dads' 6-a-Side tour-

namment was well attended and a group of ex-players from Prestwood Colts were victorious. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the weekend.

The club is now all set for the coming season with training and matches commencing the weekend of 8 September. They provide football for boys and girls aged 6 to 18 of



any ability. If you would like more information for any age group please send enquires to secretary@prestwoodcolts.org.

In particular the U15s hawks (year 10) are looking for players to join them now.

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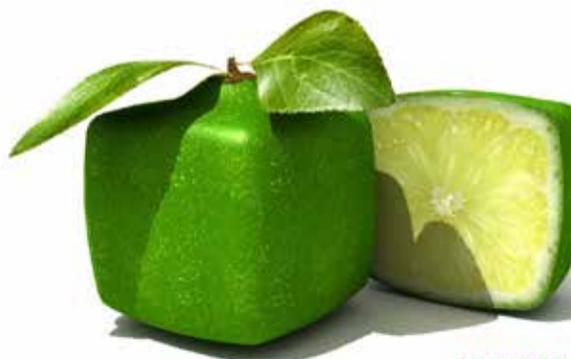
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Best feet forward - Heather & Steve's trek



Steve and Heather Woollard on trekking south

"Let's walk from John O'Groats to Lands End and raise money for Cancer Research UK." Seemed like a good idea at the time, so Heather and Steve Woollard from Prestwood set about researching the route and booking accommodation. They travelled to Duncansby Head, Caithness on 1 July and set off south on 18 July. They were extremely lucky with the weather, only getting wet a few times and avoiding the extreme heat of Prestwood. However, walking 8-20 miles a day in 27C was hard on the feet and they were bothered by horsefly bites and mosquitoes.

Before leaving Prestwood, Heather (55) who runs a holiday lettings company, had booked accommodation as far south as the Peak District. Most were B&Bs, although a couple of luxury hotels were also included. Apart from one unfortunate experience, most let them do their washing and dry off wet gear, and some proprietors and fellow guests interested in their walk donated to the cause. So far they have raised over £2,000.

Steve (60), an IT consultant, had the route planned with apps on his phone, usually a reliable navigation tool, though occasional

diversions were needed to avoid herds of cows and the occasional bull! They are walking what they call 'the scenic route' which should be about 1,100 miles. Some of the photos on their blog are wonderful, with views of mountains, rivers, lochs, picturesque villages, and the occasional castle. By Day 30 they had reached Edinburgh and were able to have a day off.

Leaving Edinburgh, they made their way to the border and picked up the Pennine Way. This route proved quite difficult, with muddy patches and fields of cows, giving some scary moments. At the time of writing (6 September) they were making their way through the Yorkshire Dales on the Pennine Way and at some point will link up with the Heart of England Way to Bourton-on-the-Water and then the Cotswold Way. They aim to reach Lands End by about 20 October, so all the best.



The Maltsters team atop one of the Three Peaks

Maltsters climb for the Air Ambulance

On 1 July Lisa, Colin and Owen Hunt, Keith Paton, Frank Daugherty and Chris Lee alongside drivers Mark Pickard and Bob Scott successfully scaled Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. "We wanted to do something for Thames

Valley Air Ambulance as it is a charity funded emergency service that we all benefit from, but hope we never need" said Bob who organised the event.

The weekend was one of the hottest of the record-breaking summer

and the team needed every ounce of energy and every drop of water they could carry to finish the challenge. "We drove over 1,230 miles from start to finish, with the walkers catching sleep where they could, in between Keith's commentary on the stars and planets in the night sky!"

"The helicopter was out on a call when we arrived and we spent time with the on-duty Doctor and Paramedic in one of the emergency response cars that the charity operates. Their enthusiasm and professionalism was evident. The helicopter returned later in the morning and we were able to see it land and turn around for its next mission."



Missenden Walled Garden gardeners say 'Thank you'

Local charities working together

The Missenden Walled Garden Charity provides day support for people with disabilities and men-

tal health issues - enriching lives through work, education and community engagement. But the charity can't do this on its own. As Charity Chief Executive Nigel Kippax explains, "We know that we need to work with other charities to have the greatest possible impact on peoples lives. We must collaborate and not compete".

One such initiative is with the Workaid charity in Chesham. Workaid refurbish a wide range of tools which are shipped to Kenya, Zambia, Uganda and Tanzania. "Workaid

was looking for volunteers while we were looking for new opportunities for our gardeners to carry out meaningful work in the community" said Nigel Kippax. "It was a clear win/win."

Since July, Walled Garden teams have been volunteering in Chesham every week to sort, clean and prepare tools for shipment. "We noticed changes immediately. There's been an increase in focus and attention and a real sense of purpose in what our teams do. As an example, one of our team was recently overheard working while quietly saying to himself 'I'm doing this for Africa'. What a wonderful example of collaborating with another charity to enrich the lives of people with disabilities and mental health issues."

Missenden Walled Garden Charity formed in 2017 and has grown by 30 percent in just over a year.

To find out more, please check facebook or the website, www.missendenwalledgarden.org



Some of the Lighthouse, Great Missenden leaders

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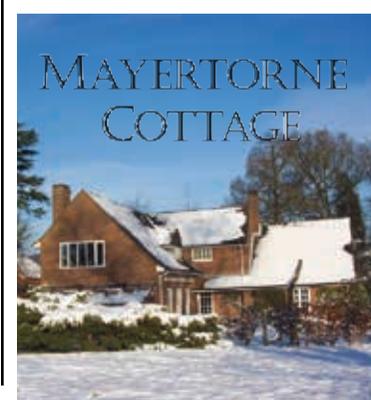
Lighthouse week went ahead smoothly, after initial concerns about car parking, with over 600 children on Great Missenden's Buryfield each morning for a day of music, games and to hear the good news of God's love for everyone.

Lighthouse does have a problem however, as the income from parents donations this year was much lower than normal. With squeezed household budgets and times of economic instability, finding the cash to make a one-off donation during Light-

house week may be difficult, so they are asking people to consider making regular small donations throughout the year. Just £5 a month would cover the cost of one child at Lighthouse. Take a look at the 'Friends of Lighthouse' page on the Lighthouse website (lighthousemissenden.org.uk) to find out about regular giving and to see other ways that you can help - supporting fundraising events through the year, such as the Celebrate Christmas concert on Monday 17 Dec at 7.30pm in St Peter & St

Paul's Church, Great Missenden, or joining EasyFundRaising which pays a small percentage of online purchases at a large range of retailers.

The annual meeting of Lighthouse is 13 November at Great Missenden Baptist Church, where planning for Lighthouse 2019 starts. Registration for helpers is already open; children's registration will be opening in May. Visit the website to get the latest news from the Lighthouse team, or to register if you can volunteer some time during the year, for the week or just a few hours.



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The George Alehouse opens

The George Inn has re-opened as an alehouse under the management of Steve How. Steve is no stranger to pubs. He was born at The Crown Inn, Little Missenden which is still run by his father, and his uncle is publican at the neighbouring Red Lion.

The new George is a traditional drinking establishment, a Free House serving Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and a changing variety of draught beers, ciders, craft ales and wine. No food is served.

'No children, No swearing' says the



Steve How at the bar of The George Alehouse

sign at the door and its policy is not to admit children. This is unusual these days and unpopular with some, surprisingly popular with others. The décor is basic but comfortable with a mixture of old and new. The layout is much the same as it was in the old days. The evening *The Source* visited there was a lively crowd with some regulars, many locals, and a good spread of ages.

The George Inn had been a sorry sight in recent years. Planning permission to convert the whole site to residential was refused in March 2016. The pub portion was then sold and a new application for residential use for the rest of the site was submitted. Let's aim to buck the trend nationally and make Steve's alehouse a viable and successful venture.

The opening times are as follows:

- Weekdays: 3 to 9pm
- Saturdays: 12 to 10pm
- Sundays: 12 to 9pm

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to Aylesbury Road before heading off by 9pm.

The best thing is you can follow the van on a smartphone or similar device to know when it's reached your area. The fish is good too.

Missenden Abbey news

Buckinghamshire New University has taken the decision to sell Missenden Abbey in response to the tough financial challenges faced by all universities. Their focus is on providing students with the best possible experience and to do this they have decided to concentrate their limited investment spending on facilities at their three student-facing

campuses in High Wycombe, Uxbridge and Aylesbury.

Missenden Abbey is being sold as a going concern and we hope that a new owner will make those investments which will enable the business to build upon its excellent reputation and secure its future success.

We want to reassure all customers and visitors

that it's 'business as usual' at Missenden Abbey and the continued smooth running of the Abbey remains a key priority. This includes the Walled Garden charity with whom Eva Neupauer-Jones, general manager at Missenden Abbey, works closely.

Eva has briefed the charity to confirm that its presence on the site is very much part of the sale as a going concern.

Co-op local community fund

The Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church were so pleased to be chosen as one of three local charities by the Great Missenden Co-op this year and are very grateful for the kind support from local Co-op members.

Nearly £950 had been raised by 14th September and people can support their charity up to late November. The grants have enabled the church PCC with recent roof repairs and will help with the actions needed in response to the recent Quinquennial Inspection Report which lists many urgent, expensive and vital repairs.

When members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the local community fund and they receive

a 5% discount. The money raised by all the members in this community, together with money from shopping bag sales, helps to fund local projects in this area.

To become a Co-op member and choose our charity please call 0800 023 4798 or contact online: <https://coop.co.uk/membership>

Since September 2016, the Co-op has raised a total of more than £36.25 million. Any money raised by members who don't select a cause is added to the money raised from shopping bag sales and shared equally between the causes in their local area.

A huge "thank you" to everyone for all the wonderful funding support this year!

The unique link is <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/16684>



Sophie Hiscock - the Village Midwife

The Village Midwife

The Village Midwife is an antenatal and postnatal course in Prestwood.

It was started by Sophie, a midwife, after she had her own baby and saw the need for better postnatal support as well as a more holistic and comprehensive antenatal programme. It takes place at a beautiful studio at Nanfans Ballet School in Prestwood, where participants can enjoy the lovely setting of a country home as well as

abundant tea, cake and biscuits – an essential part of the course! She is passionate about continuity of care and providing an accessible, evidence based and reasonably priced course that supports women from the antenatal into the postnatal period.

The antenatal course is set to prepare women and their birth partners for everything from how to prepare for giving birth and the postnatal period, to

common feeding issues and solutions, which is followed up by feeding support after you've had your baby.

The postnatal course includes a baby massage session, a workshop on slings and carriers, a session with a local women's health physiotherapist as well as feeding advice and the continued support of a familiar face.

Sophie is passionate about the need to be inclusive of the many ways people come to parenthood which is reflected in the course's supportive and positive atmosphere where women and their birth partners can come to prepare and empower themselves for not just birth but for life as a parent! Sophie is also a trained hypnobirthing teacher with KG Hypnobirthing and is set to launch hypnobirthing workshops on top of her antenatal classes in 2019! Take a look at her website www.thevillagemidwife.co.uk to book online and check out her Facebook and Instagram pages.

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Feast on the Farm at Peterley: Food & Drinks Festival 2018

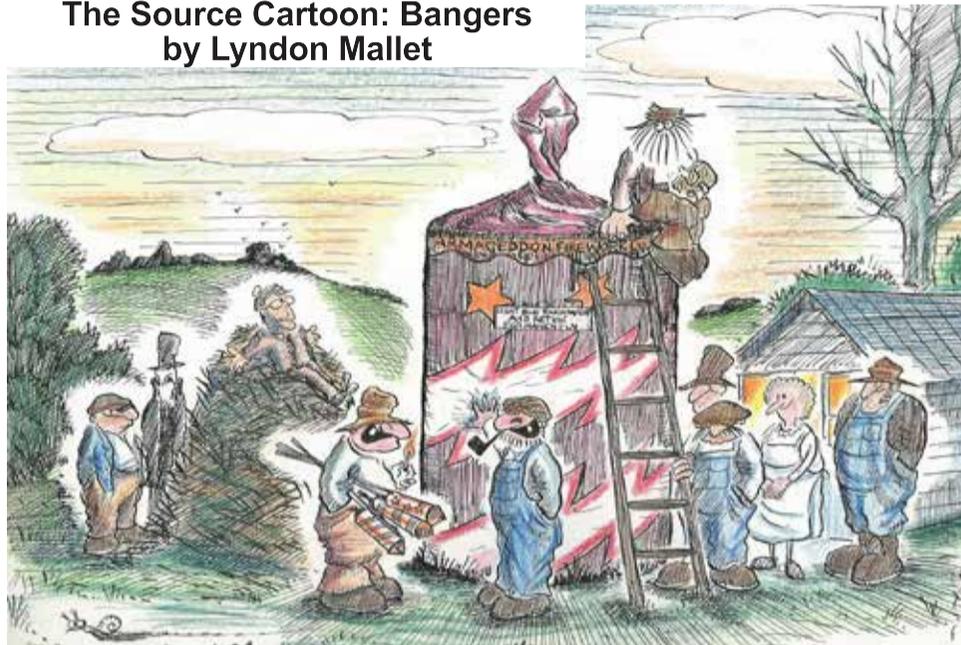
Feast on The Farm returns for its 2nd year to Peterley Manor Farm on the 6 and 7 October 2018. There will be local producers, talks, entertainment, masterclasses and much more. If you are inter-

ested in great food, a budding food/drink entrepreneur, actively seek out the undiscovered gastronomic gems, or just simply love delicious seasonal food, then this is the festival for you.



Go to the website for details and for tickets.

The Source Cartoon: Bangers by Lyndon Mallet



"It says, light touch paper and retire immediately".

Prestwood Scouts Fireworks - Sat 3 Nov

By kind permission of Wren Davis

Each year, on a Saturday close to bonfire night, a stream of people make their way to the Wren Davis field, Wycombe Road for the brilliant (literally) bonfire and fireworks. Always a great atmosphere and lots to do.

The gates open at 6pm and the bonfire lit at 7pm before the great fireworks finale. Tickets: bought before 3 Nov £5 single £12 Family - Available from local shops. On the Gate £6 single £17 Family.



Prestwood Scout's fireworks

Billy & The Bonquas sixties concert - Sat 3 Nov

Many of the songs of the 1960s are seen as classics, standing the test of time and proving to be popular not just among those who lived through that time

half a century ago. Billy Gallacher and his band, The Bonquas, are experts in recreating the sound and feel of that decade and will be coming to Prestwood

Village Hall on Saturday 3 November to stir up some memories in a Prestwood Events Group (PEG) evening of celebration. Although not essential, everyone is encouraged to come in 60s gear and there will be prizes for best dressed and best dancer. There will be a bar with MALT ales and much more, so get your ticket and come along to a great evening of music. All the proceeds from the evening go to making Prestwood's Spirit of Christmas possible. Tickets are £12 from Costcutter Prestwood, JNP Estate agents, from Bev on 01494 862603 or Mike Bennett on 01494866302.

Another great PEG event to come to:

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Tickets on sale soon at Samways, Gt. Missenden & Costcutter, Prestwood

Christmas Fair

11am - 4pm, Sunday 9th December

Entry:
£3 adult £1 Child (under 5 goes free)

- Local arts & crafts
- Santa's grotto
- Live reindeer
- Seasonal refreshments
- And much more

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For Whom the Jingle Bells Toll
23rd November 7pm - 12 midnight

If you love Christmas you will love this festive dish. HOORAY!! It's the happiest, perkier, most fun-est time of the year! so don your ghastly jumpers, jingle your slay-bells and prepare yourselves for a Ho Ho Homicide. Hold onto your elves ladies and gentlemen its going to be a long night. (Christmas jumpers optional!)

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HP16 events



Great Missenden Library

Opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30am -5pm;
Friday 9.30am - 6pm; Saturday 9.30am -1pm;
Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Public holidays - closed

Sunday 1 October

Harvest Festival St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden. 10am

Harvest Service. Little Kingshill Baptist Church. 10am

Friday 5 October

Pot Luck Lunch. Holy Trinity Church Hall Prestwood 1.15pm. Bring a dish to share and donation of £2

Sat 7 & Sun 8 October

Feast on the Farm - Peterley Farm. (see page 12)

Sunday 7 October

Prestwood Nature Boug's Meadow work party Raking up after contractors cut. 10am-1pm. Information: John Obee. jk333@btinternet.com

Monday 8 October

Mark Smith talk 'One in a Million' 100th anniversary of Job Wilson's death, at GM Baptist Church. free. 7.30pm

Tuesday 9 October

Prestwood Evening WI. AGM and Harvest auction. Prestwood Village Hall. 7.45pm. New members and guests welcome. Contact 01494 890202

Wednesday 10 October

Prestwood Friendship Club, Trip to Worlds End Garden Centre. Details Mary Spooner 01494 862431

Thursday 11 October

Little Kingshill WI. Antony Wood, Colonel Sir Francis Youngusband. The man behind 'Jerusalem'. Little Kingshill Village Hall. 2pm. Visitors are most welcome. Details. Christine Taylor 01494 868552

Prestwood Gardening Society. Talking to the Walls - Latimer and the Cold War, Colin Oakes. Prestwood Village Hall. 8pm. Contact 01494 863454

Saturday 13 October

Prestwood Forget Me Not Club Autumn Fayre. Prestwood Village Hall 2-4pm. Assortment of stalls: gifts, tombola, raffle, jewellery, bric-a-brac, cakes.

Prestwood Gardening Society Harvest supper with entertainment. Prestwood Village Hall, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Contact: Edna Little 01494 863454

Sunday 14 October

Prestwood Nature Fungus Foray around Lodge Wood, Prestwood. 11am-1pm. Meet at Sprinters Leisure Centre, Honor End Lane, HP16 9QY. Information: Tony Marshall 01494 864 251.

Tuesday 16 October

Great Missenden Evening WI. Open meeting Royal Flying Doctor service & a \$20 note Squadron Leader Graham Laurie MVO. Oldham Hall Church Street Great Missenden. 7.45pm. Details 01494 862000

BBOWT talk, The Decline of Woodland Flowers, Keith Kirby. Great Missenden Memorial Centre. 7.45pm. Admission £4 inc refreshments.

Wednesday 17 October

Chequers Folk. Live folk music with The Wick Trimmers & guest musicians. The Barn @ Cherry Tree Farm, Missenden Road, Great Kingshill. HP15 6ED (opposite the end of Stag Lane). 8pm. Free entry. All welcome. Philippa 01494 866439

Saturday 20 October

Prestwood Nature Pollinator Friendly Garden, 10am. Greenlands Lane, Prestwood. Light Gardening and general tidying. Info: admin@prestwoodnature.org

Buckinghamshire in the Great War, Professor Ian Beckett & Great Missenden in World War 1, Jill Pateman. Oldham Hall, Great Missenden. 2.30pm. Tickets in advance only, £10, from Samways Newsagents.

Mr kites benefit band live spectacular: Prestwood Village Hall. Tickets £10. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, get friends and family together for a great night out. All proceeds to Rennie Grove. Ring Colin on 01494 864664 for tickets.

Sunday 21 October

BBOWT Charity Plant and Produce Market. Great Missenden Memorial Centre. 10am -12noon

Priestfield Arboretum Open Day. Admission £2 including guided tour. Sturdy footwear advised; not suitable for disabled. 10.30am-4pm. see page 7 or www.priestfieldarboretum.org.uk

Tuesday 23 October

Great Missenden Village Association AGM. Oldham Hall, Great Missenden. 7.30pm. All village residents welcome. Details www.greatmissendenva.com

Thurs 25, Fri 26 & Sat 27 October

Prestwood Theatre Club present 'Mixed Doubles'. Prestwood Village Hall. 7.30pm. Information and Tickets www.Prestwoodtheatreclub.co.uk (See page 4)

Sunday 28 October

Choral Evensong 6pm- St Peter & St Paul Church, Great Missenden

Wednesday 31 October

Annie Murray, bestselling author Great Missenden Library 2.30pm Tickets £3 including tea and cake. (see Page 4)

Wed 31 Oct Contd

Halloween Light Party 5pm St Peter & St Paul Church, Great Missenden

Friday 2 November

Pot Luck Lunch. Holy Trinity Church Hall (See Friday 5 October)

Saturday 3 November

Sixties concert with Billy & The Bonquas. 8pm Prestwood Village Hall. Organised by Prestwood Events Group. Tickets £12 for details see page 12

Prestwood Scouts Fireworks. For details see page 12

Great Missenden PTA fireworks. 6.30pm

Sunday 4 November

Special service for All Saints Day - Everyone is invited to bring a flower to lay during the service in memory of a loved one who has passed away. Service taken by John Poston. Prestwood Methodist Church. 11am

Words and Music to celebrate All Saints' Day 6pm St Peter & St Paul Church, Great Missenden

Tuesday 6 November

Prestwood Forget Me Not Club for over the 60s. Meet at 2.15 p.m. Prestwood Village Hall to enjoy a sociable afternoon tea and entertainment

Orchids and Butterflies a talk by Professor Malcolm Brownsword. Prestwood Village Hall. 7.30pm. Followed by Prestwood Nature AGM at 9pm. Information admin@prestwoodnature.org

Wednesday 7 November

Prestwood Afternoon WI. AGM plus Quiz. Prestwood Village Hall 2.15pm. Details 01494 862156

Thursday 8 November

Prestwood Gardening Society. Lindengate Garden Project, Jane Gellatly. (See Thurs 11 Oct)

Saturday 10 November

Armistice by the In Voice and Verse concert trio. St Peter & St Paul Parish Church 2.30pm, followed by tea. Tickets £10 at Samways Newsagents or on the door

Sunday 11 November

Prestwood Joint Service for Remembrance Day at Prestwood Methodist church, with Kings Church Prestwood, led by Colin Veysey. Celebrating 100 years since the close of World War 1. All welcome. The service will start at 10.45pm in order to observe the 2 minutes silence at 11am.

(Sun 11 Nov - Contd)

The Lee Remembrance Service at St John the Baptist Church, The Lee. 10am

Act of Remembrance at the Memorial on The Lee green. 11am

Ring out for Peace at St John the Baptist Church. 7.05pm

An evening of readings, poetry and song at The Lee Old Church. Ticket only. £10 from Pam Garner 01494 837501

Great Missenden St Peter & St Paul Church, Great Missenden Remembrance Service 10.55am beginning at the Memorial at the church

Remembering with Love - 4pm a gentle service to remember those dearly departed

Armistice Day Special Service 6pm

Beacon Lighting 7pm

Wednesday 14 November

Prestwood Friendship Club, Lynne Roper, soloist, musical afternoon. 2-3.15pm No charge, donations accepted. Prestwood Methodist church, High Street. Details Mary Spooner 01494 862431

Thursday 15 November

Concert by award winning folk duo Ninebarrow. 7.30pm. Holy Trinity Prestwood. Early bird tickets £11 before 15 October from brownpapertickets.com

Tuesday 17 November

Prestwood Evening WI. Birthday meeting Tea. (See Tuesday 9 October)

Tuesday 20 November

Great Missenden Evening WI. Bill Hamilton - Good News, Bad News. (See Tuesday 16 October)

Tuesday 20 November

BBOWT talk, Hedgehogs, Pat Morris. Great Missenden Memorial Centre. 7.45pm. Admission £4 inc. refreshments.

Wednesday 21 November

Chequers Folk. (See Wednesday 17 October)

Friday 23 November

Book Launch of Jenny Senior's book about The Lee and memoirs of The Lee residents. The Lee Old Church. Details Pam Garner 01494 837501

Saturday 24 November

The Dreams Big Sleepout 2018, in support of Wycombe Homeless Connection. Adams Park. Details www.wyhoc.org.uk. (see page 10)

'Come and Sing' with composer Bob Chilcott - St Peter & St Paul, Great Missenden. 9.30am-4pm. £20 from the Church's Parish Office - 2 Walnut Close.

(Sat 24 Nov - Contd)

Christmas Festival. Great Missenden gets into the festive spirit with seasonal stalls, old-fashioned fairground organs and rides, live music and entertainment

Monday 26 November

Light up a Life at Prestwood Village Hall. 7.30-9pm Hosted by Finity on behalf of Rennie Grove Hospice Care, an opportunity to remember someone special with music, readings, a candle ceremony and then refreshments.

Wednesday 28 November

Prestwood Friendship Club Will Life pictures, by Tom Way. (Details see Wed 14 Nov)

WEEKLY, FORTNIGHTLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

Sundays

Card making group 3.30pm. All welcome. Details Alison 01494 866909

Mondays

Mums and Toddlers Group. Weekly. Great Missenden Baptist Church Hall. 10-11.30am. Details Rev Helen Baker 07795 404387 bakerhj@btinternet.com www.greatmissendenbaptistchurch.com

Daytime Book Group. Meets monthly. Details Val Deane 01494 862596.

Pop-Up Kitchen and garden. Baptist Church Hall, Great Missenden. 3.30pm weekly. (Contact see Mondays Mums and Toddlers Group)

Tuesdays

Over 60s Leisure Group at the Memorial Hall Great Missenden 9.45-11.45am. Short mat bowls, and short tennis. Beginners welcome. Details Jean Wallwork 01494 863113

Simply Walk. A gentle 30-45 minute walk every Tuesday morning at 10am. Meet at Great Missenden Memorial Hall. Free. Information: 01494 475367 e mail simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk

Village Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall, Great Missenden 10am-12 noon. Everyone welcome. Details Jennifer King 01494 865271.

Exercises for the over 50s at the Memorial Hall, Great Missenden 12noon-1pm. Exercises to music. Details Emma Culmer 07914 845366

Prestwood and Great Kingshill Age Concern Luncheon Club. Prestwood Village Hall. 1pm (Not 1st Tuesday of the month). Details Joan Palmer 01494 863982.

Bridge Group. 2nd and 4th Tuesday, Prestwood Village Hall. No partner necessary. 2-4pm. Details Stella Watts-Moore 01494 863201.

(Tuesdays - Contd)

SATB chamber choir meets every 3 weeks Tuesday evenings in Great Missenden. Informal auditions contact: singers4allpopupchoir@gmail.com 07773 704233

Wednesdays

Coffee served in Damian Hall: Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church Great Missenden each Wednesday at about 10.15am after Mass at 9.30 am.

Prestwood baby & toddler group. 9.45-11.15am. Prestwood Village Hall.

Bible Study and Prayer. Fellowship Room, Great Missenden Baptist Church. Term time 10-11.30am. There is a warm welcome for everyone. Contact 01494864008

Great Missenden Bridge Club every Wednesday. 7.30pm. Memorial Hall. Secretary 07778 119094

All Voices Aloud Singing Group. (Term Time) Great Missenden Baptist Church 7.30pm. Details Helen 01494 715336. www.allvoicesaloud.com

The Missendens Badminton Club. Weekly during term time. 8-10pm social badminton. Prestwood Junior School. Details Mike 01494 865325.

Thursdays

Toddler Thursdays, Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood (Term time) 9.30-11.30am. Drop-In for children and carers. All welcome. www.htprestwood.org.uk/toddlers

Weekly lunch club in the Baptist Hall Great Missenden for over 60s. Details Julie Needle 01296 612843.

Lucy Clark Scottish Country Dance Club meets every Thursday evening. Oldham Hall, Great Missenden. Details Liz Mitchell 07947 000368. www.lucyclark.org.uk

Fridays

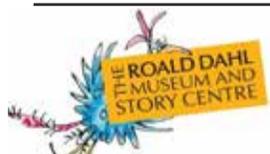
1st Friday of the month. New Tricks - lunch club. Great Missenden Baptist Church. 11.30am. Contact 01494 837715. Details: www.greatmissendenbaptistchurch.com

3rd Friday of the month New Tricks afternoon tea. Tea, cakes and games for the young at heart. Great Missenden Baptist Church. 2.30pm. Contact, see New Tricks above

Weekly Table Tennis (term time only). www.greatmissendenbaptistchurch.com Contact 01494864008. www.greatmissendenbaptistchurch.com

Saturdays

1st Saturday of each month. Coffee morning. Lee Common Methodist Church 10.30am-12 noon



Events for visitors

Visit our great little Museum, aimed at 5 to 12 year-olds and their families and find out about Roald Dahl's life and stories in the fun and fact-packed galleries. While you're here, why not join in one of the phizz-whizzing events we offer exclusively to Museum visitors?

The Museum is re-opening for October half term! Join us for a week brimful of Twits' Tricks and Matilda Magic - optical illusions,

kaleidoscopes and wondercrump contraptions. The Christmas holidays are all about lickswishy letters, crackling cards and sparkling sessions for families to enjoy together.

Please note:

- Event charges are additional to Museum admission (£7/£4.70)
- Events can be pre-booked online at www.roalddahl.com/museum/tickets or by calling 01494 892192 until the day before the event.
- Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.
- Events are suitable for children aged 5+, unless otherwise stated.
- Free storytelling and craft activities for children and families take place at weekends.

Check the Museum website for up-to-date event information

www.roalddahl.com/museum

Sat 20 Oct 11.30am & 2.30pm Guided Countryside Trail: Chilterns Walking Festival. For 5+ years £1.50 adults and children (not including Museum entry).

Sat 20 & Sun 21 Oct - Twits' Optical Tricks 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm - For 5+ years. £3 plus Museum entry

Mon 22 Oct 12pm, 1.30pm & 3pm - Twizzling Tricks for Budding Illustrators. For 5+ years. £3 adults & children plus Museum entry

Tues 23 Oct 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm - Wonka's Wondercrump Contraptions. For 5+ years. £3 plus Museum entry

Wed 24 Oct 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm - Twits' Disgustorous Dinner Plates For 5+ years. £3 plus Museum entry

Thurs 25 Oct 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3pm - Wigglish Witches' Masks - For 5+ years. £3 plus Museum entry

Fri 26 Oct 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm - Crodswoogling Clay Critters. For 5+ years. £3 plus Museum entry

Sat 27 Oct 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm - Matilda's Swizzfiggling Eye Tricks - For 5+ years. £3 plus Museum entry

Sun 28 Oct 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm - Crodswoogling Clay Critters - For 5+ years. £3 plus Museum entry

Fri 2 Nov 10.30am to 11.30am - Chiddler's Hour: The Magic Finger - For 0 to 3 years. £3 per child

Sat 3 Nov 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm - Shiny Pippin and the Broken Forest with Harry Heape - For 7+ years. £3 adults and children plus Museum entry

Sun 4 Nov 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm - Tricky Twitsy Party - For 5+ years. £2 plus Museum entry

Fri 9 Nov 10.30am to 11.30am - Chiddler's Hour: The Enormous Crocodile and The Twits - For 0 to 3 years. £3 per child

Sat 10 Nov 12pm, 1pm and 3pm - Roald Dahl in the RAF - For 8+ years. FREE with Museum entry

Sat 17 and Sun 18 Nov - Lickswishy Festive letters drop-in all day - For all ages. FREE with Museum entry

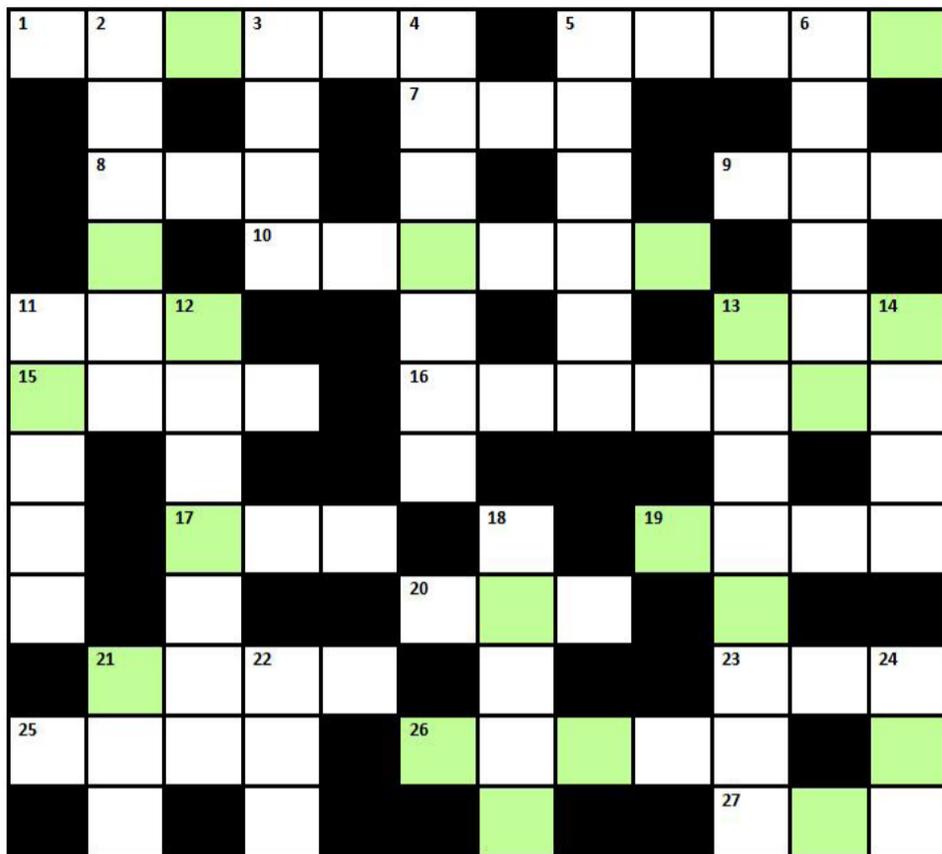
Fri 23 Nov 10.30 - 11.30am - Chiddler's Hour: The BFG Come for songs, craft and play. For 0 to 3 years. £3 per child

Fri 30 Nov - Chiddler's Hour: James and the Giant Peach: 10.30-11.30am For 0 to 3 years. £3 per child

SOURCE CROSSWORD NO. 56

by "Palabras"

There are four fruits hidden in the green squares....



THE FOUR FRUITS: _____

When sending completed entries for crossword 56, please enter your name and address here:

send entries to :

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Crossword 55 solution "mixed up area"

Those who solved the crossword discovered anagrams of local village names:

- 1a+7d Great Missenden
- 17a+20a Prestwood
- 14d+1d+4d Little Kingshill
- 6d+3d Great Hampden
- 21a+2d Ballinger
- 5d+15d Heath End
- 18d+9d+12a Denner Hill
- 8d+22d+10d South Heath

Congratulations to all those who succeeded in solving the crossword 55. Mr Brian Rankine was the first out of the bag to become our winner.

Across

1. Hesitant month
5. Like a blue river
7. No parking in French open spaces
8. Is he top of fancy dressers
9. Stern
10. Going downhill with small o
11. Start of a germ in the kitchen
13. Snooker player without his bird
15. Sad event in a happy reunion
16. Former spouse breaks up machine in car park
17. "O no" tramp in the kitchen
19. A quick change of clothes
20. Alternate thumb
21. Record of boats position
23. Not a Roman garment
25. Hairdressers leave local group

26. Bottles in cellar included after
27. Not working any more

Down

2. I am between two notes on a statue
3. Young male sheep
4. Fish caught by a male in Eastern Europe
5. A price for an account attack
6. Concerning a school group
11. As hip as a monkey
12. Out of date
13. Down in the dumps
14. One every four has 366
18. Producer of small delicacies
21. Prone to a rest
22. Blue tv channel
24. Some representatives wear this backwards

♥ Great Missenden Bridge Club ♠

Issue 56 bridge hand

North

- ♠ A K 7 6
- ♥ 6 5
- ♦ A 6 5
- ♣ Q 8 6 3

East

- ♠ Q J 10 5 4
- ♥ K Q 7 2
- ♦ 10
- ♣ A 9 7

West

- ♠ 3 2
- ♥ J 10 4 3
- ♦ Q 9 8 7 3 2
- ♣ K

South - Dealer

- ♠ 9 8
- ♥ A 9 8
- ♦ K J 4
- ♣ J 10 5 4 2

East/West are vulnerable

North with 13 points opens the bidding with 1NT after passes from South and West. What does East do? If East passes there are no further bids. Or East may stretch to bid 2 spades

which is risky particularly as East/West are vulnerable.

A better option is for East to use the LANDY convention. This uses an artificial bid of 2 clubs. It means:

- You hold 9 - 15 high card points
- 5 cards in one major suit and 4 in the other major
- High card points should be in these two suits.

South passes. West, with a minimum hand, bids 2 hearts to show his 4 card major. This becomes the final contract. (By the way, if West had 2/2 or 3/3 in the majors, he would bid 2 diamonds to ask East to choose the major suit.)

What happened at the bridge club?

Only one table was allowed to play in 1NT making exactly and scoring 120 points. At 4 tables, East played in 2 spades all going one down and giving away 100 points. At the remaining 3 tables, West played in 2 hearts all making one overtrick and scoring 140 points for East/West. LANDY was the clear winner!

Info from the secretary: 07778119094 www.bridgewebs.com/gtmissenden

Where & What is this in HP16?



Public footpath signs are quite commonplace in the Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB), but some stand somewhat forlorn pointing to fields that have very little trace of a path. It is not the owner of the field who prevents walkers, but just that few use these beautiful rights of way. So where is this one? And what does the black arrow signify... could it be indicating the sign is the right way up - or that archers could be at large? We look forward to receiving your thoughts, be they serious or frivolous!

Last time we asked, "Where and what is this?"



Clearly few of us use buses, since so few knew that this is where one can stand and, at an appointed time, a bus will stop and, for a small fee, take you and a host of others on a journey - normally designated by the sign on the front of the bus. One lady from South Heath... with both wisdom and knowledge wrote in, saying, **"The wooden bus stop sign pictured in The Source issue 55 is outside the Ballinger War Memorial Hall.**

It was originally on a wooden pole. After many years sadly this was replaced by a metal one. The bus stop carving was done by a talented local man who also extended and improved the hall."

THE SOURCE YOUTH

Autumn 2018

Huge Scandalous 2rain... Horrendous Sensitivity 2 the environment...

View of HS2 & pleas to MPs

by George

A young local writer and artist has written in to the Youth Source to express his concern about the political process that has enabled the government to pursue the construction of HS2 whilst those who will live with the consequences are not consulted. He writes, "As HS2 construction begins, and green fields, woodland and farms start



On the 6th September, HS2 contractor Effiage Kier displayed in Wendover their designs for the viaduct that is going to "grace" the local area. The contractor wanted to reassure people that their heavy duty concrete construction would blend in perfectly with the outstanding areas of natural beauty that make up the Chiltern Hills.

They accompanied their designs with captions so obtuse, they could be parodies - things like "Use of light and shade reduces apparent mass of structural elements." Three of the Effiage Kier designs are reproduced below.



With HS2 also recruiting for various arts coordinator positions, we at Source Youth thought we'd try and blend the two together and see how HS2 could "improve" some of the most well-known landscape paintings. (See left) We'll leave it to you to decide if you like them better with or without the new edition of a concrete viaduct. It blends in so well, you'd never notice that the pictures have been tampered with! We're sure you (don't) agree...

Information on the original paintings are below, do check them out!

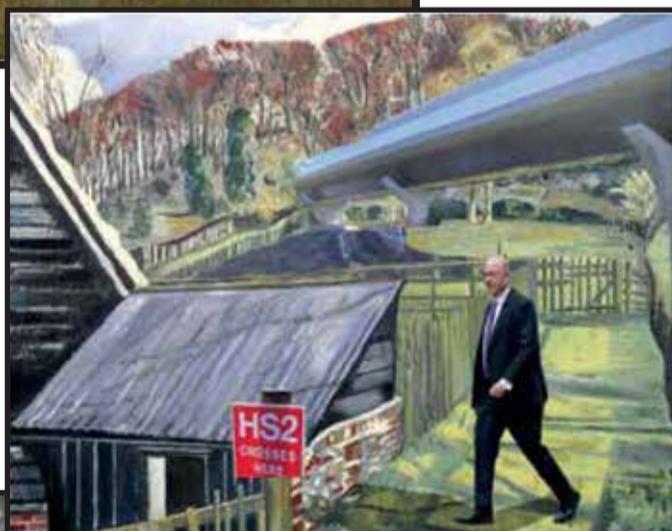
From top to bottom:

- 1. Wanderer above the Sea of Fog (1818) - Caspar David Friedrich**
This painting has also been used in comedian Stewart Lee's most recent stand-up show. The 'wanderer' is thinking about how he would like to be able to see the mountains but there's a huge viaduct in the way...
- 2. Christina's World (1948) - Andrew Wyeth**
This is considered to be an icon of American Art with the figure in the field looking up towards some farm buildings, which in this version have been destroyed by HS2.
- 3. Behind the Inn (1919-1922) - Paul Nash**
Paul Nash often visited the Chiltern Hills and painted the woods and chalk downs. His brother John Nash (also an artist) lived in Whiteleaf and this painting shows the view from the Red Lion Pub in the village that Paul stayed when he visited his brother. One wonders what they would think if they knew how their scenic inspiration was going to be affected by HS2. Our version shows the viaduct disappearing into the woods. Perhaps into a tunnel. A protest sign survives and Chris Grayling (current transport secretary) takes a stroll with his back to the train - as usual facing away from his responsibilities as a politician.
- 4. The Haywain (1821) - John Constable**
Probably the most famous image of the set, the addition of a High Speed Train shows how "progress" takes no heed of what has gone before and changes the landscape inexorably and forever.



to be replaced by diesel fumes, fencing and JCBs, questions should be asked of the elected politicians of the affected communities."

George goes on to point out the apparent inconsistencies between balancing constituency support for local residents and the role of elected representatives in a party political system.



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We are always interested to hear your views on HS2 - especially as young people struggle to have their voices and opinions heard on issues such as these. Just recently a 9 year old girl read out a letter to the Transport Secretary on LBC radio stating her opposition to the project. Whilst her efforts were applauded by many, others suggested that she had been set up by her parents and was just mindlessly reading their words. Considering she was saying "Please don't let HS2 destroy my house" we think she probably has good reason to complain...

You can see her reading the letter here: <https://twitter.com/LBC/status/1037592110910918656>

As always - send us your own views to: hp16thesource@yahoo.co.uk

