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Local Anniversaries

Great Missenden School marks 200 year milestone

Great Missenden Church of England School will host its summer fair from 12-3pm on Saturday 8 July, the climax in a year of celebrations to mark the school's 200th anniversary.

The fair is an opportunity for the school to open up to the wider community. In particular, leaders are keen to invite anyone with a connection to the school –including past pupils, staff and governors - to walk back through the gates to see how things have evolved and be part of this historic occasion.

"Great Missenden School has been a cornerstone of the community for two centuries now and the community is

such an important part of the school," Deputy Head teacher Harry Sperring said. "We hope our summer fair will be the perfect opportunity to allow everyone in, and to help celebrate such a wonderful milestone."

Other events and celebrations have included whole-school drone photos, history-themed assemblies and lessons, and a picnic where children were invited to come in fancy-dress representing any period or person in the past 200 years. An anniversary mural, designed by a student, will be painted onto a school wall during the summer.... (Continued on page 5)



An aerial view of the school as it is today

St Mary's, Ballinger celebrates 150 years

Sunday 4 June saw the flags flying at the little church of St. Mary's, Ballinger, as it celebrated 150 years since local benefactor Abraham Watson gave money to build what

An extract from the Bucks Herald in 1873 reported: 'At Ballinger there has recently been erected and opened a school and lecture-room at the sole cost of A Watson, esq, of Lee House. Mr Watson, renowned for his kindness and philanthropy, has also purchased two adjacent cottages for the use of the staff'. (Continued on page 10)

Prestwood Area Community Transport 25th anniversary

Prestwood Area Community Transport (PACT) was established after a community meeting called by the District Nurses in July

The aim was to offer



transport to those who have no other means of getting to medical appointments or to visit loved ones in care homes or hospitals, for a voluntary donation. 25 years on, and around 100,000 miles later, PACT is still motoring on, guided by a faithful committee and resourced by a willing and kind team of volunteer drivers and efficient telephonists. (Continued on page 8)

30 years of Run Prestwood & 20 years for 'Sprinters'



It was 1993 when the first Prestwood road race took place, then called the 'Prestwood 10K'. Over the years it has grown enormously and now is organised by and supports the wonderful Chilterns MS Centre, with help and sponsorship from Rotary, local volunteers and Jeremy Swan Estate Agents. 30 years ago

the venue was the rather delapidated Sports Centre on Honor End Lane.



Then in 2003 that was replaced by the Sprinters Leisure Centre on the site, now known as Prestwood Gym and Fitness Centre managed by Better. (Continued on page 9)



The Little Kingshill coronation tree

After much research by a 'watering hole' for passlocal resident it was discovered that the Little Kingshill village Brownie Pack had planted a willow tree in 1953 to commemorate the coronation of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Planted on the site of an original

ing horses, the area had become very overgrown with the tree and commemorative plaque hardly visible. To mark the coronation of King Charles III a group of volunteers from the village cleared the site which is now restored to its former glory and forms a centrepiece in the village opposite the common.





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Hard as it is to cut mature trees, the ones along the Link Road in Great Missenden have been trimmed to They are thrilled with the the great delight of the res-

results, enjoying much idents of Abbeyfield House. lighter, brighter accom-



Abbeyfield on The Link Road showing the recently trimmed trees

modation in their rooms and lounge.

Abbeyfield commissioned the work itself. A lane closure and 3-way traffic lights were put in place for the day which caused inevitable heavy congestion. Abbeyfield would like to apologise for the inconvenience this caused.

Along with this improvement Abbeyfield has made others in the last few months. The residents now have a dedicated hairdressing suite, much improved and more sustainable lighting as well as new flooring in the dining area. Some of this has been made possible by a very generous bequest.

Abbeyfield is currently looking for another Trustee to join it, possibly someone with an interest in buildings and maintenance and, of course, with the welfare of the residents at heart.

If you or your relatives are looking for a friendly environment to live, with assistance and two cooked meals every day, then please make an appointment for a viewing or more information. Please call the House Manager Carol Lauder-Ross on: 01494 865026 or email manager@abbeyfieldgreatmissenden.co.uk

Missenden Community Board

From Board Managers: **Kerry Rackstraw and Emma Barrows** It was a pleasure to host and meet so many

local organisations and residents at our Community Celebration and Proud of Bucks awards event in April. Thank you to all those who attended and made it such an enjoyable afternoon as we reflected back over the previous year and all that the Community Board helped to support and achieve. We are now very much looking forward to the year ahead and welcome your views on what you feel

Email: missendenscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

should be the Community Board's priorities and focuses for 2023/2024. Please do get in touch, we would really like to hear from you.

Our next Community Board will be held in August at a local venue. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details. If you have not yet attended a meeting, do join us to find out what we are doing and how we are working with the community.

We wish everyone in HP16 a great summer.

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For those not on 'Facebook' here are some of the Missendens Community Board highlights featured there

At Road Farm Countryways CIC



(Left to right) Cllr Mimi Harker, Board managers Kerry Rackstraw and Emma Barrows, Wendy Gray, of Road Farm Countryways and Clir Peter

Alongside the Community Board Chair and Vice Chair, the Community Board Officers enjoyed a special visit on 7 June to meet Wendy Gray at Road Farm Countryways and find out more about the amazing work they do supporting people by providing care farming opportunities.

A wonderfully unique family farm and CIC. www.roadfarmcountryways.com

Prestwood Colts and Girls FC presentation weekend

A fabulous weekend of presentations and family fun was hosted by Prestwood Colts and Girls FC on of 10-11 June. It was a pleasure to meet just some of the amazing volunteers who dedicate their time to such a great club. The Board is really looking forward to supporting Prestwood Colts in making some exciting changes to its pavilion.



Cllr Arif Hussain, Cllr Peter Martin and members of Prestwood Colts

New Parish Councillor Great Missenden Caralyn Bains

Caralyn Bains has recently been co-opted onto the Great Missenden Parish Council for the South Heath and Ballinger ward. She writes,

"I have lived in Prestwood for some 20 years, my children have gone to schools locally, and I have two children at primary school now. I have a diverse skill set in community cohesion and development as I worked in this field in Local Government before I re-qualified as a Psychologist.

I feel I have lots of enthusiasm to bring to the community as a serving Councillor on Great Missenden Parish Council. I love to be involved in projects and give my all



Cllr. Caralyn Bains

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when doing so.

I do get actively involved in community issues and events and hope to do lots more of this now in my new role. During lockdown I volunteered as a trauma coach for NHS staff because I wanted to actively help. I volunteered for this through Bucks County Council volunteering scheme, which is a very rewarding thing to

Prestwood recreation ground Survey results

Thank you for the 134 responses, age groups

- 0-5 / 38
- 5-12/70
- Adults /16
- Older adults /10 Results in order of popularity
- Path around the recreation ground similar to the common side,

(the parish council is already making enquiries for this to happen.)

- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Playground equipment needs improving.
- Play equipment for older and younger children!
- e.g. Outdoor table tennis, pump bike track, bike track, skate boarding

- · Natural play area similar to Coombe Hill
- Picnic benches.
- Toilet facilities. Other items that are mentioned
- Colourful flower and herb planting
- Synthetic cricket pitch
- **Basketball court**
- More lighting
- Improve exits/entrances for buggies (this will *improve* with the new path)
- Grass cut more frequently (this will be better when parish council has the lease and is responsible for grass cutting.)
- More gaps in the hedge to join with the common.

Prestwood Common defibrillator

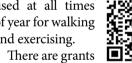
Defibrillator on the Prestwood Colts & Girls Pavillion

A new defibrillator has been mounted on the football pavilion wall on Prestwood Common. After the Colts approached GMPC about potentially having one, the council kindly offered to fund the defib, whilst the Colts will maintain the upkeep. The defib has now been registered with the NHS and is ready for emergency use.

Buryfield path survey

The Parish Council is considering putting a 1.5metre wide path on two sides of the Buryfield (see picture below). This will enable the

Buryfield to be used at all times of year for walking and exercising.





available to help provide this, but proof is needed that this is something that the community would like. To facilitate this, could you

please answer the survey on the PC website or use the QR code in this article. Many thanks.

www.greatmissendenpc.co.uk



The Buryfield indicating where the proposed path would go

The St George and Union flags on Great Missenden High Street were joined by

Rainbow flags for the month of June which

is Gay Pride month. The parish council

agreed to buy 20 flags (not a huge amount

of money). A small thing but quite a statement for a little village in the Chilterns! The flags were not placed on residen-

tial homes, but all the shops who were ap-

proached agreed to host a flag. Great Mis-

senden looked colourful and welcoming in

Diversity is celebrated in this culture

the early summer sunshine.

Maintaining the character of Great Missenden The bright red petrol pumps on Great pumps. Regular washdowns, repairs Missenden High Street provide a popular photo opportunity for visitors to the village who love the old style pumps and the quirky wording:

Sorry ... Out of fuel ... ever since 8 gallons cost over £1 Pump attendant 'went to lunch' Mechanic got 'too old to repair' Neither have a mobile number Green shield stamps no longer given

This important heritage for the village doesn't happen by chance. Ever since the pumps were saved from the developer's skip in 1999, Tompson Design Ltd have, without fuss, maintained and sustained the iconic

and periodic repaints have kept them in immaculate condition. Inevitably they are vulnerable. Over the years the aged hoses have been abused and damaged and, as happened recently, the top globes have again been displaced, this time both having gone missing. They will be replaced by Tompson Design Ltd, constructively responding as they always have - glass replacement replica top globes having to be necessarily purpose made.

This positive attitude towards the heritage of this area and the subtle, ongoing maintenance of important things - even when they are somewhat



The iconic fuel pumps in Great Missenden vulnerable - is something we can be proud of as a community. A real debt of gratitude is owed to the many local people who, behind the scenes, just get on with caring and looking after the villages.

The Big Help Out litter pick

Over 60 people, young and old, turned out for the litter pick organised by the Great Missenden Village Association (GMVA) on Monday, 8 May, the day of the Coronation Big Help Out.

They queued in the drizzle for their pickers and sacks then set to work. Great Missenden

seemed reasonably clean but people still managed to find all sorts of stuff including discarded metal road signs found near the Link Road which were reported to Bucks Council.

Some excellent weeding was also done in the High Street. A big thank you to every-

To join GMVA if you are a resident of Great Missenden please scribe on the website: www.greatmissendenva.com



Big Help Out litter pick

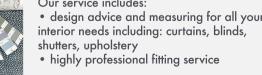
Flags on Great Missenden High Street





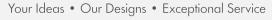






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Pride flags on Great Missenden High Street and the display of these flags is a small but important way to create an atmosphere of inclusion and safety.

Fat Quarters Patchwork and Quilting

25 Years and Counting – Open Evening 12 September

Fat Quarters Patchwork and Quilting Group celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, its inaugural meeting being in Coleshill Village Hall on 17 June 1997. The waiting list of another group, Gone to Pieces, was so long that they suggested a second one be started. With the help of some of their members, Fat Quarters* was formed. A couple of years later, when numbers grew and better access and parking was needed, they moved to Great Missenden Memorial Centre.

The second Tuesday of each month became their regular meeting date, starting around 7pm so that those who work can also enjoy the monthly programme of speakers, tutors and DIY evenings on patchwork and quilting and related topics. Sometimes an evening just isn't long

enough though, so they also book Little Kingshill Village Hall for tutored and DIY days on six Saturdays a year.

They are holding an open evening on Tuesday 12 September from 7pm at Great Missenden Memorial Centre to show off the sorts of things they do and encourage new members. There will be a small exhibition of work and demonstrations with free tea/coffee and cake and a friendly welcome!

*A Fat Quarter is a term in the craft for a cut 'square' ¼ metre of fabric from the holt



Email fatquartersmissenden@gmail.com for more information or check their website www.fatquarters.org.uk

Bach Cello Suites at St Peter and St Paul's

The renowned Orlando Jopling will be returning to St Peter and St Paul on Saturday, 2 September to play the remaining three Bach cello suites.

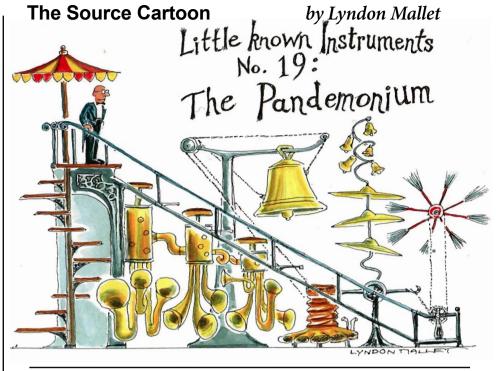
Orlando's cello pilgrimage around England playing over 150 recitals of Bach's Cello Suites from Cornwall to Northumberland has raised more that £120,000 for the churches.

You are invited to hear this top-class musician playing these beautiful works in the beautiful setting of St Peter and St Paul's church building. With this amazing music soaring among the arches it will be an unforgettable evening which will also raise much needed funds for the Church. Wine and canapés will be included in the ticket price of £15 and can be obtained via ticketsource, Samways, the Church Office and after Sunday 10 am service in Church.





Cellist Orlando Jopling



Live music at Great Missenden Artisan Market

Ukelele band BURP enlivened the market on Great Missenden High Street on Sunday 7 May. It was a huge success with lots of videos and photos taken by visitors to the monthly market. A big thank you to GMVA Committee members who organised the band and did the setting up. There was a collection for The Samaritans.



Ukelele band BURP at the Coopers Market

Invitation to join the Firth Singers

Are you a keen musician looking for a new opportunity? Or maybe a lapsed singer looking to pick up your hobby again?

The Firth Singers (TFS) is a well-established choir of SATB voices, meeting in Great Missenden every 2 to 3 weeks during term-time. They give three concerts a year in the local area. Its repertoire is firmly centred in the choral classics but also often includes some jazz, pop and contemporary numbers. Choir leader Fiona Firth originally

trained as a classical singer with a focus on opera, studying at Trinity College, Guildhall and the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatorio in Milan. Choir members range from formally trained singers to those who sang in their school choir – they all share a love of music, a willingness to try something new and a good ability to sight-read!

For those not feeling ready to undertake an audition, TFS offers a 'comeand-sing' experience for the better-known numbers



at some concerts, where singers who already know the repertoire can attend just one rehearsal prior to the concert and then join what is known as The Festival Singers on the day.

For more details or to arrange an audition for The Firth Singers please email thefirthsingers@gmail.com or visit www.thefirthsingers.com

Next concert 2nd December in Great Missenden Baptist Church.

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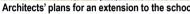
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Great Missenden School marks 200 year milestone (Continued from page 1)

The building now known as Oldham Hall on Church Street was purpose-built as a school house for Great Missenden children with funds donated by the then-owner of Missenden Abbey, Mr Oldham, in 1822 and was operational by 1823. Two hundred years and several large extensions later, the school has grown to become an educational hub with surrounding village infant schools feeding into it.

To celebrate this milestone a fair will be held from 12-3pm on Saturday 8 July. Along with stalls, food, games, a dog show





and entertainment, there will be a challenge to match the dates of major events in the history of Great Missenden School with well-known historical events world-wide. A range of songs from the last two centuries will be sung by the children.

"The anniversary has been a brilliant hands-on learning experience for the kids," Mr Sperring said. "It's allowed them to understand the context of how long their school has been here and that they're a part of ongoing history."

In October 2022, students



Missenden Abbey International Hotel and Hospitality School

From September, Missenden Abbey will be inducting its first BA (Hons) Hotel Management; BA (Hons) International Hospitality Management; and MSc Hospitality Leadership students. With a focus on teaching, research and industry collaboration within the hospitality and hotel sector, the Missenden Abbey International Hotel and Hospitality School reflects the growing need for international expertise in the industry.

Employability is at the heart of its programmes. As part of the

Council for Hospitality Management Education there are connections to the industry, and opportunities to gain work experience and build networks.

Drone photo of the current students

paved the way for 250th anni-

versary celebrations by burying

a time capsule of letters they had

written on life in Great Missen-

den and their hopes for the fu-

Paula Kitching, historian and

school governor, would like any-

one with a past connection to

the school to get in contact to be

involved in a special 200 years

project as well as adding to the

general historical record. Please

email: Pkitching@hotmail.com

on the history of the school at

2.30pm on Saturday 23 September at Saint Peter and Saint

Paul's Church in Great Missen-

den. The event is open to all.

Paula will also be speaking

ture, to be dug up in 2073.



School Garden Competition



Puzzle created for the competition by Marieke Bosman - Her wildflower art is @mrsbloem on Instagram.

Over the past four months local schools have been designing a bee and bug friendly garden for their school as part of a competition funded by the Missendens Community Board and led by the Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group, Students from EYFS / KS1 to KS4 have been working hard to think To all schools, all teachers, all chilabout how best to promote biodi- dren involved, please know that this versity and support the life cycle of has been a remarkable experience. pollinators right in their own local The judges were very impressed school grounds.

(Prestwood Nature) visited each of taking part. the schools and engaged over 1300

students about how they might best think about their design entries.

Teachers from participating schools then got to work with their students, aiming for meeting the design submission deadline by 31 March. The design entries came in on time for each of the three streams of the competition [EYFS/KS1, KS2 and KS3/KS4].

During April the judges, Karen van Oostrum, Helen Matthews (Missenden Walled Garden), Keith Pounder (The Plant Specialist in Great Missenden) and Christopher Black (GMPRG) reviewed all the designs carefully and selected the winners. They are excited to announce that they are:

- EYFS / KS1 Hyde Heath Infant
- KS2 Great Missenden CE Combined School
- KS3 / KS4Chiltern Way Academy

with each design and hope that you Early in the year, local botanist might find ways to make them a reand educator Karen van Oostrum ality in your schools. Thank you for

Misbourne has major plans for new intake

The transition from primary to secondary school is a big step for children and their families alike and, as transition day approaches, The Misbourne is looking forward to welcoming its new cohort of students. Buckinghamshire Council has asked The Misbourne School to take an extra class of students, bringing the number joining in September to 210 - testament to the high regard in which the school is held locally.

Over the summer, the new Year 7s have the opportunity to attend a week-long 'Summer School' during the summer holidays, with classroom-based and sporting activities to enjoy, from science experiments, cookery and creative writing to football and netball. The students will have the chance to make new friends and familiarise themselves with The Misbourne site before term begins in September.

This Year 7 will be the first students at The Misbourne to benefit from the introduction of one-to-one devices to support their learning. From September, all students in Year 7 will have Chromebooks, which they will use in school and at home to access their work via Google Classroom. It was revealed to the new joiners a few weeks ago that The Misbourne will be introducing a three-day residential trip for all Year 7 students in the Autumn term with the opportunity to visit the Peak District for a range of outward-boundstyle activities, before rounding off the experience with a trip to Alton Towers!

Mike Worth, Deputy Head, commented, "We are very



Students learning using Chromebooks

excited to welcome all our new students to Transition Day on 4 July and are looking forward to rolling out all the initiatives we have in store for them. Summer School has proved very popular for the previous two years and we are delighted with the numbers that have signed up so far this year.

"The introduction of blended learning with Chromebooks will be a significant benefit for our students, helping to support their learning and make school and home-based learning increasingly seamless. And we are confident that our new cohort will enjoy the addition of a residential early in their Misbourne journey. It will be a fantastic opportunity for them to make new friends and develop a sense of independence."

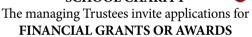


Rich Peters, Headteacher with the new Student Leadership team

The Year 7 students will be welcomed to The Misbourne by its new Student Leadership team - ten Year 13 students who have responsibility for working with younger year groups to implement initiatives and ensure the student voice is heard. This year's Student Leadership team includes: Head Students, Josie T and Alex M; Student leaders, Max C, Luke D, Max F, Maisy H, Hannah K, Mariia K, Oliver R and Georgia W.

Josie and Alex said, "We are looking forward to making our new Misbourne students feel very welcome. We remember joining in Year 7, when everything felt very big and exciting, and we want to make sure our new joiners have a happy and smooth transition to our school."

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bined School, and now need some financial assistance to:

(b) Enter an apprenticeship, trade or service (including tools or special clothing) on leaving school or a further educational establishment.

c) Finance educational travel with relevance to either of the above.

Please apply in writing with your details, including home address, years you attended the school if relevant, the course or profession you intend to follow and where you hope to study, by email to:

Elizabeth Webster (Grant Application Secretary) at: gmsch.trustees@gmail.com

by the closing date of 30th September 2023



HS2 update Cllr Mike Johnstone (GMPC) HS2 lead

The two Chiltern Tunnel Boring Machines have passed the river Misbourne and Shardeloes Lake!

- Chiltern Tunnel sinkhole and tunnel progress
- 2. **Chesham Road Intervention Shaft**
- 3. North Portal and South Heath Cutting
- **Further roadworks and construction**

Government & DfT - rephasing and contractor review

Rephasing

Transport Secretary, Mark Harper, said "We will rephase construction by two years, with an aim to deliver high-speed services to Crewe and the north-west as soon as possible. HS2's initial services between Old Oak common in London and Birmingham Curzon Street will be prioritised to provide delivery of passenger benefits."

The line to Crewe may not be open until 2036 and Manchester not until 2043. It has been suggested that the completion of the line into London Euston could now be pushed back until the 2040s, with the full capacity of the London terminus only required when the line to Manchester is open.

Shake-up of main construction contractors

Changes have been reported involving a number of sites in the North Chilterns area where EKFB is the main contractor and that Align will take over some parts during the next six months. HS2 are rebalancing some responsibilities between these two main works contractors in order to streamline the delivery of the central section of HS2.

The impact of these changes has yet to be determined on the local construction activities.

1. Chiltern Tunnel

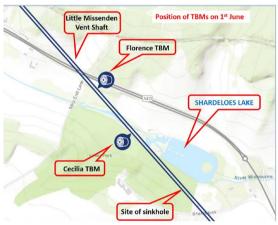
The Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs)

The TBMs Florence and Cecilia started in May 2021, have completed over 11 km of tunnelling. The image to the right shows their positions on 1 June 2023



Ground movements such as sinkholes are a natural occurrence across the fractured chalk in the Chilterns. They are caused by rainwater percolating downwards through the chalk.

The depth of the top of the crown of the tunnel to the surface varies from 90 to 18 metres along its route; at the point of the sinkhole, it was 32 metres.



- The Sinkhole at Shardeloes

On 13 May a 6m wide sinkhole appeared in lower park, Amersham between Shardeloes house and the lake as the Cecilia TBM crossed a pre-existing ground condition above the tunnel and had to stop for repairs.



The two TBMs have progressed, and are approaching the A413. The more recent image shows Florence having gone under the river Misbourne for the second time, the first time being near the Chalfonts. Water quality has been checked by ALIGN locally with the Environment Agency, and Affinity Water checked the public water supply at Amersham with both reporting that nothing had entered the ground or surface waters to date.

Daily monitoring continues extensively. Water is checked for turbidity (cloudiness) and presence of heavy metals. An FAQ is available if you search HS2-HS2-Water FAQ

Just under 5kms tunnelling to go

The twin bore tunnel continues under the A413 to the Little Missenden vent shaft and progresses up the hill into the Great Missenden parish just before Hyde Lane, then to the Chesham Road Vent Shaft by the former Annie Baileys, under Sibley's Coppice and Frith Hill (SHL), to the north portal... about 5km to go.

We are seeking assurances that we do not experience similar problems as the boring machines approach the North Portal to those experienced at Ruislip and Shardeloes, such as 'bubbling' mud pools from the grout sealant and ground movement. We already know that the ground around the North Portal contains a large amount of clay and the chalk approaching the portal is fractured which is why the barrettes were constructed so are we likely to be affected! Movement detectors have been placed around the portal and on Chiltern Cottage.

2. Chesham Road Intervention Shaft (CRIS)

The shaft has been dug and is being fitted out and the structures for the headhouse and Auto Transformer Station started.

The design approach is similar to that used for the approved head houses at Chalfont

St Peter and Chalfont St Giles and aim to integrate the scheme into the rural landscape with buildings that resemble modern agricultural storage buildings.

The TBMs will pass through in November 2023 and the schedule is for the site to be completed in early 2025. An aerial view looking north; visualised after 15 years.



3. North Portal and South Heath cutting

The earthworks for the South Heath cutting continue in the good weather and the construction of a concrete batching plant will start shortly at the bottom of the cutting for the construction of the portal structures and fitting out the tunnel after the TBMs have been dismantled in summer 2024.

Pre-grouting and piling for the preparation for footpaths GMI/2 & GMI/12. GMI/2 which cross the cutting between South Heath and Leather Lane has started and UKPN will remove overhead power cables and place them underground which we had asked them to do years ago!

North Portal Design

The Schedule 17 plans for the portal building and tunnel portals have been submitted. The building and porous portal will be at the bottom of the South Heath cutting ... see visualisation image after 15 years.



Following our comments raised at the Key Design Exhibits last March the hardstanding for the compound will now be comprised of a light grey/buff coarse stone surfacing to blend into the surrounding railway cutting and Chilterns AONB.

The portals are located at the Chiltern Twin Tunnel entrances. The lengths of the entrance and exit portals are staggered at 220m for the entry portal and 135m for the exit portal to respond to differing air pressure created by passing trains. Both portals are 12m in height and 10m wide.

Final works to the access road to prepare it for operational readiness will take place once the railway systems have been installed and intensive use of the access road by construction traffic is no longer required. This will involve removing the substantial haul road to the link roundabouts to the south and utilising the Frith Hill access.

External lighting will be on a Passive Infra-Red (PIR) sensor which will illuminate the compound in the case of unwanted intrusion or in an emergency. There will be no permanent lighting of the ancillary building or compound area. However, we have concerns over the positioning of the lighting as it could be intrusive. These and other factors that concern us will be raised when the subsequent Schedule 17 submission to cover the landscaping of the north portal is available.

4. Further roadworks and construction

Extensive construction is being carried out in the area of the Small Dean and Wendover Dean viaducts outside Wendover with a significant number of roadworks supported by temporary Traffic Management and some full weekend road closures.

A413 roadworks: full closures of the A413 London Road, Wendover for HS2 works

- Friday 30 June to Monday 3 July: full weekend closure 8.30pm Friday to 5.30am Monday
- Friday 7 July to Monday 10 July: lane closure

(single lane operation with traffic lights) 8.30pm Friday to 5.30pm Monday These closures are subject to change and could potentially be withdrawn or moved to later in the year.

To stay informed of works and to keep up to date, you can register for email updates on the HS2 website or visit the community website at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area or contact the Helpdesk Team on 08081 434 434

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Green World Award for Pipers

Within the Missendens Community Board area, Pipers Corner School, Great Kingshill becomes the first School in the world to win Green World Award

Following an application put together by the students last year detailing the environmental efforts made within the school, Pipers Corner in Great Kingshill, has become the first school globally to win a Green World Award for Conservation and Biodiversity.

After successfully winning three Gold Green Apple Awards in 2022, Pipers was invited to represent the UK not just in the education category, but across the whole sector including Business, Industry and Governments at the Green World Awards in Florida, USA on 24 April 2023. The school was astounded to receive news of the win from the CEO of the Green Organisation. The all-school environmental programme entitled 'Creating Tomorrow, Today', includes comprehensive outreach to the community, involving local primary schools and churches. Pipers is the first school anywhere in the world to win recognition in these campaigns.

CEO and Founder of the Green Organisation Roger Wolens commented: "They are to be congratulated, not only for winning the trophy, but also for leading the way in showing what can be achieved by a team committed to helping the environment. This is particularly important in schools as



it is that generation that will have to correct the environmental errors made by all who have gone before."

liams commented: "Through our whole school approach all the work the school does for the environment and sustainability has contributed to winning this World

The Green World Awards have been

HOPE members from Pipers Corner School with their Green World Award and Certificate

Environmentalist-in-Residence Mr Wil-

running for the last eight years and this year has had over 500 applications from businesses and organisations globally. This year's winners include large corporations such as: Santander, Balfour Beatty and Etihad Rail. The awards are organised by the Green Organisation, an environment membership group set up in 1994, to reward, recognise and promote environmental best practice around the world.

Rain or Shine gardening Looking at ways to prepare your garden for wetter winters & hotter, drier summers

HP16 resident Kathryn moisture where the sun & Hibberd has been working in the horticultural industry for nearly 20 years, designing and planting gardens for clients all over the Chilterns. Year on year, climate change is creating a real challenge in how we look after our gardens with wetter winters and hotter, drier summers.

It now seems we need a new approach for caring and maintaining our gardens, whilst rethinking our planting schemes to include plants that are not only drought tolerant but also can cope with winter wet. Kathryn has sent in a series of ten tips to help. The *Source* will be sharing these over the coming issues.

Watering

- Do you need to water?

There is a belief that for plants to survive dry summers, we should be allowing them to set their roots deep into the ground in search of water; that the more we water them they learn to depend on us, sending their roots to the surface for wind tend to dry them out.

I'm not totally persuaded by this, I will carry on nurturing some plants in my garden for the time being, gifts from friends & family, such as a rather sentimental pink Peony that came from my Granny's garden.

If you do choose to water, the ideal time is first thing in the morning or last thing at night, ensuring that the sun is not on the plants.

Garden plants only take up moisture at the base of the plant, so don't waste time watering the foliage, this is of no benefit to the plant and may result in 'Leaf Scorch'; Acers are particularly susceptible to this.

Watch how your plants are responding to hot dry conditions. For example, do they pick up in the morning when the sun is not on them, or are the leaves flopping or turning brown? Perhaps it's time to have a rethink and replace the plants that need watering with more drought tolerant plants?

Going forward

It is sensible to use a notebook to record your gardening with specific and practical notes such as:

- · How much mulch you ordered and the area it covered, include the name of the supplier;
- Names and suppliers of new plants you have added to your planting scheme;
- Successes and failures. Future tips include

Mulch; no dig policy; water butts; plant selection; the Chelsea Chop; summer lawns; frost damage; plant a small tree for shade.



Conservation Group for the Prestwood Region Including Great Missenden, the Hampdens, the Kingshills, North Dean and Speen www.prestwoodnature.org



Prestwood Nature survey update

Earlier this year, Prestwood Nature (PN) asked its members and the wider Prestwood community to complete a survey to help them understand how PN can best help the local environment, and what they should keep doing or need to improve.

The responses showed that more needed to be done to publicise Prestwood Nature, so they are now using Facebook and Eventbrite to promote events as well as posters and listings on their website and, of course, in *The Source*. They also made their social media more democratic by creating a group linked to their Facebook page which was launched with a photo competition to encourage greater engagement with nature.

Other actions will include:

- · encouraging people to manage their own spaces for nature through new interpretation boards for the pollinator-friendly garden with advice on how to do something similar at home
- · a wider range of events (mostly weekends and evenings)
- · providing a range of different volunteering opportunities

Watch this space for more in future! Find Prestwood Nature on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PrestwoodNature, Instagram @PrestwoodNature or web www.prestwoodnature.org. Email chair@prestwoodnature.com



Prestwood Gardening Society Kent trip 2023

Flourishing group for gardeners

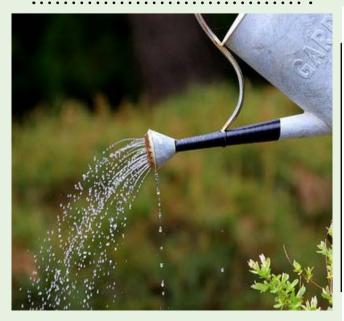
Prestwood Gardening Society (PGS) is an active and thriving group. Upcoming events include the next speaker, Tom Way, who is a renowned wildlife photographer, on Thursday 13 July and two PGS members, Tim and Sheila Stevenson, very kindly inviting members and friends to visit their lovely garden at 55 Sixty Acres Road on Saturday, 8 July from 2.30 to 4.40pm. Admission is free but donations to the Thomas Ball Cancer Fund would be appreciated.

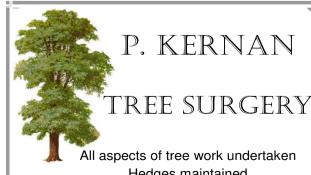
A group of members recently embarked on a four day trip to Kent by coach to visit some of the UK's most famous gardens including Ightam Mote, Sissinghurst and Great Dixter. The weather was beautiful as were the gardens. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Planning has begun for next year's trip!

The Society recently had a talk from Janice Cross of the National Gardens Scheme who explained the history of the organisation - fascinating to learn that it began in the early 1900's - as well as revealing that so far they have raised over £67 million for assorted charities. It was an inspiring story.

New members to the Society are always welcome. Meetings on the second Thursday every month at 8pm in the Village Hall.







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Prestwood Wine Club

Prestwood Wine Club has been going for eight months now, with a number of regulars, along with some new faces nearly every month. Meeting usually on the 3rd Monday of the month, at Prestwood Village Hall, they have already covered a number of regions, including New Zealand and Portugal. Other topics have been 'don't buy the big name, try this instead', less well known grape varieties and an evening on Sauvignon Blanc from around the world.





In April, a friend and colleague of club owner Carole Hazlehurst, Laura Clay, stood in for Carole and hosted an evening on Bordeaux wines. Laura is a certified Bordeaux tutor, so was able to talk very knowledgeably about the area.

Over the next few months, the club will be looking at Island Wines, English wines - a popular request from members - and other individual grape varieties. Carole also hopes to bring along other outside speakers, who can then show off their individual passions. Cheese and wine is another request and Carole hopes to involve a local cheese and winemonger.

Cream Teas at St Peter & St Paul

Cream Teas have started again at St Peter & St Paul Church in Great Missenden. Teas with a range of cakes and scones are served on Sunday afternoons between 3pm and 5pm. All the cakes and scones are prepared by volunteers in the community so the variety each week is wonderful. Cream Teas have been running at St Peter & St Paul since 1985, apart from, of course, during the lockdown. When restrictions were reduced a little during Covid, 'not quite





King's Clarinets playing at the St Peter & St Paul cream teas

cream teas' were arranged in the churchyard.

There is music during the teas on most weekends. Many local groups of musicians, from classical guitarists to choirs, are very keen to support the teas, and they often bring their fans along to hear them and tuck in to the cakes. The teas are a good community activity, often bringing in people who are not regular Church-goers. They also make a significant contribution to Church funds, which is very important in these difficult times.

This year Cream Teas are running every Sunday until 24 September so do visit the Church and enjoy the cakes and music.

service. Even though the

$\textbf{Prestwood Area Community Transport}_{(Contd \ from \ p1)}$

Over the past year the PACT volunteer drivers have given around 450 journeys, driving a total of over 7,265 miles. Twice a year a much appreciated tea party is held in Prestwood Village Hall for the clients of

Prestwood Area

Community Transport

Volunteer Car

Drivers' Scheme

PACT, supported by The King's Church Prestwood and once a year, the PACT team and their partners enjoy a thank you supper.

Those using the scheme are always very grateful for the friendly, efficient low, PACT, whose motto is 'organised by the community for the community, is still able to give away some funds to other local projects such as towards the First Responder vehicle, an all-terrain wheelchair and redecorating a school kitchen and rest room. Happily, they have welcomed four new volunteers in the past few months and if you too would like to find out more about joining this neigh-

07968 641427.

suggested donation rate for journeys is kept reasonably bourly team do phone the PACT telephonists on

Wellbeing and Scouting

1st Prestwood Scouts continue to provide young people with exciting activities aimed at providing skills for life. Cubs and Scouts are looking forward to their summer camps as well as all sections attending the District Camp at the beginning of July.

Activities in which all sections are taking part during the summer terms include:

- Bushcraft, building fires and cooking meals on them
- Whittling
- · Opportunities for some hammocking, and sleeping under tarpaulins
- Cycling
- · Hikes and adventures
- Water sports

The group was part of the recent volunteers day event at Holy Trinity and, in the craft activity to make dream catchers from old CDs, in excess of 34 CDs were decorated by young people and now adorn people's homes.

Martin Everitt said, "We are also looking to starting



Litter picking on Prestwood Common

up a new section called Squirrels catering young people between 4 and 6 years old. We would like to know if this is something wanted by the community."

Please contact him on mr3veritt@gmail.com you are interested.

The group is looking out for adults who would like to join a team to run the Cub pack and Beaver colony. This has been done in the past and those who joined in found it very rewarding, becoming quite a social group.

Again, if you would like to help please contact Martin Everitt.



The Scouts at the Holy Trinity Coronation Fete



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Great Missenden football successes

Great Missenden FC had a fantastic season competing for the Aylesbury Premier Division league title and 3 cup competitions. Whilst losing one cup in the final and being knocked out of another in the semi final, Missenden won the Marsworth Cup for the second season running. Then the final game of the season saw the team crowned champions of the Premier Division, beating rivals Prestwood home and away in the process.



Club Secretary and Club Legend, Bill Morgan with the two trophies

Run Prestwood's 30 year landmark

Unseasonably hot conditions did not deter almost 250 runners from taking part in the Chilterns MS Centre's annual road race on 14 May. Run Prestwood was first staged in 1993 and Danielle Medd, Community and Events Fundraising Manager at the Chilterns MS Centre said, "It's an amazing privilege to be here for this 30th anniversary, such a special landmark and a great opportunity to celebrate the determination and generosity of this year's runners and everyone else who has taken part over the last 30 years. We are so grateful for their support." It has grown to attract hundreds of runners each year to this family-friendly race catering for runners of all abilities in a trio of events - a 10k race, a 5k fun run and a 2k children's race.

The women's 10k race was won by Laura Turnbull of On The Run Running Club, Aylesbury in 42m 8s, and the men's 10k race winner was Adam Shute of Chiltern Harriers Athletic Club in 35m 40s. The top three were presented with trophies by Jeremy Swan of Jeremy Swan Estate Agents, the race sponsor. "I'm a bit of a lapsed runner but Run Prestwood has really inspired me to get back into it again," said Jeremy.

All funds raised from this year's event



Run Prestwood 'Men's winners'



Run Prestwood 'All winners'

go directly to the Chilterns MS Centre and will be used to provide life-changing services for people with neurological conditions. So far, the event has raised £6,600.

The charity would like to acknowledge the support of its sponsors. Special thanks go to Jeremy Swan Estate Agent, Prestwood Gym and Fitness Centre and Prestwood Football Club for hosting the event; and to the students at Bucks New University who provided some much appreciated pre- and post-race massages.

Thanks also to the Rotary Club of Great Missenden and District for its annual commitment of providing much-needed teams of marshals and volunteers to guide runners and ensure their safety. To see the full list of finishers or to find out more about the work of the Chilterns MS Centre, visit chilternsmscentre.org



Run Prestwood 'Women's winners'

Ballinger Cricket

It has been 15 years since The Pheasant closed its doors and Ballinger lost its last remaining pub. Now on the Common opposite, Ballinger Waggoners Cricket Club (BWCC) - reflecting the name of another lost public house – is offering its members and neighbours a Summer social hub.

BWCC has nearly 200 members drawn from the nearby area, and has a thriving boys and girls junior section, three mens and a womens team. It obtained a drinks licence five years ago and last month received a grant from the England Cricket Board (ECB) to help create a welcoming environment. On a Saturday morning upwards of seventy juniors train on the Common in their year groups from 8yrs to 15yrs, whilst parents are now able to enjoy a café experience in the club house.

In the past three weeks the Club has brought in comfortable furniture, a coffee machine, tea urn and offers cakes, pastries and snacks to encourage people to stay, and wifi is also available. It's open to members and non-members alike - as is the licensed bar which is open when matches are taking place.



Ballinger Cricket sponsored shirt The Club warmly welcomes new membersyoung and old - as it competes with the larger town clubs for players. It has a long tradition of giving a pathway to adult cricket, starting from age 13, as well as encouraging parents to rediscover a lost love for the game in the weekend sides.

For more information, please contact membership@bw-cc.co.uk or visit the website bw-cc.co.uk

Tennis Open Day at Great Missenden

Ice creams were consumed, a castle was bounced on, and lots of great tennis was played at Great Missenden Lawn Tennis Club's (GM-LTC) Open Day on 20 May. The Club opened its gates to over 200 people from the surrounding area. They enjoyed complementary refreshments and had a taster of tennis. Lots of new juniors joined the club with their parents (there is a special membership to encourage families to play together).

Wheelchair Tennis World Cup winning Joshua Johns demonstrated his skills, which kept the crowd amazed and entertained. For those needing a rest and a stretch Leticia from Lime Tree Yoga offered free taster sessions. For those needing some extra kit, Barry from Sportscene was on hand with special offers.

Club Chair Roger Hill said, "It was great to see so many people visiting the club and enjoying the weather. Special thanks to Joshua Johns for spending so much time with us answering questions. As ever, our volunteers are to be thanked for their support. We hope that all the new members will take full advantage of the opportunity to play tennis at these fantastic courts".

The Club's grass courts have now opened up and the members are already making full use. To find out more, contact the membership team at the club.



Joshua Johns - British mens wheelchair tennis player at the Open Day.

www.gmltc.com

email: membership@gmltc.com

20 years on for 'Sprinters' (Continued from page 1)

(PSLA). This group developed a partnership with Chiltern District Council

After some prime movers and Wycombe Leisure Limin Prestwood, headed up by ited, together procuring the residents Mike Chesterman funding to build the Sprintand Julia Bampton, saw that ers Leisure Centre on Honthe sports facilities were no or End Lane. Now managed longer a reasonable stan- by Better and known as dard a group was formed Prestwood Gym and Fitcalled the Prestwood Sports ness Centre, it is a real tesand Leisure Association tament to what can be done with vision and determination. Perhaps, 20 years on, it is a lesson for today.





The old Prestwood sports centre and the new Prestwood Gym & Fitness Centre





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Great Missenden Baptist Church Coronation weekend

The excitement had been mounting for a couple of weeks, interior decorators were busy with bunting and flowers as well as exterior work involving metres of flag bunting zigzagging across the driveway.

On Saturday, 6 May, at 9.30am the double doors of the church opened to allow anyone who wished to watch the BBC TV coverage of the coronation of King Charles III on the big screen to come in. The atmosphere was delightful with those who attended cheering together, waving flags and clapping Coronation TV at the Baptist Church as appropriate.



On Sunday after the church service the congregation gathered on the church driveway to enjoy a 'street party' (driveway party does not sound quite so lovely!). Prayers were answered with a dry and warm day. Tables were set out beneath the bunting, and atop the national tablecloths were laden sandwiches and cakes

aplenty. Tea and coffee were offered to all those who passed by who fancied to take a rest and a bite to eat.

For the children (both young and those young at heart!) there were crowns to be decorated with a selection of precious gems.



Great Missenden Baptist 'street party'

The Lee Villages' Coronation Festival

On Monday 8 May, The Lee and surrounding villages celebrated the Coronation with their own festival on The Lee Green.

The weather forecast was overcast with showers. The green saw a variety of tents, gazebos and awnings scattered around just in case. The newly refurbished Cock & Rabbit provided a BBQ from lunchtime, The Shop at The Lee set up a stall with cold eats including curried goat patties and sandwiches for picnics. The Lee Common Scouts 1952 vintage bus toured the area collecting local residents to save them the walk.

At 2pm around 300 people were gathered and proceedings commenced with the National Anthem performed by the community choir 'The Occasional Singers' supported by children from Lee Common Church of England Primary School. Following this, right royal mayhem occurred with races for children including an unusual space hopper race as well as Crowns on the head race, Orb and Sceptre race, Changing of the Guards' relay, Royal bag on the head race and the Royal ring endurance.

A music festival followed, featuring 'The Occasional Singers' and talented vocalists who live in the villages. There were songs from Rogers &



Coronation Festival on The Green at The Lee Hammerstein musicals (Shall we dance, Climb ev'ry mountain), the era of swing (Mack the Knife, Night & Day), the 40's, patriotic numbers (Rule Britannia) and a closing medley including 'We'll meet again'.

Sarah Cherry (R&H & patriotic), Max Garrood (Swing), Mary-Louise Clarke and Becky Vere duetted Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy all to great acclaim and appreciation.

The day was brought to a close with a hog roast at the Cock & Rabbit and a Jazz

St Mary's, Ballinger (Contd from page 1)

By 1920, the building was being used by both the Church of England and Free Church on Sundays, as a Dames School during the week and often had wider uses, adapting to local needs. It functioned as a mission room, village hall (until 1924 when the War Memorial Hall was opened), meeting room and community hub. The



Gerard Hallows of the Wick Trimmers playing to the Bishop and Sally Moring, Vicar of St Mary's Wendover

same holds true today as it hosts weddings, baptisms, renewal of vows, lectures, parties, harvest suppers, flower festivals, art exhibitions, coffee mornings, language lessons and as a welfare centre for those fleeing the war in Ukraine, to name but a few.

The Rt Rev'd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, gave the sermon and Rev Sally Moring officiated alongside him. The service itself had been put together by Rev Malcolm Chalmers. A congregation of over 50 people filled the church and about 20 local people joined them for a wonderful celebration supper in the church grounds afterwards. Several people, including the descendants of many benefactors and supporters of the church in days gone by made a point of attending the event, keen to recognise the role of this little church in their lives. How delighted Abraham Watson would have been to see how his gift has been used and valued over the years and how it continues to play a crucial role in the life of the Ballinger community.

Many local people enjoyed refreshments after the service

Little Kingshill 'Creates a Crown'



Little Kingshill - cans of food for the One Can food bank

Several groups in Little Kingshill came together to organise a community picnic on the common on Windsor Lane to celebrate the King's Coronation with music, games, face painting and quizzes.

There were prizes for the best coronation fancy dress and best decorated house in the village. Over 250 people attended the event and helped 'Create a Crown' by donating nearly 300 tins of food for the One Can Trust.

In addition Little Kingshill Baptist Church raised nearly £500 for the One Can Trust from the sale of home made cakes, and the village Scout Group put on an amazing display of the Coronation procession itself with Admiralty Arch made out of Lego.

Age UK Great Missenden

AGE UK in Great Missenden had two very happy Coronation coffee mornings. This marvellous cake was made by Janet, and the Memorial hall was decorated beautifully by Sue and Linda. These ladies are regular volunteers at the village coffee morning held every Tuesday. Three visitors cor-

rectly guessed the weight of the cake and were awarded a prize each. Everybody enjoyed a piece of the cake to eat with their coffee or to take home.



Coronation celebration for Age UK

Rotary Club of Great Missenden

The Club has been enjoying fund raising events and involvement in local activities in recent months.

A successful Race Night in Great Missenden raised some £1,200 which was split between local charities (notably Lighthouse, the Thomas Ball Cancer Fund and Lindengate).

On 14 May, Rotarians from Great Missenden helped with the logistics of the annual 'Run Prestwood' event, providing

marshals, car park stewards and helping log runners in.

As summer approaches the Club looks forward to its summer break although there are plans to visit some of the many charities that it has supported over the past

Rotary is always looking for new members to join them in raising funds for local, national and international causes - everything from buying a new printer for the Prestwood Food

Bank to sending support to Ukraine and the Turkish earthquake victims and even a cruise ship converted to a floating hospital that serves humanitarian crises in parts of Africa. Of course everyone knows how they help Father Christmas visit much of the local area each December.

If you are interested in joining, please contact them on 07730986345



Prestwood Evening WI

The members of Prestwood Evening WI had a fun-filled evening learning an unusual craft - tissue decoupage. Each member brought along a glass container and was then shown how to decorate it



Decorated glassware at the WI

with tissue serviettes and glue to make an attractive container. There was even some gold or copper leaf to add to the final effect.

At their meeting in May, members celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a pot luck supper. Each member received a beautiful potted plant display, created by Monica and Parmeet. Thank you to Hildreth's for their generosity in supplying the plants at a low cost. Prestwood Evening WI welcomes prospective members at their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:45pm in Prestwood Village Hall Please contact jenny. street44@gmail.com for more information.



A plant display for each WI member



Cooper's artisan Sunday market

Thriving Sunday market in **Great Missenden**

Since the first monthly Artisan market on Great Missenden High Street in October last year, some thirty or so traders have set up their stalls on the 1st Sunday of the month to showcase local suppliers from the Chilterns and surrounding areas, and their produce. With the road closed to traffic, visitors can enjoy the buzz, soaking up the atmosphere on the picturesque, historic High Street.

Shops in the village now regularly open on Market Day too. "People from outside the area come to sample the food and the treats in the market, then wander into the local shops to see what Great Missenden has to offer: it brings in new customers," said one trader. "There's a lovely buzz and a really nice atmosphere," said another.

Rob who organises the market and lives in Great Missenden has worked hard with local traders to get a good mix of produce that complements the shops in the village. He also runs markets in Old Amersham (3rd Sunday of the month) and Gerrards Cross (2nd Sunday of the month).

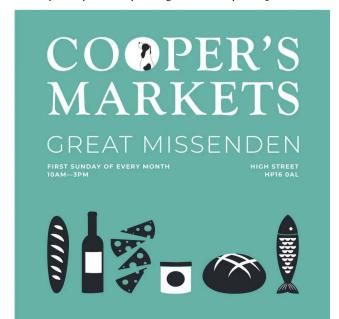
The market runs from 10am - 3pm. It's a brilliant way to meet local producers, to buy and taste their wares, and get together with family and friends for some retail therapy. Local suppliers of cheese, meat, game, mushrooms, bread and many more bring their wares to Great Missenden. And there are plenty of treats, savoury and sweet, from around the world. There's a good selection of gluten-free breads and cakes on offer too. If you prefer something stronger, there are locally produced beers and gin.

There is free Parking on market days in the Buryfield and Link Road car parks.

The market supports local charity, Missenden Walled Garden, Great Missenden

Next markets 10am - 3pm

Sunday 2 July, Sunday 6 August, Sunday, 3 September



Our Post Offices are invaluable

Local Post Post offices offer an amazing breadth of services to their community. The Prestwood Village Stores is home to just such a Post Office. Rimple and Sukh Mehta now run the shop as an independent, and rely totally on the support of their customers.

It is the only place in Prestwood that can provide banking services for most banks, including cash withdrawal and cheque and cash deposit. Plus, for certain banks they offer business banking too. With the clue in the name 'post' office, there's a full

Local Post Post offices offer an amazing breadth of services to their community. The Prestwood Village Stores range of sending and receiving, from cards and letters to large parcels (and the means to wrap and prepare them).

As a newsagent and grocery store, it is the only local shop to offer home delivery, as well as stocking a great selection of wine and, of course, MALT beers. Gift cards for large retailers (Amazon, M&S, John Lewis etc) which, Rimple suggests, could be a little thank you to a teacher. The list of what they offer is amazing, and all with a friendly smile.

Should people such as Rimple and Sukh and the wonderful staff without

whom they could not keep going, be seen as 'Key workers'? They certainly provide an essential service to the community, and are owed a huge debt of gratitude.



Rimple and Sukh (right) with two of their highly valued staff, Oscar and Stacey

Kingshill Baptist Church project progress

Work is well and truly underway on Kingshill Baptist Church's (KBC) building project, Cornerstone. This will result in a brand new hub for the community, featuring a hall (for use by classes, clubs and the church) and will be a new home for Kingshill Kitchen, the coffee shop hosted by the church.

KBC has been talking about a project like this for 20 years or more, and about this particular iteration of it for 7 years, so this is a significant moment. The church is grateful that local contractor Wingfield and Hodgkin are carrying out the first phases of the work

that will include the exterior shell of the building, and renewable energy supplies for the building. Further phases for fitting out and landscaping/car park will follow later.

Kingshill Kitchen is still open Mon-Sat at this time - with new access down the footpath to the left of the church hall site. Alternative step-free access is also available.

Obviously, with any building work comes a level of disruption, and the contractors, coffee shop staff and the church are doing what they can to minimise this, but if you are visiting the church or Kingshill Kitchen please note there is greatly reduced car parking on site, especially for the beginning of the summer.

The aim is to keep parking spaces free onsite for those who need them most. If you can walk, cycle or car share this would be particularly helpful. If you are

parking on the road, please park considerately - away from residential properties if at all possible.

The church is very grateful to so many people who have contributed thus far, and want to say a particular thank-you to the members of Trinity Baptist Church in Chesham who have made a significant contribution to the build.



Foundations for the Cornerstone project

Our local radio

Chiltern Voice (CV) is the community radio station for Great Missenden, Chesham, Amersham and surrounding villages. The station has recently completed its new studios having moved into the current premises at the beginning of the year. It now has two studios and a third virtual studio allowing remote programming including input from live outside events.

The station broadcasts on 107.4FM and can be picked up across much



of Great Missenden and Prestwood. Where this is not possible Chiltern Voice is available online, on internet radio apps and on your smart speaker.

If you are a business, a local group or organisation then a great way to let others know what you are doing is to get in touch with CV and let radio spread the news about the good work you do in the community. Attending your event to both interview and report is possible, and even sometimes a live broadcast can be arranged.

CV is looking for new volunteers to help out at the station. There is a need for presenters, reporters, advertising sales people, engineers, people to help with fundraising, events and administration. If you would like to get involved e-mail

studio@chilternvoice.fm or call 01494 911922.

To find out more about your local community radio station visit the web site at **www.chilternvoice.fm**





Building Renovations And

Extensions

Kitchens & Bathrooms

Carpentry

01494 865906 or 07876 236535

References Available / Insured

www.elliottshomeimprovements.co.uk

E-Mail: info@elliottshomeimprovements.co.uk

The Lee Flower Show is for everyone

The Lee is having a summer of joyous events - a coronation festival and a Church Fête (see page 10). The next one to look forward to is The Lee Flower Show on Saturday, 15 July.

The committee has been getting on with the job: the posters are on the roadsides, the flags will be flying and the cricket field will be transformed with all the paraphernalia that makes the flower show what it is. The grass is being cut, the bands are tuning up, the magician is rehearsing her tricks, the animals are pacing up and down, the cups are being polished, the coconuts are being cut from the palms, the beer is brewing, the ice cream is freezing ...

For your part you need to decide on your entries and get them to Ann Ash by 13 July. It's all there in the Schedule - a variety of classes for all to participate in. You can download it from the village website: just follow the Flower Show link.

If you need any help with entries please feel free to ring our dedicated helpline 01494 837550.

A small army of helpers is needed to put on the show so thank you to all those who have already enlisted - if you haven't been asked please don't feel left out. Just give us a call. Similarly, if you would like to donate a prize for the raffle or have books for the bookstall, or would like to help in the tea tent. If you can bake a cake for the tea then bring it along to the pavilion in the morning.

One thing to remember: this is an outdoor event on the cricket field where facilities for credit and debit cards are limited. Cash is king. Make a trip to a cash point, draw some out and bring it with you.

In the evening...

Dance to Shakedown

Put on your dancing shoes and get on down to the marquee for the best night of your lives.

Tickets at £23 each are still available for The Flower Show Dance, available from the Lee Shop until Monday, 3 July and thereafter contact Liz and Mina on:

theleeflowershowdance@gmail.com



Chiltern Steam Rally

Sat 1 - Sun 2 July from 10am to 5pm Hvde End, HP16 0RD Entrance £10 adult; £2 children (cash only).

Rally attractions include a wide selection of exhibits;

- Steam Traction engines from 1900 to 1930s
- Classic cars
- · Vintage commercial section consisting of Vans and lorries
- Tractors
- Motorcycles
 - Timber lorries Stanley miniatures

· Stationary engines

Childrens fun fair

There will food and drink with a licensed bar, fish and chips, burgers and more. In the large working area steam engines and tractors, driving saw benches, stone crusher and other farm machinery will be working. Also on display will be models and collectables, rural craft and awning displays, and a market selling a wide variety of items.

The rally is delighted to support the Pepper Children's Hospice again as its main charity.

Lighthouse Missenden

The Buryfield will be alive to the Lighthouse experience from 24-28 July. And on the Sat 29 July, 7.30pm is the brilliant Barn Dance. Tickets



are Adult £10; u16s £5; and family (2A +2u16, or 3u16 admits 5) £25 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/lighthouse-missenden (See p13)

Little Kingshill Combined School festival



Friends of Little Kingshill Combined School (FOLKS) is excited to announce the return of Festival on the Field. The Festival will take place on Saturday, 8 July. Gates open at 12.45 and the event finishes at 6pm.

Tickets are available to the whole community and can be purchased via Eventbrite. Ref: 615237561107

Or visit the Facebook

page for more information: www.facebook.com/festivalonthefield

The event will involve local bands performing on the school field. Therefore local residents may hear some additional noise during the festival. There will also be additional traffic and on street parking on the day. Please note set up will commence around 9am

and hopefully shut down will be complete by 9pm.

All attendees are expected to be respectful of local residents and reminders will be sent asking people to be conscious of property access when parking.

The members of the Friends hope that many of you will be able to join them for the summer celebrations!

Great Missenden library

Opening hours

Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-5pm; Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm; Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Public holidays-closed.

Tuesday. Learn My Way. 11am. 1-2-1 Basic computer skills tuition with Library volunteer. Book at the library. Wednesday. Scrabble. 10am-12 noon. Book Club. 2.30-3.30pm. Friday. Bounce & Rhyme for pre-schoolers (term-time only) 10am. Craft and Create. 2.30-4.30pm.

Contact: 01296 382415 or visit: www.tinyurl.com/mvpzehba or www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/libraries/find-a-library/great-missenden/

Events at The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre

The Museum and Shop are open 10am to 4.30pm, Thursday to Sunday. Visitors 5 years old and over £7.95. Tickets include re-entry for a whole year! More information about activities, including times and charges, contact: 01494 892192 website: www.roalddahl.com/museum email: hello@roalddahlmuseum.org

Friday 28 - Sunday 30 July, 10am, 12pm, 2pm Revolting Rhymes Waterperry Opera Festival

20 July - 3 September (closed Mondays)

Big Friendly Summer. BFG storytelling*, daily trails and BFG-themed workshops on selected dates.

Thursday 3, 17 and 31 August. 11.30am, 2pm

Big Friendly Walks. Explore Great Missenden village, that inspired Roald Dahl's stories.

Events marked * are free for Museum visitors. Events take place at the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre. 81-83 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0AL Registered charity number 1085853 A company limited by guarantee number 4178505





HP16 events Source

July - September 2023

Abbreviations

GM - Great Missenden - Prestwood Nature - Prestwood Village Hall

St P&P, GM - St Peter & St Paul Church, GM - Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood - Great Missenden Baptist Church GMBC

Sat & Sun 1-2 July Chiltern Steam Rally - Hyde End, Nr GM, Bucks. HP16 0RD Wide range of attractions - Entrance £10 adult; £2 children (cash only). 10am-5pm

Saturday 1 July Men's Breakfast. HTC Hall, Prestwood. 8.30-10am. Full English Breakfast, visiting speaker. All gents are welcome. To book: secretary@htprestwood.org.uk

National Garden Scheme Open Garden. Little Missenden, 12 Gardens. 2-6pm. £8. Children free. Details: ngs. org.uk

Stitch-in-time Sewing/Crafters Group. GMBC. Informal and social. (term time). (No August meeting). Šue 07813 989611; Karen 07582 856439. stitchintimeGM19@gmail.com

Sunday 2 July Artisan Market, High Street, GM. 10am-3pm. Food/drink stalls, local craft producers. Supporting The Missenden Walled Garden (See p11)

PN National Meadows Day. Boug's Meadow Open day, Link Road Car Park, GM. HP16 9AE. 10am-3pm. Stalls, activities for all. www.bougs@ prestwoodnature.org

National Garden Scheme Open Garden. Little Missenden Gardens. (See Sat 1 Jul)

Monday 3 JulyCountrymen's Club for Retirees, Countryways, Road Farm, GM. 1.30-3pm. Meet, chat, participate in farm-related tasks. Refreshments, donation. Book: 01494 862413, email: office.rfcountryways@gmail.com, www.roadfarmcountryways.com/ countrymen

Tuesday 4 JulyPrestwood Forget Me Not Club for the over 60s. Sociable afternoon tea with entertainment. PVH. Open 2pm, start 2.15pm. £3. Call: Wendy 07961 164723; Chris 07771 798646

Wednesday 5 July

Prestwood Afternoon WI. Talk: Lawrence of Arabia. PVH. 2pm. Tea and biscuits. Visitors welcome. Details: Jenny 07729 811848.

Thursday 6 July

The Lee Village Walk. 9.30am. Meet on The Green.

Friday 7 July Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. Board or card games, light refreshment. Free, donations welcome. Details: Barbara 01494 862774.

Saturday 8 July

GM School Summer Fair. Celebrating 200 years. 12-3pm. GM School PTA. Free. All welcome. Raffle, tombola, bouncy castle, rides, dog show, stalls, games, refreshments. (See p1&5)

Festival on the Field, Little Kingshill Combined School, HP16 0DZ. 12.45-6pm. (See p12)

Sunday 9 July

Fusion Youth Group. HTC Hall and Annexe, Prestwood. 4-5.30pm. For year groups 6-9 (age 11-14), to join table tennis, snacks, activities, chat. Details: families@htprestwood.org.uk

National Garden Scheme Open Garden. Fressingwood, Little Kingshill. 2-5.30pm. £4.50. (See Sat 1 Jul)

Tuesday 11 JulyPrestwood Evening WI Open Meeting and Talk. History Tours of Wycombe, Speaker William Reid. PVH. 7.45pm. Details: jenny.street44@ gmail.com (see p10)

Fat Quarters Quilting Group. Me morial Centre, GM. 7-10pm. Talk: Remember Me, by Deb McGuire. Visitors £5.50 inc. refreshments. Details: Gill Howes 07751 196078, fatquartersmissenden@gmail.com (see p4)

Thursday 13 JulyLittle Kingshill Friendship Group. Village Hall. 2pm. (No August meeting). Social afternoon. Speaker or activities, tea and cake. Small charge. Details: Christine 01494 868552.

Prestwood Gardening Society. Wildlife photographer, Speaker: Tom Way. Prestwood Village Hall. 8pm. Non-members £1. (see p7)

Saturday 15 July The Lee Flower Show. 2-5pm. The Lee Manor Park. (see p12)

PN. Drop-in Work Party at the Pollinator Friendly Garden, Greenlands Lane, HP16 9QX. 10am-12.30pm. Help upkeep of garden. Details: www. prestwoodnature.org (see p12)

Prestwood Repair Café. Prestwood Community Centre. 10am-1.30pm. Free, donations welcome. Pop in. Refreshments. Facebook, Email: repaircafe@greatmissendenpc.co.uk

Sunday 16 July

Summer Fair Missenden Abbey, GM. 11am. Tickets Adult £4, Children (Ages 3 to 12) £2, Under 2s free. Tombola, craft stalls, entertainment.

Monday 17 July Countrymen's Club for Retirees, Countryways, Road Farm, GM. 1.30-3pm. (See Mon 3 Jul)

Prestwood Wine Club. PVH. English Wines. 8pm. Tickets must be bought in advance. Contact: carole@vinovation.co.uk (see p8)

Wednesday 19 July Prestwood Friendship Club.

Tom Way, wild life photographer. 2–3.15pm. Prestwood Methodist Church, High Street. Cup of tea. No charge, donation. All welcome. Details Mary Spooner 01494 862431

Chequers Folk at The Barn @ Cherry Tree Farm, Great Kingshill HP15 6ED. 8-10pm. Special guest: Devines. Tickets on the door £10. Details: philippa.wallin@btinternet.com

Thursday 20 July Great Missenden WI Talk. Taste of Travel, Speaker: Sheila Keatinge. GM Memorial Centre. 2.30pm. (No August Meeting). Details: 01494 866794.

Friday 21 July

Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See Fri 7 July)

Saturday 22 July

Prestwood Family Fun Day. PVH. 12 noon-Late. For the whole community. Food, craft stalls, children's activities,

Thursday 27 JulyThe Arts Society Ballinger. Talk: Garden hunting in China by Timothy Walker. Ballinger Village Hall. 7.30pm for 8pm. Members £8 Non-Members £10. Contact: ballinger@theartssociety.org

Saturday 29 July

Lighthouse Barn Dance. The Lighthouse Marquee on the Buryfield, GM. 7.30-10pm. www.ticketsource.co.uk/ lighthouse-missenden (See p12)

Monday 31 July

Countrymen's Club for Retirees, Countryways, Road Farm, GM. 1.30-3pm. (See Mon 3 Jul)

Wednesday 2 August Summer Holiday Family Films. GMBC 10.30am. Light lunch. Free, donations welcome. Details: Nicki 07395 032432; Website great missenden baptist church.com

Prestwood Afternoon WI. Talk: Licensed to Thrill. PVH. 2pm. (See Wed 5 Jul)

Thursday 3 AugustThe Lee Village Walk. 9.30am. Meet on The Green.

Friday 4 August

Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See Fri 7 July)

Saturday 5 August Men's Breakfast. HTC Hall, Prestwood. 8:30–10am. (See Sat 1 Jul)

Sunday 6 August

Artisan Market, High Street, GM. 10am-3pm. (See Sun 2 Jul and p11)

Tuesday 8 August

Prestwood Evening WI. Visit to Hindu Temple in Neasden. Details: jenny. street44@gmail.com

Fat Quarters Quilting Group. Memorial Centre, GM. 7-10pm. Sew and Social – work on own projects. (See Tues 11 July)

Wednesday 9 August Summer Holiday Family Films. GMBC. 10.30am. (See Wed 2 Aug)

Thursday 10 AugustThe Arts Society Ballinger. Silver Sparkling Tea Party 25th Anniversary Celebration. Ballinger Village Hall. 3-5pm. Members only. www ballinger@theartssociety.org

Prestwood Gardening Society. Birds of Berks & Bucks, Speaker: Brian Clews. Prestwood Village Hall. 8 pm. Non-members £1.

Sunday 13 August PN. The Lure and Lore of Wildflowers - wildflower walk at PN Reserve, botanist Roy Vickery. 2.30-4pm. www.prestwoodnature.org

Wednesday 16 August Summer Holiday Family Films. GMBC. 10.30am. (See Wed 2 Aug)

Prestwood on Sea. Prestwood Methodist Church Hall, High Street. 11.30am-3.15pm. Refreshments, lunch, entertainment, magician, raffle. Free, donations welcome.

Friday 18 August
Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See Fri 7 July)

Saturday 19 August

PN. Drop-in Work Party at the Pollinator Friendly Garden. 10am-12.30pm. (See Sat 15 Jul)

Prestwood Repair Café. Prestwood Community Centre. 10am-1.30pm. (See Sat 15 Jul)

Monday 21 August
Prestwood Wine Club. PVH. Outside
Speaker. 8pm. (See Mon 17 Jul & p8))

Wednesday 23 August Summer Holiday Family Films.

GMBC. 10.30am. (See Wed 2 Aug) Friday 1 September
Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See

Saturday 2 September

Men's Breakfast. HTC Hall, Prestwood. 8.30-10am. (See Sat 1 Jul) Stitch-in-time Sewing/Crafters

Group. GMBC. (See Sat 1 Jul)

Prestwood Gardening Society. Annual Show. PVH 2-4.30pm.

Bach Cello Suites Recital. Orlando Jopling. St P&P, GM. 7pm. www. ticketsource.co.uk (See p4)

Sunday 3 September

Artisan Market, High Street, GM. 10am-3pm. (See Sun 2 Jul)

Tuesday 5 September

Prestwood Forget Me Not Club for the over 60s. Sociable afternoon tea with entertainment. PVH. (See Tues

Wednesday 6 September

Prestwood Afternoon WI. Harvest Bring and Buy. PVH. 2pm. (See Wed

Thursday 7 SeptemberThe Lee Village Walk. 9.30am. Meet on The Green.

Monday 11 September Film Night. GMBC. 7.30pm. Film

tbc. Free, donations welcome. Details: Website greatmissendenbaptistchurch.com

Tuesday 12 SeptemberFat Quarters Quilting Group. Memorial Centre, GM. 7-10pm. Free Open Evening. Exhibition of Work. Learn to Make a Basic Block, by Margaret Armstrong. (See Tues 11 Jul & p4)

Prestwood Evening WI Talk. Wine Tasting with Carol Hazlehurst. PVH. 7.45pm. (See Tues 11 July)

Thursday 14 September

Little Kingshill Friendship Group. Little Kingshill Village Hall. 2.00pm. (See Thurs 13 Jul)

Prestwood Gardening Society. Hen Corner, Speaker: Sara Ward. PVH. 8pm. Non-members £1.

Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See Fri 7 July)

Friday 15 September

Saturday 16 September PN. Drop-in Work Party at the Pollinator Friendly Garden. 10am-12.30pm. (See Sat 15 Jul)

Prestwood Repair Café. Prestwood Community Centre. 10am-1.30pm. (See Sat 15 Jul)

Sunday 17 September Breakfast. 9.30am. Followed by a half hour service 10.30am. Hosted by The King's Church Prestwood. PVH. All welcome. Contact: Philippa Wallin 01494 866439.

PN. Work Party at Boug's Meadow, GM, Link Road car park, Boug's Meadow, GM HP16 9AE. 10am-1pm. Help upkeep this magical meadow. www.bougs@prestwoodnature.org

Monday 18 September Prestwood Wine Club. PVH. Topic tbc. 8pm. (See Mon 17 Jul)

Wednesday 20 September Prestwood Friendship Club. Judy Weaver, illustrated travel talk. 2–3.15pm. (See Wed 19 Jul)

Chequers Folk at The Barn. Cherry Tree Farm, Great Kingshill HP15 6ED. 8-10pm. Duo Charlie Dore & Julian Littman. Tickets on the door £12. (See Wed 19 Jul)

Thursday 21 September Great Missenden WI Talk. Lost Elephants of Hua Hin, Speaker: Linda Gransby. GM Memorial Centre. 2.30pm. (See Thurs .20 Jul)

WEEKLY & FORTNIGHTLY Sundays

Cream Teas. St P&P, GM. 3-5pm. 01494 862352, www.missendenchurch.org.uk. (see p8)

Mondays Bumps & Babies. The Annexe, HTC, Prestwood. (term time) 9.30-11.30am. welcoming group for babies up to 1yr plus carers. Detail: families@htprestwood.org.uk

Toddlers at GMBC Hall. 10am. Details: 07946 588614,

Monday Meals. GMBC. 3.30pm. (closed 31 July- 28 Aug) meal at 5pm. Free. Open to everyone, no restrictions. Booking essential: Val 01494 864834

Mondays (Contd)

Prayer Space. GMBC. Weekly 4–6pm for private prayer and quiet reflection. Please feel welcome to come along and use this sanctuary.

Tuesdays Simply Walk. Gentle 30–45 minute walk. Meet at GM Memorial Hall. 10am. Free. Contact: 01494 475367. Website: chiltern.gov.uk/simply-walk

Age UK Coffee Session. Memorial Hall, GM. 9.45am-12 noon. All welcome, especially anyone new to GM. Details: Jen King 01494 865271.

The Wool Gatherers. The Annexe, HTC, Prestwood. 10am-12noon. Bring own knitting, crochet, craft, or join charity project. No charge. Donations for refreshment. secretary@ htprestwood.org.uk

Prestwood and Great Kingshill Age Concern Luncheon Club.

PVH. 1pm (Not 1st Tuesday of the month). Details: Joan Palmer 01494 863982, Jenny Plewes 01494 713960.

Social Bridge. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, PVH. No partner necessary. 2–4pm. Price on the day £3 for those who don't pay annually. Stella Watts-Moore 01494 863201.

The Firth Singers meet every 2 or 3 weeks. Tuesday evenings in GM. Informal auditions contact: thefirthsingers@gmail.com, 07773 704233. (See p4)

Wednesdays SEND Support Group. The Annexe, HT, Prestwood. (1st & 3rd Wed) 10-11.30am. For parents and carers to meet. £1 donation for refreshments. Email: families@htprestwood.org.uk

Bible Study and Prayer. GMBC. Weekly (term time). 10.30-12noon. All welcome. Details: Ernie 01494

Coffee and Share. St P&P, GM. (term time) 10.30am.

Badminton Group. GMBC Hall. Weekly 10.45-11.45am. Fun badminton for ladies of a certain age. Details: Jackie 01494 766635.

Sensory Stay & Play. The Annexe, HT, Prestwood. 12:30-2pm. For children with additional needs and their carers. £1 donation/family. Bring lunch. families@htprestwood.org.uk **Great Missenden Bridge Club.** GM

Memorial Centre. 7.30pm. Details: Val Daniel 07778 119094, valdaniel1105@gmail.com All Voices Aloud Singing Group. GMBC. (term time) 7.30pm. Details: Helen 01494 715336, 07773 581754.

Thursdays

Toddlers. HTC, Prestwood. Weekly (term time) 10-11.30am. Drop-in group for 0-5s with carers. Toys, crafts, snack time, story time, signing and Toddler prayer. Refreshments available. Details: families@htprestwood.org.uk

The Toy Library. The Annexe, HTC, Prestwood. Weekly (term time) 10.30am-12 noon. Educational and stimulating toys and playsets to borrow free. Details: families@htprestwood.org.uk

GM Age Concern Lunch Club. Over 60s welcome. 11am-2pm. Transport can be provided. Details Julie

Needle 01296 612843. **Fridays**

Table tennis. GMBC Hall. 2-4pm. (closed 28 July-1 Sept) All ages welcome. Details: Ernie 01494 864008, Nicki 07395 032432

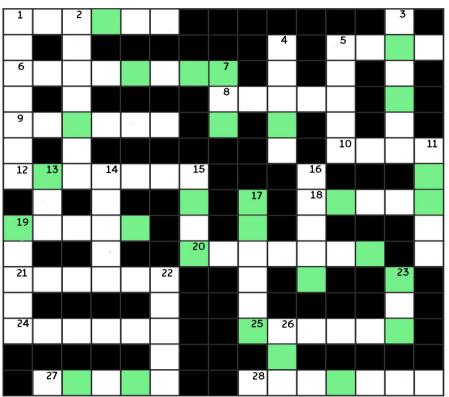
Bounce & Rhyme for pre-schoolers (term-time only) 10am. and Craft and Create. 2.30-4.30pm.

at GM Library (see p12)

Down

SOURCE CROSSWORD NO. 79

Tools Are Us - by Palabras



Crossword 78 challenge

The letters in the green squares will give you the names of five items from DIY shops

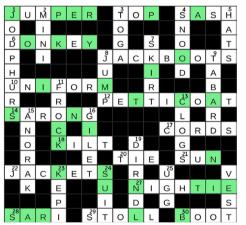
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and send entries to: please enter your name here: HP16 - THE SOURCE, 6 CHEQUERS LANE, PRESTWOOD. HP16 9DW

Crossword solution No. 78

Worn in and out

Pyjamas (7), Apron (5), Knickers (8), Bikini (6), Culottes (8).



Across

1)	Needed for your nails	(6)	1)	Poor journalist noticed cutting to	ool (7)
5)	Not just for toast	(4)	2)	Heavy hammers	(7)
6)	Measure inside or outside	(8)	3)	These are twisters in and out	(6)
8)	Forging tool	(5)	4)	see 24 across	
9)	Can you see through these?	(6)	5)	Is this tool in charge?	(5)
	Rough & smooth plane	(4)	7)	see 19 across	
	Tap cleaners?	(7)	11)	see 15 down	
	This closes on a light	(5)	13)	Wood splitter	(3)
,	+7 dwn No net sounds like it hurts	` '	14)	Hang on to these	(5)
		(3) & (3)	15)	+11 dwn Smoothie	(4) & (5)
	see 16 down		16)	+20 a)c Handyman's cocktails? (5) & (7)
21)	Cutting edge for hard materials	(6)	17)	Tool left in docks?	(6)
24)	+4 dwn This has a bubble balance	(6) & (5)	19)	Small spikey nails	(5)
25)	Makes the earth move for you	(6)	22)	Used by a turner	(5)
27)	Home for number 8	(5)	23)	Sounds like everything you need	(3)
28)	Hot weapon	(7)	26)	Weeds hate this	(3)

Last time we asked: Where & what is this in HP16?





We know the proverb that 'a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, which generally means value what you've got rather than aspiring to something that seems better, but out of reach. The proverb probably originates from the days of falconry when the meaning is pretty obvious. The writer of Ecclesiastes may have meant a similar thing saying 'Better a live dog than a dead lion'... which seems reasonable!

However, we now come to the sign that has appeared (as noted by Judi Precious) 'in the Pepperboxes wood near the style into the field near the Hampden Monument on Honor End Lane' (incidentally, great road surface now!). True, but from whence did it come and what meaning does it convey, and to who is it addressing? We know not! An extensive google search revealed nothing - so, if you're out there and you know, please do tell.

Christine Lewis, on seeing the bird in the hand sign in the beautiful woodland, decided to write a poem in response to our puzzle. Our thanks to her and to Judi.

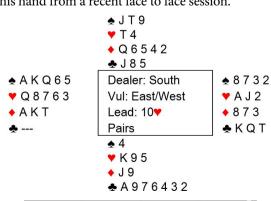
Interestingly, in the same woods, there lurks, at a different intersection of paths, another mysterious sign of (from our perspective), unknown origin... maybe a clue?

This way or that way, Which way should I go? Left, right or upwards? I really don't know! But I don't think it matters; Any footpath is good. Each has its own beauty In Pepperboxes Wood.

♣ ◆ Bridge column ♥ ♠

Right on cue?

This hand from a recent face to face session.



S	W	N	Е
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Following 1♠ - 3♠, West with a 3 loser hand has good prospects for a slam if East has A or K♥. West's next bid could be 4♠, 4NT or 4♠ (5♠ as, for instance, Exclusion Blackwood is an expert option not being considered). 4♠ understates West's strength; 4NT is too loose as a reply showing one Ace may only be A♣ and of no real value; a cue bid of 4♣ showing first round control (Ace or void) gets a favourable cue bid reply of 4♥ - arguably West should now check for a Grand Slam with 4NT (as a reply showing 2 Aces implies A♣ and then 5NT to see if East has K♥) - but chose 6♠ to end the auction. South might open with a bid of 3♣ on this poor suit for a preempt as dealer (although if South held the K♣ instead of the K♥ really should open 3♠) making the small slam much harder for East/West to find.

North's initial lead of 10♥ could be a singleton so declarer wins with A♥, drew trumps and played towards the J♥ and forced out the K♥ - fortunately the hearts break 3-2 as a 4-1 split is harder to manage. On regaining the lead Declarer played out hearts discarding diamonds from dummy and ruffed the remaining 10♦, for 12 tricks.

At the table, just one pair found the slam.

There are local bridge clubs in Prestwood, Great Missenden, Downley, Naphill, Wendover, Princes Risborough, Chesham and Amersham.

So where and what is this in HP16?



Please send answers to editor@hp16.org.uk The best (creative, or factual) will be in Issue 79

How did you get your job?





Did you have to get work experience?

The only work experience that I remember was someone showing me where to go, name of roads, houses, which houses to collect weekely. Had two weeks with the milkman who did their round before they moved to another job.

What advice would you give to people who are thinking about working in your industry?

My advice is (to be) someone like me who enjoys night work, also enjoys the quiet life, plus many milkmen are usually older and stay longer in the job - especially those who don't have children! Plus being quite fit and of course enjoy driving which I do!

What's been your favourite thing about your job so far?

Seeing my customers of course, number one! I love the area I do - being in the countryside and seeing wild animals! Also the people I work for are very kind, friendly, helpful and supportive. Also Christmas time when I received so many cards, money, gifts etc which I very much appreciated. Especially being in my job so long: 33 years! So people know me well and appreciate my service I provide! Also an added answer is (the role is good) for people like me with mild learning disabilities/difficulties as they will take that on board and employ people.



Our popular interview series returns with who is for many a very familiar face! We caught up with our local milkman, Robin Gardner to find out more about his job...

Did you always want to be a milkman and what made you decide on it for a career?

Yes, it's working nights when it's nice and quiet and lovely working in the



Pictured: Robin Gardner and Peter Cooper

countryside and seeing the wildlife at night as well and less traffic! And being my own boss so I can work which hours suits me, and I take my breaks when it

Do you need any qualifications?

No qualifications really needed - just as long as you are over 21 and have a driver's license.

Did you know...

- According to Dairy Crest, in the 1980s, 94% of milk was delivered in glass bottles. By 2012 this was just 4% which means a huge increase in plastic single-use packaging!
- Until World War One, Milk was delivered by horse and cart, a "milk-pram") so instead of hearing the familiar buzz of an electric engine, it would be the clip-clop of horses hooves letting you know you're up early (or going to bed really, really late!) The milk was ladled into tin cans from a churn. One can imagine the milkmen of old needed a steady hand! Speaking of which...
- "Don't cry over spilt milk" means it's not worth wasting your life worrying over small disasters that have happened and no v can't be changed. But who was the first to say this? It was actually penned by Anglo-Welsh Historian and Writer James Howell in one of his works
 Paramoigraphy (Proverbs) in 1659. The original phrasing was "No
 weeping for shed milk", and whilst there's no evidence that he spit a lot
 of milk, he did work his way up through-several jobs for twenty years
 until on the eve of the English Civil Var ne was finally offered his dream role at the Privy Council. The War put a stop to him ever taking up the position though, so perhaps he was rueing on this when he came up with the famous phrase! Ironically too perhaps, his memorial in Temple Church in London (which he had paid for, as mentioned in his Will in 1666) was destroyed by bombing in World War Two.

Darting Around Devon

Prestwood Junior School - Year 6 River Dart Residential Trip

On the 15th -19th May 2023 the Year 6's from Prestwood Junior School went on an adventure full of exciting activities to River Dart Country Park in Devon:

Activities

Each day we had three separate activities: morning, afternoon and evening activity. Each and every activity was so much fun that it burst enjoyment into all of our minds. We were occupied with: raft building, round robin, caving, canoeing and kayaking, high ropes, crate building, zip wire, mini Olympics, rock climbing, a three hour long walk and lots of other fun, enjoyable activities every day.

Dorms

In total there were nine dorms with five of them for us (Prestwood Junior School) and the other school that visited had the other four. The daily routine that we had to follow was a morning call at 7am to wake us all up. Then at 7:15am, there was a dorm inspection every morning where the dorm would have to be as tidy as possible and the instructors would give us a score out of ten. Inside our dorms were around 4 triple bunk beds or double bunk beds with wardrobes for everyone to put their belongings into.



Meal Times

Every morning for breakfast, we had an option of cereal or a full English breakfast. For lunches, we had a delicious variety of meals to boost our energy for the activities to come. At dinner time, we also had vast amount of options every evening like: bolognaise, burgers and other delicious food. We had a choice of puddings including ice cream, Eton Mess, apple crumble and sticky toffee pudding.

Daytime groups

Our daytime groups ranged from groups 1-6. In group 4, we had an instructor named Evan. In group 1, we had an instructor named Charlie.

Our Opinions on the Trip

"It was a once in a lifetime experience and I would never forget the wonderful experience I had there." – Millie Box.

"It was a thrilling trip full of delightful activities and it helped me conquer some of my fears and over all this was an amazing trip."- Lacey Draper.





#PrestwoodNoticesNature photo competition

If you're reading this you might just have time to enter your photos of Prestwood's amazing nature by the 1st July! You'll need to post your image on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #prestwoodnoticesnature And if the deadline has passed? Never mind! Why not or a Prestwood Nature site like Boua's Meadow. have a browse of the entries, be inspired and send some of your own snaps to us at The Source Youth! We'd love to see your photos of Prestwood's nature (in fact, anything interesting that captures your eye!).



Competition rules:

- Photographs don't have to be taken in Prestwood! Just keep it local.
- Photos can be of your garden, a local green space
- Photograph plants, birds, insects or other animals (not pets); even fungi!
- Images can be posted to the Prestwood Nature Facebook Group or other FB groups, on your own Instagram account during the month of June, including #PrestwoodNoticesNature
- Include a note to identify what you have found, if you know the name

We look forward to seeing your photos!

you if you wish to gain experience with us. You could be looking for journalistic experience, but you might also be keen on creative writing, photography, illustration and cartooning. You can commit to as much or as little time as you like, so long as you can create some content and meet deadlines! Drop us an email to find out more: hp16thesource@yahoo.co.uk