

# WINCHMORE HILL VILLAGE NEWS

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## Summer Sizzlers

**Welcome to the** autumn edition of the Winchmore Hill Village News. With the new Village Barbeque, Open Gardens and our fabulous Village Show and Produce Show, there has been plenty to get out and get involved in this summer and a lot to report. There are full details in the pages that follow, so if you weren't able to join in, then hopefully you'll be encouraged to take part next time.

The fun doesn't stop there as there is a full calendar of events organised by your Residents' Association,

Cricket Club, local schools and our lovely pubs taking us to the festive season and beyond. There is a quick summary of diary dates on p2 and a fuller description later in this issue.

Whether it's putting up the marquee, joining in the litter pick, helping to man the barbeque or even joining the Residents' Association Committee, there are lots of ways to get involved in village life. Everyone will tell you that you get out as much and more as you put in so do speak to one of the Committee about how to take part.

The Village News is edited by Lisa Plumridge and designed and produced by Phil Savage. It aims to help foster good relations in our community. We understand views may not be unanimously shared but ask that readers respect the spirit in which it is produced.

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## Events Calendar

### October

- 19<sup>th</sup> Litter pick 2pm then pizza in the Potters
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween: Trick-or-treaters from dusk. All houses with a pumpkin are fair game
- 31<sup>st</sup> Comedy at the Potters Arms, Scott Bennett

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cricket Club fireworks. Club open from 6pm, bonfire at 7pm with firework display from 7.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Village bonfire lit at dusk - firewood can be added from 2pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service, 10am Methodist Chapel
- 16<sup>th</sup> Village Meal at the Potters Arms
- 28<sup>th</sup> Comedy night at the Potters Arms, Ian Stone
- 30<sup>th</sup> Coleshill School Christmas Bazaar, Coleshill Village Hall

### December

- 12<sup>th</sup> Comedy at the Potters Arms, Ninia Benjamin
- 16<sup>th</sup> Carols in the Memorial Hall with Amersham Band. Minced pies and mulled wine from 6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Comedy at the Potters Arms, Andrew Maxwell
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve at the Potters Arms: buffet & karaoke

### January

- 24<sup>th</sup> Burns Night at the Potters Arms from 7.30pm



## Chairman's Chatter

Paul Coxhill, Chairman, Winchmore Hill Residents' Association.

**As the seasons** turn towards the colder months of the year, tractors feature regularly in village life as farmers plough the fields after the harvest, this issue of

the Village News reflects on yet another fantastic Village and Produce Show and looks forward to a great list of events for the remainder of 2019.

The Show was, yet again, a fabulous day. After a slightly slow start due to uncertainty over the weather, things warmed up with Carl's helicopter, always a great draw. Throughout the day we saw crowds enjoy the usual blend of stalls, kids rides, food and drink, welly-wanging, ice cream, the Dog Show, the wonderful auction, raffle and farm animals. Plus the wonderful sight of the fly past from an old Hurricane and a visit from the Amersham Mobile Museum.

The Produce Show was also, as ever, exceptionally run

by Val, Susie and the team. The huge amount of effort they put into this each year is immense - from the kids' workshops to the preparation of the hall through to the judging itself. We all owe them a big thank you.

Looking forward, we've got some fantastic events coming up including the Village Dinner, Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night and various Christmas events. You'll find more information in these pages but please do join in and get involved.

On that topic, after several years of wonderful support, Nicki Whitticase has stepped down from the Committee. We have benefitted from her wise editing of our Facebook page and much more besides. Thank you to Nicki and also to Trish who is now taking that on. We are on the look out for a couple of additional Committee members so please let any of us know if you're interested.

As ever, there are some fascinating articles in this edition, including from our junior reporter and various local residents. We thank Phil and Lisa for their time and fortitude in putting it together. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events throughout the autumn.





## Putting on a Show

**The entertainment arrived** from all directions at this year's spectacular Village Show. New showmeister, Mark Summers-West looked relaxed as stallholders old and new got themselves set up, rides arrived, Mare's farm dropped off animals and Phil's Porsche was stuffed full of balloons. In the food and drinks area Chris Stoneman had already fired up the barbeque and was serving the now traditional bacon rolls as Carl Leubbert-Rose swept in by helicopter. Chris was joined by village newbies Fiona and Mark Grotefeld, who manned our first vegetarian grill complete with haloumi skewers and veggie burgers. The fact that

everything sold out shows that it was great to eat as well as meat free.

In a chill wind, the tea, coffee and cakes stall was doing a brisk trade as Pearl Bennett announced that the Village Show was open. Inside the marquee, the tombola and raffle were given a boost courtesy of some fabulous donated prizes so a big thank you to all the local businesses and supporters for their contributions and to Trish, Nicki and Jade for securing them. With the bar already well into a barrel of Rebellion Ale and the Prosecco bar providing the bubbles, villagers were soon well fed, relaxed and ready for





some entertainment.

A wonderful addition to this year's show was the Amersham Community Band creating a quintessential British sound with some brass band harmonies.

In the Memorial Hall, the judges were hard at work deciding the prize winners from a huge number of entries into the Produce Show (more on p7). A lot of people work hard to prepare for the show but none more so than our Produce Show organisers, so a huge thanks to Val Dell and Susie Coyle for their hard work and sheer enthusiasm that made this year another memorable and successful event.

## FANTASTIC FLYPAST

With the band packed away (and enjoying the barbeque) and the sun out, we were treated to a fantastic sight as a Hawker Hurricane buzzed over the Common. Committee

member, Kate Alaway, was successful once again in securing the overhead contribution of the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flypast team and we could all enjoy the amazing acrobatics of this vintage plane.

Then it was Paul Coxhill's turn to preside over what is for many the highlight of the day; the Dog Show. There were more contenders than ever for Waggiest Tail and Paul did a great job keeping score amid the chaos.

Once order was restored, it was up to Val to announce the winners of the Produce Show and Mark to auction off the proceeds. With the bar almost dry and both barbeques completely sold out, the day was almost over. There was just time to have a brief sit down before it was time to don the glad rags for the Hoedown before collapsing in a heap at the end.

Many thanks to all the members of the Residents' Association for their hard work in keeping the tradition of

the Village Show alive (as you can see from the picture overleaf, it is a long one). Special thanks must also go to all of our many volunteers who baked cakes, manned stalls, drove a tractor, poured drinks, wanged wellies and so many other things which combined to make our annual extravaganza such a super day. And, of course, it goes without saying that we are also delighted with your support without which it simply wouldn't happen.

At the last count, the Village Show, Produce Show and Hoedown raised almost £3,000 which is a fantastic amount of money for village funds. It will be used for some running repairs to the floor of the marquee as well as some new lights, the cost of the Village News, insurance coverage for village events and the marquee and so many other things that bring life to our village. So, a big thank you for coming out and supporting as you make it all worthwhile.





## HO, HO, HOEDOWN

It is now a village tradition that, on the evening of the Show, we host a Hoedown; an evening of eating, drinking, dancing and, for some, singing!

A quick turnaround is needed to get the marquee ready at the end of the show and dress the tables ready for the evening's festivities.

Ably assisted by a lovely team of locals, Kate got the band set up, lined the edge of the marquee with hay bales and ensured we had enough tables and chairs for the 130+ ticket holders. Sure enough, barely had the table cloths stopped fluttering than the first guests arrived hungry and ready for their fish and chips.

This year's band, the Masters of the Tuneiverse, had a dodgy name but promised some great tunes and did not disappoint. With the wrappers cleared away, the stage was set for dancing and a good time was had by all.

## A LONG TRADITION

There has been a Produce Show in Winchmore Hill for as long as anyone can remember. Indeed, until 2000 that was all there was and it was just as competitive as it is today.

Thanks to Sue and Eric Miles we have a cutting from the Bucks Examiner of 1927 (overleaf) showing the different classes. At the time, the Show was raising money for the Memorial Hall, which had only recently been built and villagers were still paying off the cost.

Keen-eyed readers will spot some very familiar village names although goodness knows what style of music the Crotchet Band played for dancing in the evening.

## COULD YOU GET INVOLVED?

The Village Show, Produce Show and Hoedown make for an exhausting but very satisfying day. But they are also the culmination of a lot of planning and hard work by the Residents' Association Committee and the many villagers who give up their time.





It is a truism to say that these things don't just happen and we are always delighted to welcome new helpers young and old to the party. The range of things we do is completely dependent on people getting stuck in and it's always as much fun serving the cakes and drinks as consuming them (well, almost).

If you'd like to be part of next year's Show or have an idea for something that could be added, just get in touch with any of our Committee (details on p18), who would be very happy to hear from you.

As Paul has said, we are a couple of members down on the Residents' Association Committee itself and would be delighted to welcome some new members with energy and ideas. If you like the idea of a few evenings in one of our pubs talking about how we can make a difference to village life then this is your opportunity.

*Phil Savage*



## RIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1927.

### WINCHMORE HILL.

#### FLOWER SHOW AND FETE.

A fine day; an excellent attendance, and a really good display of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Here you have an ideal combination for a successful flower show and fete, and this was the combination which Winchmore Hill Flower Show and Fete had last Saturday, and the funds of the Memorial Hall (a hall still in debt) should materially benefit.

The schedule was not a heavy one, but all the classes were well filled, and the entries showed an increase upon last year.

Outstanding features of the vegetable classes were the marrow, potatoes, and runner beans. The flower classes made a dainty display, and the table decorations were a feature. Excellent collections of fruit, flowers, and vegetables were sent by Mr. H. Caddbury, of Knotty Green, and Mr. Beck, of Hertfordshire House.

#### Prize List.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

#### Flowers.

Table Decorations.—1, Mrs. Albert Sladen; 2, Mrs. Appleby.  
Bouquet.—1, F. Bird; 2, H. Redding; v.h.c., Mr. and Mrs. Heal (not for competition).

Sweet Peas.—1, J. Brackley; 2, T. Brackley; h.c., W. T. Edwards.  
Wild Flowers.—1, Quennie Slade; 2, Dorothy Appleby; h.c., Elsie Rose.

#### Vegetables.

Round Potatoes.—1, W. Francis; 2, J. Brackley; h.c., W. Brackley.  
Kidney Potatoes.—1, J. Brackley; 2, W. Francis; h.c., C. Francis.

Carrots.—1, J. Francis; 2, E. Bilby; h.c., J. Brackley.

Turnips.—1, E. Bilby; 2, A. Wingrove (sen.); h.c., W. Francis.

Peas.—1, J. Francis; 2, J. Lea; h.c., A. Payne.

Runner Beans.—1, W. Francis; 2, W. Brackley; h.c., A. Wingrove.

Beet.—1, W. Brackley; 2, J. Brackley; h.c., E. Bilby.

Parsnips.—1, J. Francis; 2, W. Francis; h.c., A. Wingrove.

Spring Onions.—1, W. Meeks; 2, J. E. Brackley; h.c., A. Wingrove.

Winter Onions.—1, W. Brackley; 2, A. G. Rogers; h.c., J. Francis.

Marrows.—1, J. Brackley; 2, P. Tucker; h.c., W. Brackley.

Cabbage.—1, P. Tucker; 2, J. Brackley; h.c., G. Smith.

Cauliflower.—1, W. Brackley; 2, A. G. Rogers; h.c., A. Wingrove.

Collection of Vegetables.—1, W. Brackley; 2, J. Brackley.

Shallots.—1, W. Francis; 2, W. Brackley; h.c., F. Payne.

#### Fruit.

**Fruit.**  
Cooking Apples.—1, G. Hanes; 2, S. Pursey.  
Desert Apples.—1, S. Ware; 2, J. Hatch.  
Plums.—1, S. Heat; 2, W. Wilkins.  
Gooseberries.—1, A. Sears; 2, Fred Payne.  
Currants.—1, W. Wilkins; 2, P. Brackley.

#### Sports.

Such a fete would have been incomplete without a sports programme, and this was most attractive. The five-mile Marathon for the challenge cup was the outstanding race, and this was won by R. Busby. In this race Hughes (Wycombe Phoenix Harriers) made a splendid show, completing the distance in 23 minutes. W. Brackley cleared 4ft. 9ins. in the high jump and secured first prize. The obstacle and the ladies' races were also features, and these caused much amusement. The winners of the races were:—

Boys under 10. 1, F. Rose; 2, D. Ford; 3, C. Payne.

Girls under 10.—1, E. Pursey; 2, K. Hatch; 3, V. Bryant.

Boys, 10 to 14.—1, T. Slade; 2, F. Rose; 3, M. Rolfe.

Girls, 10 to 14.—1, E. Rogers; 2, E. Rose; 3, I. Appleby.

440 Yards Open.—1, A. Hoare; 2, J. Worley; 3, J. Collins.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—1, V. Brackley; 2, W. Redding.

Five-mile Marathon for Grand Challenge Cup.—1, R. Cusby; 2, E. Harman; 3, B. Harman.

Ladies' Race (75 yards).—1, Mrs. A. Turner; 2, Miss D. Brackley.

Cents Four-legged Race.—1, A. Cox's team; 2, W. Edward's team.

Ladies' Thread Needle Race.—1, Mrs. A. Turner; 2, Miss L. Keen.

800 Yards (Open).—1, A. Hoare; 2, W. Keen; 3, J. Reece.

High Jump.—1, W. Brackley; 2, V. Brackley.

100 Yards (Open). Heat 1: 1, A. Payne; 2, D. Quelch; 3, W. Payne.

Heat 2: 1, V. Brackley; 2, F. Williams; 3, J. Worley. Final: 1, A. Payne; 2, F. Williams; 3, W. Payne.

Obstacle Race.—1, A. Warwick; 2, R. Revel.

One Mile (Open).—1, A. Hoare; 2, W. Gomm; 3, R. Busby.

#### Other Events.

The Crotchet Band was in attendance and played for dancing in the evening at the Memorial Hall. There were the usual amusements.

Miss Taylor (Coleshill) presented the prizes.

#### Contributors to the Prize List.

Amongst those who contributed to the prize list were:—Messrs. Miles & Co., Messrs. Hearn Bros. (both of Penn Street), and Messrs. Rose & Co. (Winchmore Hill). Their gifts were an arm chair, a smoking chair, and a lady's chair.

**Committee and Horticultural Judges.**  
Judges.—Mr. Dyer (head gardener to Earl Howe), and Mr. Brown (head gardener to Miss Taylor).

Management Committee.—Messrs. A. Wells, A. Payne (sen.), A. Pursey, A. Wingrove, and W. T. Edwards.

Sports Committee.—Messrs. W. H. Parlow, H. Beasley, Geo. Redding, W. Redding and F. Sears.

Ladies' Committee.—Mrs. Wingrove, Mrs. W. Rose (jun.), Mrs. Smith, Mrs. W. Rose (sen.).





# Shocks and surprises in a vintage Produce Show

This year's Show was a real classic thanks to you.

**Well, what a show!** We'd love to give a huge THANK YOU to all contributors, young and old, whose entries made for such a great Produce Show this year. The atmosphere was buzzing as villagers proudly brought in their carefully created or nurtured entries for the show. On Saturday, after all the entries had been dropped off, the Memorial Hall was a mass of colours, smells and displays of artistic talent. Once everything had been entered into the database, the total number of entries was 347 - a great result and similar to last year.

We had the hall open and ready to receive entries from 4.30 on the Friday evening - this was very helpful as we can't arrange the space until we have all entries in. This year we had lots of Lemon Drizzle cakes, but only one entry in the meringue category. Nightmare!

It was a challenging year for growing things, but with the word out that one of our finest growers was not able to enter anything this year, the competition was thrown wide open. Residents raided their veg plots with cautious optimism to the point where the longest runner bean was won by one of our youngest exhibitors from the children's allotment plot! Feedback from the produce judge was great. He was impressed with such a display from a small village and congratulated everyone who had entered.

In the cooking section, there was a big surprise with a new resident entering many of the categories with all her fabulous baking beautifully presented in boxes! Thank you, Josie, as these made for a great boost to the auction

coffers too. The cookery entries were abundant and flowed in on Saturday morning fresh from the oven! A big thank you to all and especially the children who entered an item into the cooking categories with the help from Mummy or Daddy! Great to have a few entries from the 11-15 groups, with a delicious chocolate cake coming in on Saturday morning.....after a little encouragement on Friday evening. Well done, Holly!

The arts section saw an influx of entries from the children who came along to the two crafting days we held in the Memorial Hall earlier in the week. The workshops are the result of many hours of work by Susie and myself - gathering ideas for the different age groups, planning and sourcing all the resources. The children were very keen to enter in every category open to them so that made the days very busy - it was interesting to see young creative minds working on their specific item with the exact detail they wanted! We were delighted to see some entries from the older age group this year. We are sure there is plenty of art work in this category hiding in teens bedrooms - please bring it to the show next year and maybe win a prize! Any ideas for categories specific to our 11-15 year olds would be gratefully received to ensure that we get lots of entries in 2020.

Photos were a plenty! With many arriving on Friday evening, it gave us time to arrange the display. Entries in this field, however, were still coming in on Saturday morning, which meant the display had to be finished with

the judge waiting on the sidelines so next year we will have a deadline of Friday evening for all photos.

A very big thank you to Greta Reading for polishing the village silver cups so they were all gleaming and ready to present to the winners. The Cup prizes went out to the following residents:

- Produce Cup - Michael Bayley
- Cooking Platter - Josie Edwards
- Photography Shield - Denise Nolan

- Frank Johnson Shield from Iris Johnson - Riley Barron
- Children's under-5 Cup - Evan Whitticase
- Children's 6-10 Year Olds Cup - Eliana McNeil

Thank you once again to all who presented items for the Show. It is completely anonymous to enter as we use a very clever database so please don't be shy, think about a project for next year to enter into adult crafts as that is always short of entries, and you never know, you might win!

*Val Dell and Susie Coyle*

## Workshop wonders

Each year Val and Susie run fabulous craft workshops for village children. Are they fun? Here's what some of the youngsters had to say.

Thank you very much Val and Susie. My favourite bits were making the Pom Pom animal and windmill.

Love *Carys*

Thank you for helping me and for all the paint and glitter and pipe cleaners. I am so happy with my cup!

*Evan*

My favourite thing was doing the bottle top picture. Thank you for your help.

Love *Bethan*

Thank you very much to Susie and Val, especially for doing the pom-pom animals, please do it again next year!

Love *Amelia*

My favourite bit was making my pebble pets I love them! I also had so much fun making a paper plate puppy. Thank you Val.

*Martha*

Thank you!! for helping me and you are the best artists :)  
*Dylan*

Thank you Val I really enjoyed making my Pom Pom with you. Thank you for supplying all those lolly sticks. I had great fun designing my stable yard. Thank you.  
*Ellie*

Thank you Val and Susie. I loved painting my kite and making my pompom bunny. I love coming every Summer!

Love *Eliana x*

I love the crafting workshops. I loved making my miniature garden and using my imagination to create a story. My lollipop lantern was a real challenge! I loved everything in the crafting workshop. Thank you for helping me Susie and Val  
*Elias x*





Category	Class	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Vegetables	Potatoes white or coloured	ALEX MAHONEY	MICHAEL BAYLEY	
Vegetables	Green Runner Beans	MAURICE WINGROVE	GEOFF DELL	
Vegetables	Longest Runner Bean	DYLAN WHITTICASE	EVAN WHITTICASE	GEOFF DELL
Vegetables	Dwarf French Bean	MICHAEL BAYLEY	PAUL AND JOSIE EDWARDS	
Vegetables	Carrots	GERALD TACK	PAUL AND JOSIE EDWARDS	ALISON MAHONEY
Vegetables	Tomatoes	MICHAEL BAYLEY	DENISE NOWLAN	
Vegetables	Cherry Tomatoes	MICHAEL BAYLEY	SUSIE COYLE	PATRICIA STIRLING
Vegetables	Chillies	SUE ELSWORTH	ELIAS MCNEIL	
Vegetables	Onions	GEOFF DELL	KEITH HAMLYN	RITA SMITH
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	GERALD TACK	PHIL SAVAGE	
Vegetables	Heaviest Pumpkin	BIRDIE BARRON	TONY DAVIES	
Vegetables	Beetroot	ALISON MAHONEY	SUE ELSWORTH	GEOFF DELL
Vegetables	Cucumber	MICHAEL BAYLEY	PAUL AND JOSIE EDWARDS	ALISON MAHONEY
Vegetables	Squashes	PATRICIA STIRLING	MICHAEL BAYLEY	ARCHIE DAY
Vegetables	Any leaf vegetable	GEOFF DELL	SUE ELSWORTH	MICHAEL BAYLEY
Vegetables	Oddest shaped vegetable	SIMEON CROOKS	PAUL AND JOSIE EDWARDS	EVAN WHITTICASE
Vegetables	Any other ROOT Vegetable	MICHAEL BAYLEY	JAMES WHITTICASE	
Vegetables	Any vegetable grown ABOVE ground	ALISON MAHONEY		
Fruit	Plums	IRJA HOWIE		
Fruit	Apples Desert	GERALD TACK	ADRIAN MARTIN	ADRIAN MARTIN
Fruit	Apples Cookers	GERALD TACK		
Fruit	Raspberries	SUE ELSWORTH	TONY COYLE	MAURICE WINGROVE
Fruit	Any other soft fruit	CHRIS BECK	ELIAS MCNEIL	
Flowers	Mixed bouquet - hand tied	JOSIE EDWARDS	DOROTHY WINGROVE	
Flowers	One hand tied buttonhole	ELIANA MCNEIL/JOSIE EDWARDS	LIZ LEAN	
Flowers	Sunflower head	KEITH HAMLYN	JOSIE EDWARDS	
Flowers	Bouquet Gami	JOSIE EDWARDS	LISA GOODWIN	PATRICIA STIRLING
Children's Produce	Miniature garden	MAYA COXHILL	ELISSA CROOKS	SIMEON CROOKS
Children's Produce	Any item grown by a child on the allotment	SIMEON CROOKS	ELIANA MCNEIL	ELIAS MCNEIL
Cookery	Jar of Preserve	JOSIE EDWARDS	LIZ LEAN	NICKI WHITTICASE
Cookery	Jar of Marmalade	JOSIE EDWARDS	ALISON BAYLEY	SUE ELSWORTH
Cookery	Jar of Chutney or Pickle	LIZ LEAN	PHIL SAVAGE	VAL DELL
Cookery	Homemade Sweets	LIZ LEAN	LAYLA DAVIES	
Cookery	Lemon drizzle cake	SUE ELSWORTH	TRISH BRAY	CAJSA DYKE
Cookery	Meringue nests	LIZ LEAN		
Cookery	Decorated cup cakes	JOSIE EDWARDS	SARAH LOVELL	LIZ LEAN
Cookery	Chocolate tray bake	LIZ LEAN	JOSIE EDWARDS	TRISH BRAY
Cookery	A single portion savoury pie	JOSIE EDWARDS	LIZ LEAN	TRISH BRAY
Cookery	Biscuits	PATRICIA STIRLING	JOSIE EDWARDS	LIZ LEAN
Cookery	Seeded bread rolls	SUE ELSWORTH	ALISON BAYLEY	JOSIE EDWARDS
Cookery	Handmade Speciality Bread	JOSIE EDWARDS	GEOFF DELL	SUE ELSWORTH
Cookery	A fruit tart	JOSIE EDWARDS	LIZ LEAN	SUE ELSWORTH
Cookery	Scones	JOSIE EDWARDS	VAL DELL	ALISON BAYLEY
Cookery	Cocktail sausage rolls	JOSIE EDWARDS	LIZ LEAN	SUE ELSWORTH
Children 5 & Under	Rock cakes	BIRDIE BARRON	STELLA JACKSON	EVAN WHITTICASE
Children 5 & Under	Decorated rich tea biscuits	BIRDIE BARRON	JAY LOVELL	MILLIE/LACIE CHAMPION
Children 6~10 Years	Chocolate rice crispie cakes	MARLEY BARRON	ELIANA/ELIAS MCNEIL	
Children 6~10 Years	Flap Jacks	THISBE MARR-JOHNSON	MARLEY BARRON	DYLAN WHITTICASE
Children 6~10 Years	Decorated gingerbread-man/person	THISBE MARR-JOHNSON	ELIAS/ELIANA MCNEIL	
Children 11~15 Years	Chocolate Cake	HOLLY MARTIN		
Children 11~15 Years	Homemade decorated biscuits	JAZMINE STIRLING		
Art	Textiles	MARILYN EDWARDS	ALISON BAYLEY	CLARE RICHARDSON
Art	Craft drinks	PHIL SAVAGE	ALEX MAHONEY	
Art	Upcycled item	NIGEL CLOGG		
Art	Handmade greetings card	ALISON BAYLEY	DENISE NOWLAN	NIGEL CLOGG
Art	Free style craft	PAT HOPPER	DAVID HOPPER	BRODIE STIRLING
Children 5 & Under	Paper Crown	BIRDIE BARRON	MARTHA SEDDON	EVAN WHITTICASE
Children 5 & Under	Paper Plate Animal	FREIA HOWIE	EVAN WHITTICASE	FREIA HOWIE
Children 5 & Under	Picture using bottle tops	EVAN WHITTICASE	ELISSA CROOKS	BETHAN JONES
Children 5 & Under	Pebble Pets	EVAN WHITTICASE	SAMMY ATKINS-ONEILL	MARTHA SEDDON
Children 6~10 Years	Pompom Animal	AMELIA BRAITHWAITE	MAYA COXHILL	CARYS JONES
Children 6~10 Years	Lollipop stick model	ELLIE SEDDON	ELIAS MCNEIL	ELIANA MCNEIL
Children 6~10 Years	Lego model	CHARLIE LOVELL	AVA PERRY	LAYLA DAVIES
Children 6~10 Years	Kite	ORSON CHICK	AMELIA BRAITHWAITE	DYLAN WHITTICASE
Children 6~10 Years	Paper windmill	SIMEON CROOKS	ELIANA MCNEIL	CARYS JONES
Children 11~15 Years	Piece of artwork	JAZMINE STIRLING	RILEY BARRON	JAZMINE STIRLING
Children 11~15 Years	Air dried clay item	BRYN DAVIES	AUDIE COYLE	HAL BRAITHWAITE
Photography	Winchmore Hill village life	DENISE NOWLAN	PHIL SAVAGE	PHIL SAVAGE
Photography	A national monument	DOM GEORGE	DOM GEORGE	NIGEL CLOGG
Photography	Waves	DENISE NOWLAN	IAN BROWN	HOLLY MARTIN
Photography	Single flower (close up)	DENISE NOWLAN	FELIX RICHARDSON	ELI BARRON





## What's on this autumn.

With some old favourites and some new appearances there is an event for everyone to get involved with in the run-up to Christmas. **Lisa Plumridge** has some details.

**3-COURSE MEAL**

**LIVE BAND  
THE SHANKS**

**WIN PRIZES WITH A  
FUN CASINO**

**TICKETS  
£35 PER PERSON**

**WINCHMORE HILL  
VILLAGE MEAL**  
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### WORKING LUNCH

Our monthly Working Lunch meets have proven a welcome occasional diversion for those of us who work from home or mostly on our own. The premise was for an easy social gathering with others in a similar work situation with very loose networking opportunities. The result has been parties of between two and twelve and different conversation than you might otherwise enjoy during the working week. All are welcome, however loosely you fit into the 'work from home' category – previous attendees have been artists to graphic designers, teachers to events managers – regardless of whether you're more comfortable in shirt and tie, overalls or leotard. Lunches are the third Thursday of the month, noon-2pm at the Potters Arms.

### POTTERS ARMS COMEDY

There are four more comedy nights at the Potters Arms this year. On Thursday October 31st, Scott Bennett will be gracing the stage. According to our sources, Scott is tipped to be the next big arena filler so don't miss this chance to see him before he hits the bigtime. On Thursday November 28th, Potters Arms favourite Ian Stone makes an appearance. Many of you will know Stoney from his stints on Mock the Week, Fighting Talk and Love Sport Radio. On Thursday December 12th Ninia Benjamin will be returning to appear on her birthday – no presents needed



but rum if you insist. On Thursday December 19th, Irish funnyman Andrew Maxwell will be in residence. Tickets are all available at the Potters and selling fast.

## WHRA LITTER PICK

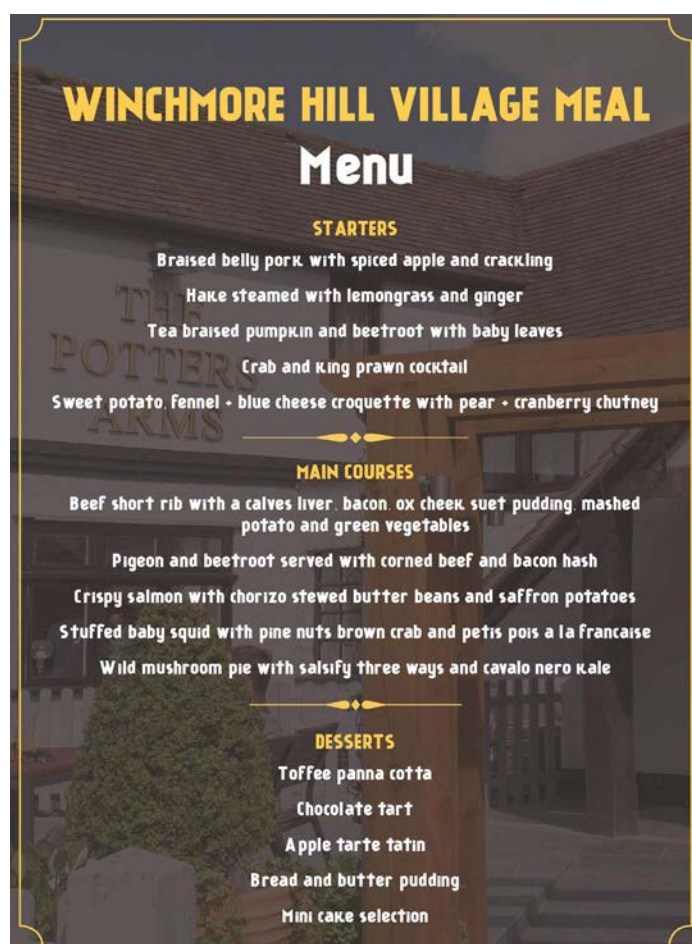
Twice a year a merry crew of pickers sets out to tidy up the paths and hedgerows around our lovely village. Our autumn pick is on October 19th, when we'll meet on the Common at 2pm. This is a fantastic family event and there are prizes for both the biggest haul and the most unusual finds. Please join us – afterwards we'll have pizza at the Potters Arms.

## HALLOWEEN

October 31st sees ghouls, sprites and all sorts of dress-up in the streets of our village with big and small kids trick or treating their way around neighbours and friends. If you're happy to be called upon, please display a lit pumpkin or similar and be prepared to hand out sweets and goodies or face the consequences! The fun starts at dusk and is generally over by 9pm... or whenever the sweets run out.

## VILLAGE MEAL AT THE POTTERS ARMS

The Village Meal is on Saturday 16th November from 7:30pm with house band The Shanks as well as a charity casino with roulette and pontoon, run by barman CJ's dad Jim of Crown Casino. Tickets cost £35 and are available at the Potters – the event is generally a sellout.



## WINCHMORE HILL CRICKET CLUB FIREWORKS

The Cricket Club's bonfire night with fireworks is on Sunday 3rd November. The bar and barbecue open at 6pm, the fire will be lit at 7pm and fireworks will follow at 7.30pm. This event is known far and wide for the quality of the display. Adults £6 and children £3, £15 for a family of four and under-5s free.

## BONFIRE NIGHT ON THE COMMON

The spirit of Guy Fawkes is alive and kicking in Winchmore Hill and on Tuesday November 5th the Common will be the scene of an impressive bonfire, sparklers galore and a guy competition. The mound of garden waste, pallettes, etc, will start to form from Sunday 3rd November and you're welcome to add untreated wood only to the pile. We avoid starting this any earlier both to stop animals taking shelter within and to deter fly-tippers (previous additions have been sofas, baths and even a dead sheep). The Potters Arms has kindly sponsored this event, covering the insurance cost of £250. You will be able to buy a pack of sparklers for £2. The fire will be lit at 5.30pm and guys will be paraded around the fire at 6.30pm for judging. Please note that for both safety and insurance reasons there are strictly no fireworks at this event.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH AND MEMORIAL HALL

On Sunday November 10th there will be a service at 10am at the Methodist Church followed by the traditional wreath-laying at the entrance to the Memorial Hall. We will gather at around 10.50am for readings, the Last Post at 11am, the exhortation followed by two minutes' silence and then the Reveille. Afterwards, refreshments and cakes will be served inside the main hall. Nick and Sue Taylor always kindly provide the wreath and bugler Kim Speller, who was born in the village and still plays for Amersham Band, plays the Last Post and Reveille. Please do join us for all or any part of the morning's events.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

On December 16th we'll gather in the Memorial Hall for Christmas carols accompanied by the Amersham Band. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 6pm and the band will start up at 7pm. There's a suggested donation of £2 for adults and £1 for children for this event to cover the band's fee.

## BURNS NIGHT AT THE POTTERS ARMS

On Friday 24th January Neil Gauld and bagpipes will once again be at the Potters Arms, accompanied by his dad, who takes the lead on the Address to the Haggis. Richard has a great selection of whiskies both for pouring over the haggis before the crowd tucks in and for sipping on after supper.



# Serving up a super first event

A new community event made good use of the Common for food and fun, says Kate Alaway.

**This summer** saw us hold our first village barbeque. Despite the weather not being very kind to us on the day, a fairly large group of villagers still congregated on the Common, with food, drink and gazebos! And with the sun making an appearance later on it was a lovely afternoon of chatting, eating, drinking and playing games.

We wanted to make the event fun but also easy for people to attend. To help this happen we lit the barbeque owned by the Residents Association and then left it up to each group to cook their food when they wanted it. A bit like at a party where you all end up hanging out in the kitchen, a large group stood round the barbeque admiring the feasts that were being cooked!

After we had all eaten, a game of rounders started up. With kids as easily able to join in as adults it was great fun and pretty competitive!! Although I had forgotten quite how hard it is to hit the ball any distance....

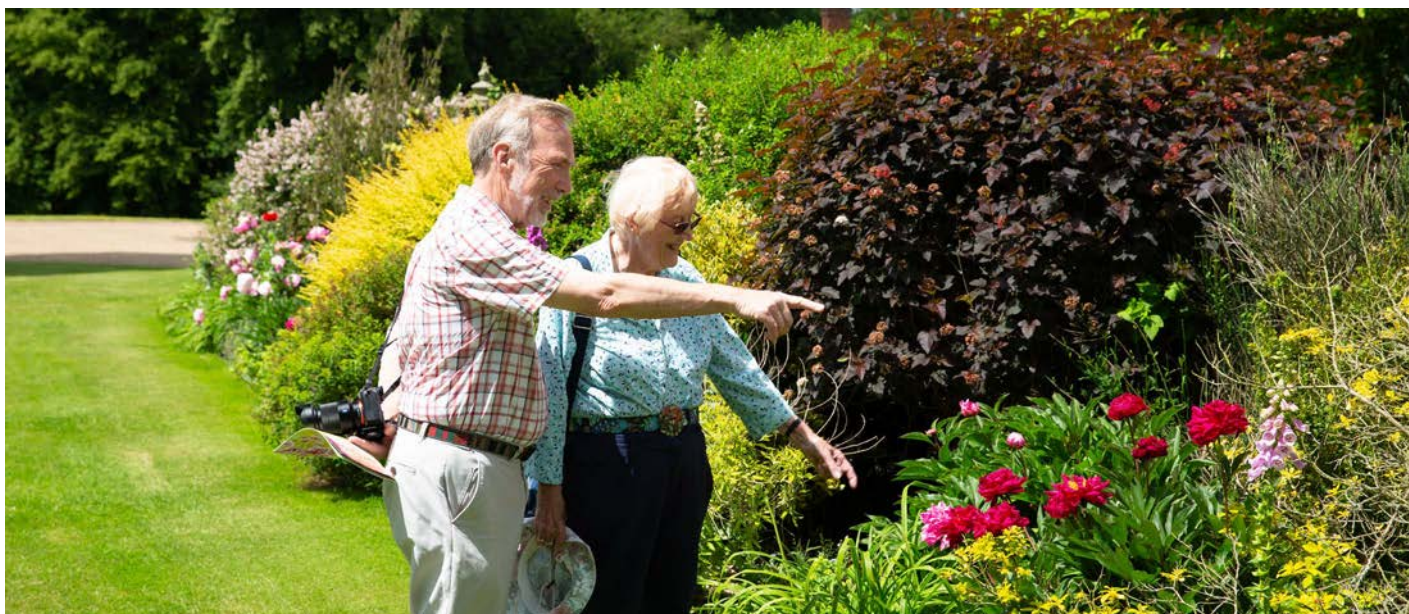
We also attempted tug of war....again the kids joined in enthusiastically probably as they were less concerned about pulling a muscle!

We wanted to run this event to bring the community together in June, a month when we don't traditionally have any other village events on and before families disappear off for their holidays. It felt like a success and definitely something that we would look to repeat next year. Watch this space...

*Chris Stoneman and Kate Alaway*







# Open for Charity

This year's Open Gardens raised almost £400 for Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

**So many of** our summer events are weather dependent and Open Gardens is no exception. So it was great to pull back the curtains on a blazing May day safe in the knowledge that the gardeners' work would be seen by a crowd.

It is no exaggeration to say that as we opened there was a clamour of visitors keen to get on their tour attracted perhaps by the fact that the Penn House garden was open. Over the course of the afternoon we had more than 160 people from the local area and the wonderful comments from fellow gardeners made it all worthwhile.

Many thanks to everyone who opened their garden, tidied the allotments, volunteered to man the Memorial Hall or donated cakes. It was a super afternoon and raised a considerable sum for a very good cause. Below

is an extract from the letter received from Rennie Grove Hospice Care:

*On behalf of everyone at Rennie Grove Hospice Care I would like to say a huge thank you very much to the Winchmore Hill Residents' Association for supporting us with your Open Gardens event and raising an amazing £392.15. We really appreciate your generosity. We rely heavily on our local community for 87% of our £7.9m annual running costs and your amazing support and contributions will help us to keep on caring.*

**Hazel Bendon, Senior Community Fundraiser.**

If you would like to add your garden to the tour next year do contact [phil.savage@sbcoms.com](mailto:phil.savage@sbcoms.com)



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# A Kiwi in Winchmore Hill

Junior Reporter **Audi Coyle** tells us about one of his country's iconic creatures.

**Hi, my name is Audi Coyle.** I was born and lived in New Zealand until 2016 when my family and I moved to Winchmore Hill. I thought it would be cool to share some facts with you about one of New Zealand's icons – the Kiwi.

What is unusual and interesting about the Kiwi?

- Although it has a tiny wing, it is unable to fly. Kiwis belong to an ancient group of birds that can't fly called ratites.
- Kiwis are often referred to as honorary mammals as they have feathers like hair, nostrils at the end of their beak and lay enormous eggs.
- Most Kiwis are nocturnal birds, heading out to forage for food. At night in the native bush surrounding our house, I often heard the male calling to the female so that they could locate each other.



- Kiwis are omnivores, eating a range of food including bugs, berries and their favourite, the native New Zealand worm.
- Kiwis only have one mate, sharing a burrow together and perform duets to each other at night.
- Most people think there is only one type of Kiwi but they would be mistaken – in fact there are ten!
- The Kiwi is a very endangered species and there are many trusts to help the special bird of New Zealand.

## Our close encounter with a Kiwi

My mum was driving along the road one day and spotted a little brown fluffy thing in the middle of the road. She pulled over and realised that it was a tiny Kiwi. Knowing how endangered they are, she caught it and took it home.

As Mum worked for a Kiwi Education Trust, she knew to deliver the tiny Kiwi to the local Native Bird Recovery Centre. They were very excited to have a baby Kiwi to look after. Our rescued Kiwi stayed at the centre for a few weeks whilst they fed it up to a good weight. They then contacted us and asked if we'd like to release our Kiwi on a special island called Limestone Island, off Whangarei. The island is rodent free and means that the Kiwi can grow up safely before being released back into the wild.

I was very lucky to be able to do this - most New Zealanders have never seen a Kiwi, let alone handled one. If you want to ask me more about Kiwi, I'm the one on the red scooter whizzing round the village!

*If you have a subject you're keen to share, contact the editor to be our next Junior Reporter.*



# In her own words

Steph Luebbert-Rose

**I was brought** up in Penn so I knew about Winchmore Hill but I hadn't been to the village. Both Carl and I worked for British Airways and people assume we met through work but actually we met online, which was good as everyone I worked with told me to avoid pilots.

Carl's family are in Germany but all my friends and family are here so I always wanted to move back. My parents do the quiz at the Potters Arms and I came up with them once and thought this is quite a nice part of the world. Then, when we were looking for houses, I saw this place online.

My dad said: 'I think that might be Arthur's house'. Arthur was the best friend of my dad's cousin and he put us in contact. It had been on the market for a while but it was more than we wanted to pay as we knew we wanted to do renovations. We would come on walks in the village and see people coming to view it. Fortunately it didn't sell so eventually Arthur gave in and we got it.

That was in November 2016 but we lived with my parents for a year while the building was going on. We got married in June 2017 and found out I was pregnant with twins in October. That wasn't on our radar at all so it was a complete shock. We moved in in January 2018 and I had two boys, Finley and Austin, in June. I went into labour on our first wedding anniversary so that was a life-changing 18 months.

When we got home from the hospital there was a letter to me from a lady called Ellen across the Common. She had found out from some other neighbours that I was expecting twins so she introduced herself and told me she had twins too. She said she knew how tough it could be and gave me her number which was so nice as it was completely overwhelming. Her twins were three and she also had a boy of six months.

It's good to have my parents close by to help as Carl's away quite a bit. But since we moved in we have got to know people and some of my friends have moved into the village. Melissa is next door with a 3½-year-old and a little girl a bit younger than the boys. Then one of my school friends, Emily, and her husband Adam bought Orchard Rise and now they've got a little boy who's six months' older than our two. So we already know two children from the boys' school year hopefully at Coleshill.

We were both brought up in a village and wanted that life when we were thinking about where to live. We wanted to be in a community where people look out for each other and the children. The Common with the children's play area was a big selling point too and we love all the village events.

We always said this was going to be our forever home and unless anything dramatic happens our intention is to stay here.







## Winning in the warm

Sport needn't have you working up a lather. **Lisa Plumridge** shares opportunities for some mental stimulation and social interaction to be enjoyed inside during the winter evenings.

**We're lucky** to be surrounded by rolling countryside in our corner of the Chilterns, perfect for relaxing rambles and meandering dog walks. If you want to up the ante, there are plenty of fitness classes, bootcamps, yoga and pilates sessions and even senior ballet classes for those so inclined. Do see below and opposite for listings in the local area.

If you're looking for more leisurely pursuits or some company as the nights draw in, you're also well catered for. The Potters Arms is no stranger to games, with a resident darts team practicing one or two nights a week and hosting away teams fortnightly. The Cricket Club also has darts on a Friday night. Cribbage and dominoes players meet up every couple of weeks at the Potters and an iPad-based speed quiz is held on Wednesdays twice a month. Those on their own are welcomed into established teams although going it alone is also an option.

From October, there's a new date to add to the diary in the form of a Games Night every second Thursday of the month from 8pm. Feel free to bring your own games or simply join in whatever's on offer. Expect everything from Backgammon to Yahtzee, Scrabble to Mah Jong. In the meantime, there are various board games available for all to

use on the shelves next to the bar.

If crafting's more your thing, there's a thriving stitching group that meets from 7.30pm at the Potters Arms each Monday night. A relaxed crowd of knitters, cross-stitchers and crocheters are on hand to guide beginners and improvers with spare needles, yarn and a no-nonsense attitude to the trickiest of patterns.

The WHRA have also discussed for some time the idea of a film club, in the Memorial Hall during the colder months but open air as the weather improves. If you'd like to get involved with this initiative, please get in touch.

**The Fitness Function** is a privately-owned fitness studio in De Havilland Court, Penn Street. They offer small group exercise classes and personal training, including Pilates, Yoga, Indoor Cycling, Barre Fusion, Kettlebells, Body Blast and Gravity classes on Total Gym machines. There are no membership charges or joining fees – simply pay for the classes you wish to attend and mix and match as much as you like! Let the expert team help improve your health, fitness and well-being. Free trial classes available! [www.thefitnessfunction.com](http://www.thefitnessfunction.com), Tel: 01494 416171



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#### **Outside Fitness and Indoor Nutrition Sessions**

Get out and get active with villagers Carly and Steve Pater on the Common each Tuesday from 10-11am while also raising money for charity. Carly and Steve also run nutrition sessions in the Memorial Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Contact Carly Hewitt on 07518 222700 for details

#### **Winchmore Hill Memorial Hall**

Monday 1-2pm, Silver Swans Ballet for over-55s

Tuesday 9.30-11am, Yoga with Trix

Wednesday 10-12pm, Mother and Toddlers' Group

Wednesday 7.30-9pm, Yoga with Trix

Thursday 9-10am, Legs bums and tums for over 60s

#### **Outside Fitness and Indoor Nutrition Sessions**

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## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

**Our focus** has been 80% on preparations for the Village Show but that's not quite all we have talked about over the past four months. We have considered a planning application for a new phone mast in the village and been asked for our view on the makeup of the sub committees of the Unitary Council. Exciting stuff? Maybe not, but it will affect life in the village so it is definitely worthy of our attention.

WHRA secretary, Kate, posts news

via email and Trish has recently taken over our Facebook posts so you can always see what is happening. In the past six months news has ranged from security concerns to roadworks and lost cats so for village news as it happens follow us on Facebook @winchmorehillra and do add your email to the Residents' Association mailing list by writing to [kate@winchmorehillra.com](mailto:kate@winchmorehillra.com).

One development since the Village Show has been our new WHRA logo and strapline 'Your Winchmore Hill'. The hope is that this will make

Residents' Association events clearer and encourage everyone in the village to support.



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Your Winchmore Hill

The new Residents' Association logo

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pictures of the current committee are below. Please feel free to use the emails below to contact a member of the committee. Kate is always interested in receiving new village email addresses to add to the circulation list. Articles or suggestions for the Village News can be sent to Phil or Lisa and Trish puts out messages on Facebook

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Trish Bray



As well as in the Village News, the logo will start to appear on marketing materials for the Show and other village events. We are planning to have some new signs created for next year's show and to roll the branding out on compostable/reuseable cups to reduce single-use plastic waste. Where you see the logo next to an event you will know that it is put on by villagers for villagers (and guests) and that any proceeds will go back into the village too.

The village marquee is currently standing in the grounds of a school in Northwood. The school has hired it to provide a space for P.E. lessons while their sports hall is being redeveloped and it is expected to be there until the Spring at least.

The rental income, a year of successful events and the support of local businesses who advertise in the Village News means the Residents' Association has built up a financial surplus. Whilst it is good to have some contingency money in the bank, we are also looking at ways in which some of this money might be spent to benefit the village.

Among the ideas we are considering are a new bench seat by Gawde Water pond, improved speed awareness signs in the village, seeds for a wildflower meadow in the lower part of The Common, improvements to the play area and a very interesting proposal to run film nights in the Memorial Hall.

If you have thoughts on these or any other ideas for improvements to village life do please contact a member of the Committee.

*Phil Savage*

## COUNCIL NEWS

In the last issue we reported that our Chiltern District Council will become part of Buckinghamshire Council in April 2020.

As part of that change more services will be moved online. At present this will be via the Chiltern website, [www.chiltern.gov.uk](http://www.chiltern.gov.uk) and now everyone can sign up for their own user account. This is a new initiative

allowing you to message the council about various services and it will become more important when we move to a unitary council.

Current services are limited to waste collections but this will be expanded in the coming months to include licensing of bars and events and environmental health which covers elements such as anti-social behaviour, dog fouling, drains and sewers and unauthorised encampments.

To find out more and to create your personal user account visit the Chiltern website.

## Social Prescribing

Traditional ideas about "going to the doctors" are changing as a result of a new free initiative known as social prescribing.

Around half of GP appointments are not related to medical conditions and solutions can be better found by directing patients to social and community settings as opposed to prescribing medication.

Social prescribing supports individuals to take control of their health and improve their own wellbeing. It is designed for people with social, emotional or practical needs who need a little help navigating through community-based services and organisations available locally.

Social prescribing improves access to local community groups who can offer opportunities for volunteering, learning, arts, sporting and cultural activities. These can help boost confidence, decrease anxiety, depression and social isolation and help improve communities

Chiltern District Council is supporting the scheme which is an NHS initiative currently being set up across Buckinghamshire. If you could benefit you can access it through a GP referral. Your GP will connect you with a social prescribing link worker to talk to about your concerns and the factors affecting your health. Find out more at your local surgery.

If you work in the voluntary community sector you may be

interested in a Social Prescribing Networking and Information event taking place at the Kings Church, Raans Road, Amersham on Thursday 17th October between 5-8pm.

The event has been organised by Chiltern District Council to bring together health service providers and increase awareness of the opportunities social prescribing offers.

## MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

We are delighted to see the Memorial Hall in continued use for local family celebrations and village events.

The Village Show was, as always, a wonderful highlight - as were the craft workshops run in preparation by Val and Susie.

We are so lucky to have a village hall with a lovely garden too, and we have been pleased to support the Toddler Group by investing a grant from the Penn Parish Council into improving it for our youngest visitors.

The playhouses had become damaged, so we replaced one with a brand new play castle, and have bought a new playhouse to replace the other one. It was therefore a shame to find the castle damaged and bent within weeks following heavy-handed use by older children. The equipment is not designed to withstand their weight and strength.

We have now fixed the castle, but before we install the new playhouse we are going to need to discuss at our next meeting how we can protect them, potentially by installing some new fencing. It would be sad to have to do that, so while we consider our options Please help us look after this village asset by:

- Only allowing young, toddler children on this equipment
- Not allowing your children to use the Hall garden unsupervised as a public playground

Thank you for your understanding and support!

If you are not familiar with the hall yet do take a look on the website [www.winchmorehill.community](http://www.winchmorehill.community) to see classes that take place there for adults

and children, and find out availability for your next family event. I know I'm biased, but it really is a lovely hall - and the hire rates are very good value!

*Irja Howie*

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## OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Coleshill CofE Infant School

The term has started well and we are delighted to welcome our new teaching staff Mrs Bajwa, Miss Keep and Mrs Dennehy to our school. Mrs Robertson retired at the end of last term after 23 years' service and will be sorely missed. We also welcome Mrs Mundy, our new Bursar to the school.

Our new Reception children have settled in well and are getting used to their 'big' school routine. This term everyone is taking part in a topic on 'Buildings' and the whole school will be visiting the Chiltern Open Air Museum in November as part of this topic. We have various activities planned for the children including art and sporting activities and a visit from a GB athlete. The children will also be attending a variety of different sporting events including an outdoor activities event at The Misbourne School and a Winter Olympics event at Doctor Challoner's High School. We have several thriving after school clubs including Gym, Yoga, Football and Tennis for the children to enjoy and have recently started a morning dropoff for parents from 7.45am.

We have collected a number of apples from generous parents, grandparents and village residents. These will be made into excellent-quality apple juice which will be on sale at our Christmas bazaar. The children have all designed their own labels for the juice and we will choose a winner from each year group whose label will appear on the bottle.

During our annual Safety Week, the children will be learning how to keep safe at home, near water, roads and the railway tracks. Some of our 'Footsteps'-trained parents will be working with the children reminding them of the Green Cross Code and how to keep safe near traffic.

We are currently fundraising to replace our playground equipment. We are hoping to raise vital funds via the Christmas Bazaar, sales of apple juice, voluntary donations and other upcoming events. If you have any potential fundraising ideas, please do let us know!

After half term we will start our very busy run up to Christmas with our Christmas Bazaar in the village hall, which is on November 30th. Rehearsals for our Christmas nativity production, in which all our children will be taking part, will start at the end of October. The Year 2 children will be visiting Rushmead to sing to the senior citizens in December. Our end of term Christmas service, held at All Saints' Church, Coleshill, will be on Thursday, December 19th at 11am. Do please come along and join us if you are free that morning.

*Sarah Hewat, Headteacher*

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### Curzon School CE Combined School

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We believe that every child can and should achieve his/her potential both academically and personally. Hard work is celebrated and children throughout the school are encouraged to develop independence, resilience and a love for learning. The results speak for themselves. The school was graded good by OFSTED in 2017 and outstanding by SIAMs in 2018. Our new Reception children have settled in extremely well and are already

enjoying school life. It is delightful to see their enthusiasm and cheerful smiles.

Do come and visit us. Our next open mornings are on Thursday 10 October or Wednesday 20 November 9:30 - 11:30 am.

*Jacquie Coles, Headteacher*

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## OTHER NEWS

**Toddler Group** has had a busy few months with quite a few extra visitors from both the village and outside. July brought us some sunny weather and we took full advantage of the garden and our outdoor toys and had a fantastic time.

At the end of term we held our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic with a bouncy castle, bubbles, sand, water, treats and lots of fun. We've been back in action since the beginning of September and we were extremely excited to receive our brand new play castle and a new storage shed for our outdoor toys (many thanks to the Parish Council).

The castle is a big hit and has been used each week with great excitement. We have been crafting at Toddler Group and so far the children have made autumn trees with paint and scrubbing brushes and hedgehogs made from glue and sticks.

We have enjoyed autumn story time and of course our biscuits! We were



A great place to play



thrilled to also receive visits from some other village residents who just came in for a chat and a cup of tea and spent time talking with the mums and children and even washed up for us - needless to say we are looking forward to many more visits!

We have much more planned for the coming months including more seasonal crafts and stories, our Halloween scavenger hunt and of course our Christmas party! We'd love to see you if you have a little one or even if you haven't, feel free to pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Toddler Group runs every Wednesday from 10-11:30am during term time.

### Cricket Club news

Our fireworks evening is on Sunday 3rd November. Bar and barbeque open at 6pm fire lit at 7pm and fireworks at 7.30. £3 for children, £6 adults £15 for a family of four (2 adults 2 children).

We are also looking for darts players for Friday nights through the winter. Please contact Mick Wilkins 07826592321, or Gaye 07949877474.n.

### News from the Penn Estate

Residents of Coleshill Lane will have noticed some work being undertaken to clear the overgrown area on the north side of the lane as the houses end. Although it is hard to see at the moment, there is an old clay pit on the site and this is being excavated to create a new wetland habitat. Some trees will be removed to thin the undergrowth and hopefully allow willow and ash to flourish. Some felled timber will be stacked around the ponds to provide additional hibernation sites for amphibians. The hedgerow will be re-established and the permissive path reinstated to give better access from the lane to the Chiltern Way path.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning 2019

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported this fantastic charity. We had a lovely selection of home-made cakes and hardly any

leftover, thanks to the 50 or so people who came along.

Special thanks to Paola and Daniela at the Plough who were amazingly helpful, even though they had a very large party in the restaurant.

Iris and I have organised this event now for 19 years and this year raised a record breaking £591.09 and rising as donations come in. We would like to thank the Residents' Association who donated £200 from the proceeds of the Village Show.

*Alison Mahony*



Plenty of cakes to choose from

### David Adams writes

Well, that was both brutal and epic and I can't wait to do something like that again. We started cycling at 9am on day one in Hendaye in sunshine, after a quick paddle in the Atlantic and finished at 12.45 five days later in Cerbere again in sunshine.

In between, the Pyrenees offered some heavy rain, snow and freezing temperatures, sunshine and 26C heat, strong headwinds and thunderstorms.

I loved doing it but it is by far the biggest physical challenge I have undertaken so thank you for all the messages of support and sponsorship - to see these really did help. I had envisaged doing a few work emails at the end of each day and enjoying some nice coffee stops along the way but it didn't happen like that; with morning alarms generally 5.30-6am



Epic cycle ride for a good cause

and by the time the ride had finished and bikes and kit were sorted, dinner eaten and briefings received for the next day it was usually 10-11pm so not time for anything else. There weren't many shops or cafes along the route and being between the winter and summer seasons many were closed. There simply wasn't time to go off route to try and find somewhere to sit down for a spell. Sleep deprivation was an issue, partly due to a combination of sharing a room with a snorer (rich coming from me!) and apprehension about the day's ride - have I got the right clothing/food/energy, etc.

The Cure Parkinson's Website has the interview with Mike Tindall on Good Morning Britain on the morning of Day 4 if you are interested. Everyone in our team made it safely (only one minor crash) to the end including Tindall and Balshaw who thought they were ready but had underestimated the training needed - tough climbs for them each weighing over 100kgs - very sore but top lads who stayed incredibly positive throughout.

### Village Voice

The next edition of the Village News will be in February. If you have news of activities going on in or relevant to people in Winchmore Hill which you would like included, please send it to [phil.savage@sbcoms.com](mailto:phil.savage@sbcoms.com) or [lisaplum@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaplum@hotmail.com).



## Nature notes

Villager Mike Fessey tracks the birds, bats and butterflies to look out for in spring and summer.

**There have been** some unusual wildlife sightings during this summer. The hot weather has encouraged many moths and butterflies to cross the Channel. One result is that the Painted Lady butterfly has been seen in our village gardens. Some moths do the same incredible journey too. I've had reports that Hummingbird Hawk Moths were here. This day-flying moth could almost be mistaken for a hummingbird with a fast darting flight, it zooms around searching for nectar. When it finds suitable flowers it hovers like a humming bird, extending its tongue into the flower to drink the nectar; a fascinating sight.

The remains of another moth, the Convolvulus Hawk Moth, were found in a Fagnall Lane garden. This large insect, measuring between 8-12cm, is usually seen at dusk and, like the Hummingbird Hawk Moth, it hovers and feeds from tubular type flowers. The tongue of this moth is longer than its body! It migrates each spring from Africa and will not survive winter in Britain.

Caterpillars of the Buff Tipped Moth were also found locally. These caterpillars are green, approximately 4cm long with a thick body and a V shape on its face. They are gregarious, living together in groups but unfortunately they strip leaves from fruit trees, causing serious damage in orchards.

A pair of Roe deer have been seen in gardens in Coleshill Lane. We are used to Muntjac locally so it was a pleasant surprise to see the more handsome Roe deer.

A resident of Fagnall Lane had a bat in their living room one evening this summer. From the description, I would guess it was a Noctule or Serotine bat. If you get one of these creatures in the house you can help it escape by opening a window or door as wide as possible and the

bat will fly out. Remember bats have good eyesight: they are not blind despite the saying!

### Local bird news

A very late group of fledgling Goldfinches was seen in the middle of September, at that time still being fed by parent birds. We can help young Goldfinches to survive by supplying niger seeds in feeders during the colder months.

A small flock of Seagulls (probably Herring Gulls) has been nesting in the village this summer, making a lot of fuss and noise, especially when kites or crows were flying over their nest sites. They seem to have left the area for now.

Red Kites moult during August and September. They fly much less during the moulting period and when they are seen in flight it is often noticeable that a feather or two is missing from their wings or tail.

This is a good time to clean out nest boxes. Remove all this year's nesting material from the boxes and, if possible, flush with boiling water to kill ticks, fleas and their eggs.

Look out over the next couple of months for winter visitors including Fieldfares, Redwings, Waxwings and Brambling.

Tawny Owls will be busy establishing territories. You may hear much twitting and hooting; they will not tolerate other tawny owls or others such as Little Owls and other raptors within their hunting area and will hunt down and kill rivals for their food. Wet weather is not good for Tawny Owls because they rely on hearing, not sight, to catch small animals. We are lucky to have these iconic birds in the vicinity.

*Mike*



# Hatched, matched & dispatched

The Hatchery is an environmentally conscious local business with great food and a big heart.

**Jen Axten** and her father always dreamed of running a farm shop and, although he wasn't here to see it, seven years ago Jen got her wish when she opened The Hatchery on the road from Amersham to Beaconsfield.

Jen's grandparents lived at Winchmore Hill Farm where her father, Don, grew up. Jen's childhood home was Red Barn Farm where at her parent's knees she learnt how to run the place, vital experience when the reins passed to her.

"At 190 acres this is what's known as a hobby farm but this is our way of life," says Jen. "The animals on the farm are grass fed and roam freely. My mum, Ada, takes care of the documentation for the livestock and I manage the shop and the cooking for our family and customers."

The Hatchery is in the outbuilding where Don used to hatch the chicks. The hatching rooms have long been incorporated and the old kennels converted into a kitchen where the many pies, scotch eggs, soups and family meals are homemade. A log cabin has also been added for tastings and hamper wrapping during the festive season.

"The thing I love most is the contact with people, from our small suppliers to customers old and new. The relationships are what keep the business interesting."

This is a busy time of year for The Hatchery. As well as the regular favourites such as beef and mushroom or chicken and bacon pies and seasonal soups, things are really gearing up for Christmas.

"Our bespoke hamper service is very popular where you can either bring your own basket or container or buy one at a wholesale price, fill it with items from the shop and get

it packaged it up pretty ribbons."

With environmental consciousness in her DNA - respect for the land, the animals she rears and the food we consume - Jen takes the farm custodianship seriously.

"I'm the caretaker for the next generation. We've always struggled to make the farm pay for itself, but I hope to build up the shop to a level where it's a thriving business for the next generation."

"I'm growing the business slowly, taking care to make the right decisions about the environmental and ethical impact of the products we stock. As far as possible we limit packaging to paper and actively encourage our customers to bring their own reusable dishes to transport items home. We cater for people with specific dietary needs, whether vegan or gluten free, immune deficient or lactose intolerant, so our packaging is a balancing: as kind as possible to the environment while also protecting our customers"

When Don passed away several years ago, it was his wish to be buried on a high point on the land and he's now laid to rest alongside his Gundogs. It tickles Jen to think of her dad watching over her and the expanding business, getting a kick out of seeing her dash between kitchen and shop with the latest offerings.

The Hatchery is open Mon-Sat 8am-6pm and Sun 10am-4pm. Advance orders are welcomed.



# The Potters Arms

**I'm writing this** the day after a fantastic Oktoberfest event. Everyone who came seemed to really enjoy it, the Oompah band were first class and really made the night, helped along by some enthusiastic thigh slapping between Colin and Chris from the village and some very fetching traditional costumes from Lisa and Sean!

The Rugby World Cup is just hotting up, so don't forget we are serving a buffet breakfast for every home nation game and every game from the quarter finals onwards. No matter where your allegiance lies, we will have a sausage on the buffet for you. Pork, leek and fiery chilli for the Welsh, beef, black pudding and whisky for you Scots, pork and Guinness for the Irish and Cumberland for the English! £12 including tea and coffee.

Outside, you may have noticed that our parasols are all fully functioning with heaters and lights combined, so with some fantastic sunsets over the Common at this time of year, you can have your dinner alfresco and watch the sun disappear.

As we approach the last two months of our first year as a free house we still have plenty of entertainment left for you to enjoy. Comedy Nights for the rest of the year are:

- Thursday 31st October: Scott Bennett bringing his show to the Potters Arms. He has previously supported Michael McIntyre and Rob Brydon on their tours.

- Thursday 28th November: Ian Stone and friends
- Thursday 12th and 19th Christmas comedy specials with Ninia Benjamin and Andrew Maxwell headlining on successive weeks and roast turkey in the interval.

Quiz nights on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and are getting very popular. £10 per person including a main meal and a rolling prize.

On the night of the Village Bonfire we will be selling mulled wine, spiced cider and serving a great barbecue. Then the Village Dinner is set for 16th November, and includes a three-course meal, fun casino and live band. This always sells out so do book now - £35 per person.

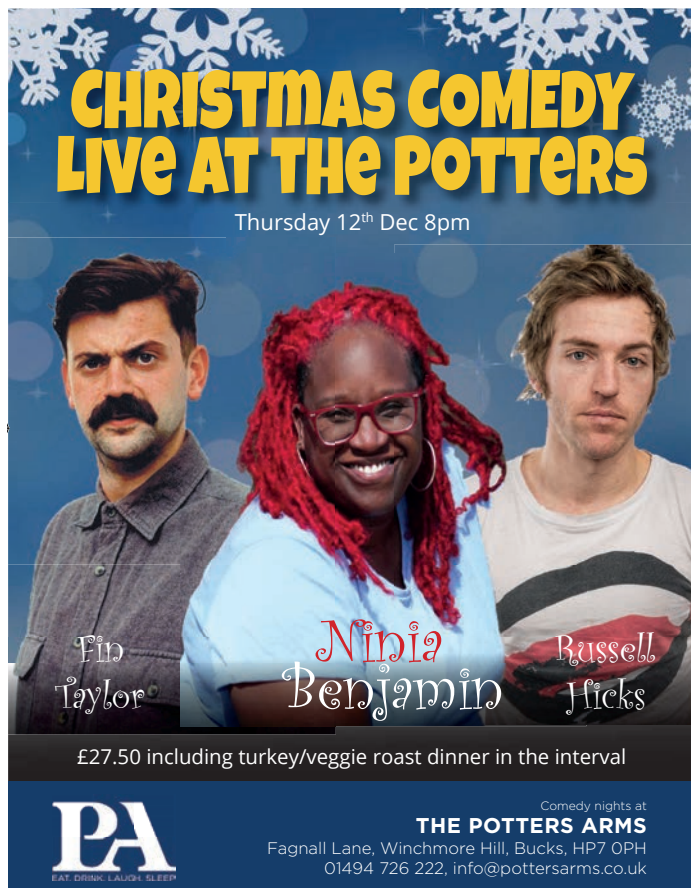
Our Christmas menu is now available and looks fantastic. You will need to order in advance if you want to take advantage of the menu.

On Friday and Saturday nights we now serve a full Thai and Indian a la carte menu as well as our standard a la carte menu. All are really popular so it's best to book.

On New Year's Eve we will be putting on a buffet with karaoke then keep an eye out for Burns Night in January.

Pete and I would like to thank you all for your support this year and look forward to looking after you when you visit during the rest of 2019.

*Best wishes from Richard and The Potters Arms Team*



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## The Plough

**It has been** a busy summer for us here at The Plough. Our customers have been making good use of the garden with the Spritz menu a firm favourite. Together with our Frito Misto, the two are the perfect pairing and a very popular way to spend an evening outside. Take advantage of the last warm days and catch some precious rays of sunshine.

With another summer drawing to an end, it's difficult to comprehend where time goes as thoughts turn to log fires, frosty mornings and all things festive.

The change of the seasons is exciting for us as we try out new flavours and recipes. Although the staples remain on our menu, our specials board is a treasure of new flavours for customers, especially fish lovers.

We are very fortunate to have fantastic suppliers, some whom have worked with Raffaele for decades, particularly our fishmonger and butcher. Their knowledge and experience are invaluable to us when sourcing exactly the right ingredients for our menu. As ever, we are always very pleased to share our recipes, advice and knowledge about Italian food and wine, so please feel free ask, when you visit us.

As Halloween approaches we will be featuring some Autumn specials on our menu. On October 31st, there will be sweets for the young trick or treaters in the village, so please pop by with your little spooks!







On the Village Bonfire night, we will have hot soup, and goodies outside on the lawn, with sparklers for the children and some equally warming drinks for those who prefer to stay inside!

We are expecting a wine delivery from Italy in November and will be confirming a date for a wine tasting date as soon as we can. This is a great opportunity to select some fabulous wines for the festive season and for those who are already followers of our wines, it's nice to compare the new season's harvest with previous vintages. (Preferably accompanied by plenty of cheese!)

Thank you to all our customers for your continued support throughout the year and a particular thank you to all those of you who have sent good wishes to Raffaele whilst he has been recovering from an operation over the summer.

We hope to see you soon.  
*Raffaele, Paola & Family.*

# Directory of local services

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	Winson Appliance Services	Domestic appliance engineer, 25 years' experience. All appliances repaired except fridge/freezers	Nigel Winson 01494 433848, 07968 042494
	CGS Plumbing & Heating	Gas safe registered engineer, boiler installation, servicing breakdowns	Chris Stoneman 07956 405747 www.csgasheating.co.uk
	CPH Window Cleaners	Windows cleaned	Craig Herridge 01494 712969, 07766 573519
	Michell Homes	Building quality local homes	Paul Michell 07721 531485
	Quercus Landscape	Landscape and garden design	James Head 01494 728079, 07979 218496
	Gough Contractors Ltd	Boiler servicing & repairs, plumbing, heating & hot water, bathrooms & wet rooms, guttering repairs	Rhys Gough 01494 715931 gclph@hotmail.com
	Russell's Garage	Vehicle MOTs, repairs and servicing	Ferndale Farn, Horsemoor Lane, Winchmore Hill, HP7 0PL 01494 727707, 07860 547736
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