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Editorial

by Ann Miller



Sun is out, oh no sorry it has gone in again. We mustn't get too excited too quickly, but when it does shine it certainly makes you feel so much happier. I hope you have all had a good few months and are looking forward to a pleasant summer.

Whatever viewpoint we have, the Coronation weekend was an evocative period and demonstrated some quirky bits of our heritage. The history of our country writ large and, thankfully, our country is still able to produce an amazing event.

We had some memories of the previous coronation in one of your articles, I want to add mine. A small square box in the corner of someone's room, not my family home, a melee of people focused on it. The strongest memory for me was that I was given a golden coach, but my only thought is whatever happened to it!

Congratulations to the winners of the Proud of Bucks Awards and the Rose Exton Award. You have been very busy contributing to your community and others. Martin's work in the Sensory Garden along with his volunteers has developed a great asset to the village and its environs. Congratulations also to the children of Holmer Green First School who have been awarded their second silver award for promoting the walk to school initiative. As one of their ambassadors wrote, they are Going for Gold in 2024. Good luck.

Well, I must be off now I have a bit of weeding, mowing and general tidying up to do in preparation for the Open Garden's event. I can but dream! I hope the event goes well and gives some inspiration for all who attend the various gardens.

Have a good summer.

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15 th June	VPA Talk - <i>TBA</i>	Church Centre - 7.45pm
19 th June	Chadwick Ladies - " <i>Beekeeping & importance of the Eco System</i> "	Village Centre - 2.00pm
21 st June	Holmer Green WI - <i>Members Only Birthday Party</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
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17 th July	Chadwick Ladies - " <i>Famous Jewels and their History</i> "	Village Centre - 2.00pm
19 th	Holmer Green WI - <i>Craft Session</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm
20 th July	VPA Talk - " <i>All You Need to Know to Grow Sweet Peas</i> "	Church Centre - 7.45pm
16 th August	Holmer Green WI - <i>August Footpath Walk and Picnic</i>	Village Centre - 2.00pm

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4th Holmer Green Brownies — Church Centre. Thursdays, weekly 5.30 – 7.00pm.

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Toddler Group — Baptist Church. Every term time Tuesday, 9.30am - 11am.

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Wednesday Service — Baptist Church. Every Wednesday afternoon. 1.30pm - 2.15pm.

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Meanwhile life at the club continues to be busy with all the usual activities which both the elderly members and volunteers enjoy; chat, games, puzzles, music and, for our members, a delicious hot lunch. Thank you, cooks! We still need a Treasurer and also help on the transport, please contact us if you feel that you could help us here.

Pop in and see us in the Chadwick Hall at the Village Centre any Monday apart from Bank Holidays, 10.30 am - 2.30 pm. You would be most welcome.

Ann Sollars – Hon Sec.

HOLMER GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH UPDATE

Hello! I'd like to introduce myself - my name is Rachael Smith and I am the new Families Worker at Holmer Green Baptist Church. I say "new," but really, I am returning to the role after a 4.5-year hiatus (by which I mean I've been at home with two small humans calling the shots!). Over the last few years, I've continued to be a part of the church, often leading the singing on a Sunday, and have had both of my children dedicated here (similar to a christening).



Since returning to work for the church, it has been especially good to be back in Holmer Green Junior School and Curzon, leading assemblies and seeing lots of lovely faces again! Before the Easter Holidays we had the pleasure of welcoming all the year 6 children into the church to learn about the Easter message through activities, games, an egg hunt and even baking. It was great to see so many young people enjoying themselves whilst learning the gospel message, especially when it was time

for the Easter rap - it was then that we witnessed some pretty epic dance moves...there is always at least one kid who has mastered the worm!

Alongside my work with schools, I'm responsible for running our Sunday evening youth club (*Oasis Youth, 6.30pm-8pm during term time for school years 6+*) and overseeing *Oasis Kids (our Sunday morning kids and youth groups, 9.45am)*. We've seen our primary aged group grow considerably over the last year, which has brought a real buzz to our morning meetings. Special thanks go to our kind and committed volunteers for always being ready to cater to our children!

As summer approaches, we look forward to celebrating the anniversary of the church on the 25th June. All are welcome to join us for our Family service (9.45am), followed by a BBQ and kid's crafts and games in the garden - not forgetting our annual family game of rounders on the common (it could get competitive - bring running shoes!).

As a church, the anniversary service is a great opportunity to remind ourselves of the faithfulness God has shown us over the years, both as a church and as individuals. Sometimes it can be easier to see His work retrospectively than in our current situations, and when we look back it encourages and propels us forward into His plans that are yet unseen. I don't know what your situation is as you are reading this, but I would direct you to a verse that is special to our church and displayed in our entrance, as an encouragement and my parting thought to you:

*"but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:31*

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Holmer Green Village Society are usually very busy at this time of the year planning for music on the Common in July, but this year we have an extra event which is fast approaching. The events team are actively working with the Village Produce Association planning for the Open Garden's Day on Sunday June 11th, look out for the posters in the village for all the details. The open gardens will finish off at the Jubilee Sensory Gardens in Earl Howe Road.

The gardens are now looking pretty spectacular, with lots of features visible from the road. We were delighted earlier in the year when Martin Little, the leader of the team who has designed, built and maintained the gardens over the last few years, was presented with a Proud of Bucks Award in the Community Champion category by the Little Missenden Community Board. It was a bumper year for Holmer Green at the awards ceremony with two other Holmer Green groups being recognised.

In addition to the Open Garden's Day, the events team are also planning for Music on the Common on July 15th. It promises to be another major event for the village with many local organisations taking part.

Part of the focus on the Monday of the King's Coronation weekend was the subject of volunteering. We're very lucky to have a strong team of volunteers who get involved in many areas of the Village Society, from the committee who meet once a month to various sub committees who work on various projects. There are also many who help with the regular litter picks, the plantings in the village and the support on Music on the Common. We also have a new committee, which is looking into the issue of planning, particularly development both within and just outside the village.

The planning committee was formed as a result of the HW8 developments but have also been working to help the company who wish to develop

Penfold Farm which is opposite Winters Way. The committee reviewed the application and as a result met with the developer to understand their plans and the constraints they were working under. As a result, the committee amended their response to fully support the development. I'm sure many residents would want to see the farm renovated rather than see the sad demise of a really attractive building, and we hope our support has some positive effect.

The planning committee have also been addressing the HW8 development and decided that an approach directly to the council would be appropriate. After several attempts we've met with the council and highlighted the issues with the development that came about because of an initial lack of communication, no consultation with residents and the failure to consider a comprehensive development.

We're not sure if a change to a more conciliatory approach will make a difference but the members of the council who we met with were responsive and as we write this we are planning to meet with the developers with the same message and following that a further meeting with the council and the developers together. Our initial objective is to secure the consultation that should have initially taken place, but its early days so we will update everyone at a future time.

In the meantime, if you are reading this and thinking "I'd like to get involved" do please contact us. We have plenty of different activities we'd like to do particularly in the areas of helping the younger residents, improving the look of the village, managing talks from invited guests and developing the communication of the village's heritage. We look forward to hearing from residents - You can send an email to info@holmergreenvillagesociety.co.uk or drop a note into our box which is located in Walsh's newsagents.

Simon Jones. Chairman, Holmer Green Village Society

WELCOME HOME



This photograph was taken in 1946 at a dinner for the men returning from the war. The dinner was held in the old Royal British Legion. The men are seated, the officers are standing and they served the meal. Arch James and Dan Darville are there. They served three years as prisoners of war in Japan after being taken prisoners in Singapore.

John Wilkins, born in Holmer Green, as recounted to Hilary Hide

LOCAL THEATRE-GOER'S DIARY : JUNE TO AUGUST 2023

For your entertainment, close to home, are some really great nights out locally during the next three months. There are also many big name, One Night Events, so do check out all the websites for full details.

Compiled, since 2010 by Mark Thorburn

High Wycombe - WYCOMBE SWAN (4 miles from Holmer Green)

St Mary Street, High Wycombe HP11 2XE 01494 512000 : www.wycombeswan.co.uk

Matthew Bourne's ROMEO AND JULIET (18 to 22 July) gives Shakespeare's timeless story of forbidden love a scintillating injection of raw passion and youthful vitality, when two young lovers must follow their hearts as they risk everything to be together. A masterful re-telling of a tale of teenage discovery and the madness of first love, Romeo and Juliet garnered universal critical acclaim when premiered in 2019, and now joins the world renowned dance theatre productions by Bourne, with Terry Davies' thrillingly fresh orchestrations of Prokofiev's dynamic score. "Electrifying. One of Bourne's smartest, sexiest, most stirring shows ever" Daily Telegraph. Age guidance 14+

Wycombe Swan's Summer Youth Project Lionel Bart's OLIVER! (24 to 26 August) The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse, becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Escaping to London, he's welcomed into a gang of pickpockets led by the conniving, but charismatic, Fagin. Join Oliver as he navigates London's underworld of theft and violence, searching for a home, a family, and for love. Lionel Bart's classic musical based on Charles Dickens' novel, *Oliver Twist*, features timeless classics "Consider Yourself", "Oom Pah Pah" and "As Long as He Needs Me" and 200 local young performers.

Disney's WINNIE THE POOH (29 & 30 August) Disney's iconic Winnie the Pooh and all his friends come to life in a beautifully crafted, new, hour long musical stage adaptation, featuring the Sherman Brothers' classic Grammy Award-winning music with further songs by A.A. Milne. Told with stunning, life-sized puppetry through the eyes of the Hundred Acre Wood characters we all know and love. Please check the website for full details of many one-night stands, for all age groups.

Chesham - THE ELGIVA THEATRE & CINEMA (8 miles from Holmer Green)

St Mary's Way, Chesham HP5 1LL : 01494 582900 : www.elgiva.com

Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL On Stage (1 to 3 June) Rare Productions Youth Theatre.

There are innumerable Live Streams, Cinema Screenings, Comedy Nights, Music Evenings and local Dance Academy Presentations in June and July.

The Theatre is closed in August, except for the Elgiva Youth Project, **PETER PAN Jnr.** from 31 July to 12 August (excluding 5 & 6). Performances on 11 and 12 August. Please Note: Cast participants must be aged 8 to 17 to be eligible. For full details of all presentations, please check the website.

Aylesbury - WATERSIDE THEATRE (13 miles from Holmer Green)

Exchange Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 1UG 0844 871 7615 :
www.ambassadorsickets.com/Aylesbury-Waterside-Theatre

STRICTLY BALLROOM The Musical (12 to 17 June) Arrogant, rebellious young ballroom dancer, Scott Hastings (*Strictly Come Dancing* favourite, Kevin Clifton), has a radical and daring dance style which sees him fall out of favour with Australian Federation, so he must dance with beginner, Fran (*Coronation Street's* Faye Brookes). Together they find the courage to defy tradition and discover that to win, your steps don't need to be strictly ballroom! Directed by Craig Revel Horwood, the show is based on Baz Luhrmann's award-winning film, featuring both smash-hit songs *Love is in the Air* and *Time After Time*, and specially written new music.

THEATRE TOUR (30 June) Your chance to explore the theatre, learn more about the building and get an exclusive look at what goes into bringing theatre to life! 90 minutes from 10.30am for just £6.

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW (3 to 8 July) Richard O'Brien's legendary rock 'n' roll musical celebrates 50 years with this special anniversary production. The longest continuous run of a contemporary musical anywhere in the world, the show has been seen by 30 million people and continues to delight audiences. By a twist of fate, two squeaky clean college kids, Brad and his fiancée Janet's car breaks down outside a creepy mansion, where they meet the charismatic Dr Frank'n'Furter. It is an adventure they'll never forget, filled with fun, frolics, frocks, and frivolity. Christopher Luscombe's hugely popular production is ready to thrill you with fun and naughty moments, and features timeless classics including *Sweet Transvestite*, *Damn it Janet*, and of course, the pelvic thrusting show stopping, *Time Warp*. "Still the sexiest and funniest show in town" *Evening Standard*. Plus a huge number of big name One Night Events. Please check website for full details..

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(Continued - Local Theatre Goer's diary)

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* **Watford - PALACE THEATRE** (18 miles from Holmer Green) *
* 20 Clarendon Road, Watford, Herts WD17 1JZ 01923 25671 : www.watfordtheatre.co.uk *
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There are no full-scale theatre productions at the Palace during the coming months. However, Palace Youth Theatre and Story-Maker classes for the youngsters ones continue in the holidays. There are also some filmed performances.

.Check the website, or apply for a brochure by post, for full details of all activity.

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* **Windsor - THEATRE ROYAL** (19 miles from Holmer Green) *
* Thames Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1PS : 01753 853 888 : *
* www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk *
* *****

World Premiere of Ben Weatherill's FRANK AND PERCY (9 June to 22 July) Ever seen a couple of old boys on a park bench and wondered what they are chatting about? Here, Frank and Percy discuss the weather, their dogs, each other and so much more. Will the widowed schoolteacher and the elder statesman dare to risk changing their lives or let sleeping dogs lie? Old friends, three-time Olivier Award winner Roger Allam, and one of our greatest stage and screen actors, Ian McKellen, re-unite with Director Sean Mathias, for this witty, poignant two-hander. Age Guidance 12 years +

ALONE TOGETHER (4 to 19 August) A brand new comedy by Simon Williams, directed by Sean Mathias. Colin and Angela are caught in no-man's land. Silence stretches between them. Jonty is a young novelist searching for a deeper connection, a way to meet the lofty expectations of his demanding editor. Driven by the loneliness of her dismal marriage, Angela finds comfort in an unexpected meeting, when she encounters Jonty on her usual bench after a weekly art class. Each with their own secrets to protect and pasts to lay to rest, a casual park-bench relationship leads to unintended consequences.

CALENDAR GIRLS The Musical (30 August to 16 September) A brand-new touring Bill Kenwright production of Tim Firth and Gary Barlow's award-winning musical, featuring a re-imagined book and new music. Following the death of a much-loved husband, a group of ordinary women in a small Yorkshire Women's Institute are prompted to do an extraordinary thing and set about creating a nude calendar to raise money for a memorial sofa. But upturning preconceptions is a dangerous business and none of the women are prepared for the emotional and personal ramifications they will face as the calendar brings each woman unexpectedly into flower. The story of the Calendar Girls launched a global phenomenon: a million copycat calendars, a record-breaking movie, a stage play and this musical version with unforgettable songs. Each performance continues to add to the millions already raised for charity.

Please check the website for full details of these plays and many Concerts and Tribute Nights.

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* **Sonning - THE MILL AT SONNING** (20 miles from Holmer Green) *
* Sonning Eye, Reading RG4 6TY : 0118 969 8000 www.millatsonning.com *
* *Dinner Theatre : Ticket, Pre-Show Meal, Programme & Parking included* *
* *****

GYPSY A Musical Fable (24 May to 15 July) This legendary Laurents, Styne and Sondheim Musical is based on the memoirs of burlesque performer Gypsy Rose Lee. Mama Rose has show biz ambitions for her daughter and we follow her dreams and efforts to push her to stardom. A fabulous score of very memorable songs, GYPSY truly is one of the best musicals ever to come out of Broadway. Go and be astounded at what can be achieved on the Mill's bijou stage.

TWELFTH NIGHT (1 to 5 August) Last year The Mill produced the incredibly successful *STILL LIFE*, staged in the Waterwheel bar. Now they have more immersive entertainment, using the backdrop of the beautiful Mill building, presenting an hour-long version of Shakespeare's timeless comedy, *TWELFTH NIGHT*, in the restaurant. Lunch or Dinner will be served and then the drama will happen around you, as you sit at your table. The play, now set in the 1930's, is accompanied by the evocative music of that era.

HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES (10 August to 23 September) is one of Alan Ayckbourn's cleverest, funniest and most ingeniously entertaining comedies. Frank Foster employs Bob Philips and William Featherstone. Fiona Foster is having an affair with Bob. Teresa Philips is suspicious of Bob, who covers up his adultery by shoving the blame onto his colleague, William. William suspects his wife, Mary is having an affair. Fiona, to ward off Frank's questioning, tells him that she has been comforting Mary, who also suspects that William is having an affair. Of course, William & Mary are the innocent parties tangled in Fiona & Bob's web of deceit, all culminating in a scene where the Featherstones are dinner guests of both the other couples....hilarious.

Check website for details of innumerable Sunday Concerts and Backstage Tours with a luscious Cream Tea.

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NOTABLE BURIALS IN HOLY TRINITY, CHURCHYARD: SIR EYRE CAMPBELL BEAVER, KBE, AND A FAMOUS BOOK



Hugh Eyre Campbell Beaver was born 4 May 1890 in Johannesburg, the eldest of three sons of Hugh Edward Campbell Beaver, of Montgomeryshire, and his wife, Cerise, daughter of John Eyre, of Anglo/Irish extraction. He was an engineer, industrialist, and founder of the Guinness World Records (then known as Guinness Book of Records).

Hugh Beaver was educated at Wellington College, Berkshire, after which he had a varied career until 1946, when he became managing director of Arthur Guinness, Son and Co Ltd and stayed. He retired in 1960 and died in January 1967.

Several generations of the Beaver family lived at Highlands, Cherry Lane, Woodrow, Amersham.

GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

On 10 November 1951, Hugh Beaver, then the managing director of the Guinness Brewery, went on a shooting party in North Slob, by the River Slaney in County Wexford, Ireland. He became involved in an argument: Which was the fastest game bird in Europe, the golden plover or the grouse? That evening at Castlebridge House it was realised that it was not possible to confirm in reference books whether or not the golden plover was Europe's fastest game bird.

He thought that there must be numerous other questions debated nightly in the 81,400 pubs in Britain and in Ireland, but there was no book with which to settle arguments about records. He realised then that a book supplying the answers to this sort of question might prove popular. He happened to be correct.

His idea became reality when Guinness employee Christopher Chataway recommended university friends Norris and Ross McWhirter, who had been running a fact-finding agency in London. The brothers were commissioned to compile what became the Guinness Book of Records in August 1954. A thousand copies were printed and given away.

After founding the Guinness Book of Records at 107 Fleet Street, the first 198-page edition was bound on 27 August 1955 and went to the top of the British best seller lists by Christmas. "It was a marketing give away - it wasn't supposed to be a money maker," said Beaver. The following year it launched in the US and sold 70,000 copies. Since then, Guinness World Records has gone on to become a record breaker, in its own right, with sales of more than one hundred million copies in one hundred different countries and thirty-seven languages. Guinness World Records is the world's best-selling copyrighted book ever.

Hilary Hide

Spring cleaning tips

If you wrap a cloth soaked in lemon juice around taps, it will remove dirt and limescale.

Put on a rubber glove, dampen slightly with water and sweep your hand over upholstery to collect pet hair.

Spruce up scuffed leather by gently rubbing worn areas with the inside of a banana skin, then buffing with a cloth.

CLIMB ON THE BANDWAGON

This comes from the southern states of America when a wagon with a band on it would go through the streets in front of the circus or to publicise religious or political meetings.

Whenever there was an election, the candidates would climb on the wagon and know they would be noticed and obtain plenty of publicity.

A POTHOLE

When roads were just rough tracks, particularly where the ground was mostly clay - people would dig up a lump of clay and take it home to make household pots, leaving a hole in the road.

Judy Gilligan

CHADWICK LADIES CLUB

At the AGM in April, the committee were re-elected for a further year to run the club. This was followed by a quiz and social afternoon. New members and visitors were welcomed.

Later in the month, Willie Reid gave us a very interesting talk on the history of High Wycombe's buildings and occupants and a visit by Queen Victoria and the Chair Arch.

Future talks will include Garden Birds, Clivenden Gardens and the history of Famous Jewels.

There are no meetings in August. The club is full, but we have a waiting list. Please contact Mrs. Sheila Jemmett on 01494715470 if you are interested in joining.

Judy Gilligan

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

Our recent speakers have been very interesting.

In March Michael White, an actor, told us about how he got into acting and talked about the famous acts he had played. On one occasion he had to pretend that he had been shot in the arm, whilst laying on the ground he was covered in a red liquid to resemble blood. Within minutes he was covered in ants!

After a sunny Easter we had our annual lunch in the hall. Once again prepared for us by James. This was our first year since the Covid pandemic. The Rose Exton Cup was awarded to a member for her services to the Women's Section. This year it was presented to Beryl Medd by the Branch President Gordon Howland who was invited as a guest. We ended the afternoon with a lovely display of raffle prizes, once again thank you to Tesco for their donation and BJ an employee came and joined us.

Anthony Smith, the Baptist Church Minister and the Legion Padre, came and gave an interesting talk on First Aid. When needed he gets calls to attend a patient, he is only allowed to do certain things to the patient until the ambulance arrives. He works for South Central Ambulance Services, known as SCABs. We were shown items he carries with him one of which was clingfilm.

In June we will have our tea party in the Hall, bring along a friend for tea raffle prizes and games.

In July we will welcome a member from the Royal Chelsea Pensioner's Hospital, who will give a talk about life inside the home.

August is our seaside outing to Southend. The coach leaves the Legion on Tuesday 8th August at 8.00am, with various pick-up points. Tickets are £25 adult, £10 child. Come along for a day's outing. All welcome. There is a notice in the hall for information.

Wendy Tomlin



OPEN GARDENS RETURNS TO HOLMER GREEN

VPA, the Holmer Green Gardening Association, last staged an Open Gardens event in 2015. It has now teamed up with the Holmer Green Village Society to organise **Open Gardens on Sunday 11th June 2023. From 1pm to 5pm.**

Eleven gardens will be open on the day, of all shapes and sizes, so a wide range of gardening concepts and skills will be on display. Admission will be by programmes, including maps showing the location of the gardens, which cost £5 per person, with under-16s being free. The programmes can be purchased on the day from the Rossetti Hall, in New Pond Road, between 1pm to 4pm. Refreshments will also be available there, organised by Holmer Green W.I., and in the Jubilee Sensory Garden, in Earl Howe Road, which is one of the eleven gardens.

Proceeds from Open Gardens 2023 will be donated to the Rennie Grove Care Hospice and the Jubilee Sensory Garden.

In advance, we'd like to thank the garden owners for opening their gardens, the W.I. for organising the refreshments, and to everyone else involved in this venture.

Now, all we need is some nice weather!

James Cadle

VPA, The Holmer Green Gardening Association

Jane King

Holmer Green Village Society



HOLMER GREEN FIRST SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from the Travel Ambassadors! We are an elected group of 12 children from Reception to year two who work together to encourage active and safe travel to and from School among the children at Holmer Green First School and pre-school. We carry out travel surveys and hand out the monthly WOW badges to all children who have walked, cycled or scootered to School or have used our 'park and stride' Scheme. We also meet once a month to discuss our ideas and share worries about our journeys to School.

Our main worry this year has been the speed of traffic along Watchet Lane. We notice this every day and we decided to do something about it. We ran a poster competition for the children across the School asking them to help us reduce speed. We judged the entries and selected seven winning ones which will be made into signs and placed on Watchet Lane. Look out for them in the coming weeks! We would like to say 'thank you' to the High Wycombe Group of Advanced Motorists who provided sponsorship for the signs.

We were very excited to find out earlier this year that we have again been given the Silver Award from Modeshift stars. They recognise from Schools across the UK that have shown excellence supporting sustainable, active travel. Our 2024 goal is gold!

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It looks like we have seen the back of the Pandemic and business practices have returned to normal, however Covid regulations are still being maintained in the office. Since the advent of Covid, virtual meetings have become common place, so no travelling is required for either party. We still have meetings at our office if the client would prefer to.

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VPA – THE HOLMER GREEN VILLAGE GARDENING ASSOCIATION SPRING SHOW

I was delighted that the VPA Spring Show was a success with a good number of high-quality entries. Overall entries were up on last year, although domestic entries and children's entries were disappointing. The unusual weather, with our wet and windy Spring had caused concern for our horticultural entries, but in the event, we were delighted by the large number of exhibitors and the quality of the exhibits. The colourful array of flowers, and in particular the daffodils, made the hall look a real picture.

The Judges are all to be thanked for carrying out their duties so diligently and we were delighted to have Pam and Richard Barnett making their debut as a domestic judging team.

Trophies were awarded as follows –

- ♦ Spring Domestic Challenge Trophy – Dave McMillan
- ♦ Best Domestic Exhibit – Linda Meatyard
- ♦ Spring Flower Cup (most points) – Linda Meatyard
- ♦ Cyril Mason Memorial Trophy (Most points for daffodils) – Tony Harper
- ♦ Daffodil Shield (Best exhibit) – Felicity Palmer
- ♦ Spring Photography Cup – Michael King
- ♦ Best Photograph – Barrie Whitten
- ♦ Junior Trophy – Ethan Meatyard
- ♦ Maxwell Turner Cup (Art) – Irenke York
- ♦ Wilfred Wilkes Memorial (Best Junior Photo) – Alisya James
- ♦ Peoples Choice (vase of daffodils plus foliage) – Felicity Palmer

Please if you have children or grandchildren do think about encouraging them to take part. There are prizes to be won, usually in chocolate form! I can provide more details if anyone wants to know more. See my Email address below.

From my perspective I would like to convey my personal thanks to the large team of helpers who made the show such a success. I now look forward to our Annual Show on 9th September. Please put that date in your diary, even if you are not exhibiting. You do not need to be a Gardening Association member to look round (entry is free) and refreshments are available!

*Michael King (Show Secretary)
Email:- shows@hgvpa.club*

CHALFONT & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

This club is for anyone who loves flowers. You don't need to be a proficient flower arranger to enjoy the meetings, held on the 4th Monday of each month at the Royal British Legion Hall, 91 Woodside Road, Amersham HP6 6AL. Several members hail from the Holmer Green area.

Arrive by 1.30pm for a 2pm start, to allow time to browse the sales table and sign up for events.

The flower arranging demonstrations are usually six exhibits – often done by National Demonstrators, who are always informative and entertaining. The flower arrangements they create are beautifully artistic, with an array of flowers and foliage, all set off by amazing props.

Prior to tea and biscuits, the raffle is drawn and the lucky winners can choose which flower arrangement they would like to take home.

There are regular flower arranging workshops, where you can have a go yourself, and learn techniques. The Flower Arranger magazine is also available at a discounted price.

We have just had a coach trip to Gloucester Cathedral, where a NAFAS National show, entitled 'Florilegium – A Gathering of flowers' was being held. Everyone loved the fabulous flowers on display in the amazing ancient setting of the cathedral. The next thing to look forward to is 'Delights of Derbyshire' – a 4 day tour of gardens and flowers.

Visitors are welcome to attend the meetings, for £8 entry fee (£10 for meetings with National Demonstrators). As well as floral demonstrations, future meetings include Ikebana and the Art of Paper Flowers.

For more details contact Debi on secretarychalfontdfc@gmail.com

Upcoming dates: Chalfont & District Flower Club, Royal British Legion Club, 91 Woodside Road, Amersham HP6 6AL

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HOLMER GREEN FOOTBALL CLUB

The First XI finished 16th out of 20 teams in The Spartan South Midlands League Division One, only one point behind the club in fourteenth place. The perilous position where we found ourselves floundering in mid-November after a home defeat when leading by three goals at half-time was gradually recovered. With up to three teams in danger of relegation the club's position at Step Six was in doubt. A plethora of new signings by Manager Paul Batchelor brought the gradual if not continuous improvement. The threat of relegation was finally seen off against Winslow in mid-April with a 4-0 home win. During this season one real positive was the getting to the Final of the Division One Cup with wins against Buckingham Athletic, London Tigers, and Ampthill Town, without conceding a goal. The first cup final that the team has played in for four seasons. On the night at Ampthill Town FC Eaton Socon ran out 3-1 winners, thanks to three well taken goals from very few chances.

Another bonus of the 1st XI upturn in form was the improvement of our Development Team's position in Hellenic League Division Two East. After suffering nine straight defeats in the league the team finally won a game at the end of January, and the improvement continued. Finishing ninth of eleven teams, only six points behind the fifth-placed club, and nine points above the bottom side. Will Hall and Simon Goodrham stuck to their managers' tasks despite the poor start to the campaign.

It is not sure which league that either of these two teams will be playing in next season. The First XI's destination is in the hands of the FA, who decide each summer which league is appropriate for which club. We will be playing at Step Six again, but it might be in the Combined Counties League which currently covers an area from Greenford and Harrow to Farnborough and Aldermaston, as well as two games on the Kingston By-Pass and one near Hampton Court. The Development XI are not particularly happy with the administration and behaviour of the Hellenic and are free to choose another direction if so desired.

At the Senior team's Awards Evening recently young players featured extensively among the recipients. The Supporters' 1st XI Player of the Year and The Managers' Player of the Year went to Ossie Raymond. The Golden Boot Award for most goals scored went to Ryan Hennessy.

These two players started the season in the Allied Counties team, beginning their senior careers only late last September. Both scoring in a 4-4 draw with Amersham, a side which had not long previously put seven goals past us in a disastrous beginning to our season.

The Development XI Awards in the same POY categories went to Harry McCormick and Jacob Hearne. The Golden Boot being won by Ollie White.

Chairman Rob Shed hosted the Awards, and his wife Diana was presented with some flowers in recognition of her magnificent efforts in the kitchen in providing players, Match Officials, and visitors alike.

Fixtures, Results, Match Reports, Statistics etc., can be found on the Club Website www.holmergreenfc.co.uk

The Allied Counties XI had a poor season by their standards with a very young side. The Manager has departed and a better season in the same league will be the aim for 2023-24. The results were not aided by two of their best players progressing to regular first team starts from late September onwards as the senior XI struggled.

The Rangers team in the local Sunday Combination finished fifth in Division Four and had a superb run to the Quarter Finals of the League Cup, finally losing narrowly to a side who finished fourth in Division One.

Of the Minors teams and squads, the "results" of the youngest age groups are not displayed. Up to the Under 12 teams our players participate in The South Bucks Mini Soccer Conference. From Under 13 to Under 16 we come under the Rules of The Wycombe and South Bucks Minor Football League.

They have their own website at www.football-results.org

Results and Fixtures also can be found on the FA Full-Time website.

At U-13 our Colts XI play in Division Seven whereas the Minors XI are in Division Three. They are currently in seventh and fifth positions, respectively. In the U-14's HG Minors are ninth in Division Four, but have fallen well behind in their games. As of 10th May they still had five games to play. At U-15 level again Division Four our Colts XI are ninth of twelve with three games to go. Our Minors XI are sixth of eleven clubs, again with five games left. The Under 16's sees our Minors in Division Two and in ninth place of twelve with six games left. All our age groups teams in this league were really affected by the very wet February this year,

From U-9's through to the Rangers a total of no less than 130 medals and forty-three trophies were awarded this season at various presentation events. For their main Presentation Day one age-group has a Top Goal-scorer award. But the other Trophies generally fall under such categories as Coaches or Managers Player of the Year, or Most Improved or developing Player, Players Player of the Year, or Parents Player. I had started to use correctly placed apostrophes in the last sentence but almost lost the will to live, and life is too short even after 48 years with the Club this time!

The whole Club is still looking for someone to become our website manager. An appointment would take some of the pressure off many other Officers, and Committee Members.

John Anderson, Club President

1ST HOLMER GREEN SCOUT GROUP

All sections have once more been very active this term.

I was very pleased to invest Nick and Viv as Beaver Leaders and Beau and Tom as Cub leaders which doubled our Leader team. In addition, a number of new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were also invested into their new sections. Our waiting list also continues to grow.

The highlight of the term was the District St George's Day Parade which I have organised for over 25 years. Our venue for the twelve local Groups this year was Lowndes Park and St Mary's Church Chesham. Over two hundred youngsters and Leaders marched behind the Chesham Girl's Band. After the parade, the District Commissioner presented awards including a Medal of Merit and Bar to Jenny Sorensen. Very well deserved. We congratulate her.

All sections have run a busy programme.

Beaver activities included craft work, the Emergency aid badge, a walk to the woods, learning about St George, and discussing likes and dislikes about scouting (much of former and very little latter.)

Cubs learned about the Coronation, shooting and archery at Paccar, learning Map and compass, and cooked campfire pizzas. In addition, a team completed a 10k walk and were published in the 10k circulation paper HIYA BUCKS.

Scouts helped the community by delivering leaflets in the village for the Parish Council, observed Earth Day by holding a meeting by torchlight, gained astronomer badge, studied the union flag composition and St George history, and had a Jamboree presentation from Explorer Scouts going to Korea for this world event later this year.

We will complete this term with Cubs camping at Paccar in June and Scouts at District Camp in July which Beavers will also visit.

Onwards and upwards

Neil Spencer CBE Group Scout Leader



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CHERRY GARTH CARE HOME NEWS

We have had a busy couple of months. Lots of activities have been going on; Valentine's Day was celebrated by making hearts and flowers followed by a lovely snack dipped in chocolate, St Patrick's Day we had the chefs take on an Irish feast including Guinness. At Easter we were lucky to have a donation of Easter eggs from Tesco, Amersham. The afternoon was spent on an Easter egg hunt. The home was decorated and entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Some residents have started a gardening club and are busy watching the seeds they have planted grow. We hope to have our own vegetables in the near future. The home was decorated for the week of the King's Coronation. Many residents I spoke to had not had a television when Queen Elizabeth 2nd was crowned in 1953 and went to watch at a neighbour's house. Crowns had been made and were judged over the Coronation weekend. The residents enjoyed a splendid meal after the entertainment of the week.

We hope to enter the Fremantle in Bloom competition this summer and have recently sown a wildflower meadow in one of the gardens. We await the outcome, as the local cats seem to like that area as well. If any villagers have any spare plants, we would love to accept them. The Poppies nursery in Holmer Green paid us a visit and helped the residents with arts and crafts and making more crowns. We love to see the children visiting Cherry Garth. A summer barbeque is planned in our lovely sunny garden. If anyone is going to renew their gazebos this summer, we would love to take the old one off your hands.

Linda Meatyard 0783299031

HOLMER GREEN – WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Musical entertainment with a singalong was just what we needed for a chilly February afternoon. James from folk group Cantlos told stories from around the British Isles, sang folk songs and played his guitar with accompaniment from the audience.

In March Jo Laurie spoke about her time in the RAF with anecdotes and personal memories. We then held our AGM, and elected Pauline Ellis to continue as our President.

Everyone who went to the Mill at Sonning trip had a great time, with a splendid lunch prior to gathering in the bijou theatre for a romantic comedy - "We'll Always Have Paris."

Bucks County WI are holding their usual events, such as the County Quiz, Science and Society talks and zoom meetings, and the Bucks County WI AGM in Aylesbury. The National WI will hold their AGM in Cardiff this year, where they will discuss the proposed WI Resolution campaign "Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife."

Here in Holmer Green each month, we continue to sell jams and preserves, hand-crafted cards, books and jigsaws on the Sales table. Both the raffle and the competition are popular, and the Bridge Club, Walking Group and Lunch Club are thriving.

Plans for a trip to the National Arboretum are ongoing. At the upcoming village events this summer we hope to be able to help out with refreshments.

Details of our programme for the coming year can be viewed on our website holmergreen-wi.weebly.com

Visitors are welcome to attend most of our meetings. Our posters are also displayed on the Village noticeboard by the shops.

Annie Greateorex

GARDENING MATTERS

My first thought on starting to write this article is that I have not yet been out to look around the garden today. Each day I always try to go out first thing in the morning and before it gets dark making sure to look in all directions. In the morning I check and record the amount of rain that has fallen during the previous 24 hours. If there has been a considerable amount, I inspect my water butts and if they have filled, I remove enough of the water to make room for the rainfall that is expected within the next few days. I then distribute the rainwater to any plants in containers that need replenishing and to an area of the garden such as under the eaves of the house that receive very little rainfall.

I usually have a notepad with me when I go out into the garden and I jot down all the jobs that are needing to be done and each day I find more jobs and then I try to prioritise the order in which they should be done. It is very important to get these jobs done if you are intending to be away from home for a few days or more. So, when inspecting the garden make a note of any pruning that needs to be done at this time of year. This includes the pruning out of the shoots that have finished flowering to allow for the production of new shoots that will flower next year on shrubs such as Forsythia, Spiraea, Flowering Currant and Winter Honeysuckle. Pruning in summer also includes dead heading to prolong the flowering season of shrubs such as roses and pruning out any shoots on variegated shrubs that have reverted back to producing green leaves. Also make a note of any shoots that are damaged or need tying up and make a note of plants that will require staking and tying in. As you walk around the garden you will notice lots of things that need doing. Also look at ways in which you can improve the garden by changing the planting scheme or adding new garden features. You may also find that there are plants that have appeared that are new to your garden, or you have forgotten that you planted.

In my last article I wrote about plants that belong to the Plantaginacea family and said I would write about a few more. Bacopa is a plant that has become very popular for planting in containers due to its habit of hanging over the sides, and it produces beautiful white or pink flowers throughout the summer and into early winter in sheltered sunny spots. It is not fully hardy though, but I have seen it grown as a ground cover plant surviving in a mild winter.

Lophospermum is a tender climbing plant that I have been growing for many years. It does not usually survive the winter in this area, but in the autumn it produces inflated capsules containing thousands of seeds. I germinate these seeds in the spring and plant some of the plants outside in a sunny site and pot up a few plants for overwintering in my greenhouse. These overwintered plants are ready to plant out at the end of May. Lophospermum will grow to about two metres high and will produce its pink or white flowers profusely if trained up a trellis against a south facing wall.

Hebes have become popular as flowering shrubs for planting in sunny situations. They are also valuable for their decorative foliage. Those with the most spectacular foliage tend to be less hardy and a lot of them were killed during the frost last winter. A lovely cultivar is called Hebe albicans Red Edge which has beautiful foliage and lilac-mauve flowers during the summer months. Hebes prefer a well-drained soil and a sunny site.

Veronica is an herbaceous plant that has many cultivars producing their flowers during the summer and autumn. There are cultivars of varying heights even dwarf cultivars for planting in the rock garden or alpine bed. I am particularly fond of cultivars of Veronica spicata especially "Red Fox" which has very deep pink flowers. A sub-species called incana, commonly called silver speedwell has grey foliage and blue flowers and grows well in a very dry sunny site.

Finally, Veronicastrum is a much taller herbaceous plant for the back of the border. It is a very erect clump forming plant that produces its spikes of flowers during the summer and autumn. It is available in a few species, my favourite being the cultivars "Diane" and "Fascination" which belong to the species called Veronicastrum virginicum which is native to North America.

Enjoy the summer, especially visiting local gardens.

Brian Fisher

NEWS FROM HOLMER GREEN PLAYERS, INCLUDING THE EXCITING LAUNCH OF OUR NEW SHOW - CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG.

What a performance!

Marriage announcement

Holmer Green Players is delighted to announce the marriage of Robbie Hart and Julia Sullivan. The happy event took place over four nights in February and was extremely well attended. OK, so we're actually talking about our hugely successful show, *The Wedding Singer*, a musical based on the 1998 film of the same name. The show sold out every night and with over twenty musical numbers to enjoy, the guests weren't left wanting.

Let the Games Begin

Although the wedding invites stated, "no children" it didn't prevent our Junior group having their own (musical) adventure in their production of "Let the Games Begin." This fun performance saw three device-obsessed children transported via the mystical seven-sided dice into *Game Land*, a world ruled by the wicked queen, Lady Fortune. The children had to win their freedom by beating the Devilish Lady Fortune at a board game of their choice, not easy when the odds are stacked up against them. But with the help of some friends they met on their journey, from the Magical Kingdom, they won the day.

A flying car?

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Or is it a flying car with a crackpot inventor, his two children and a lady with a ridiculous name who they've recently met? Yes, yes, it is!

That's right the "uncategorical, fuel burning oracle, phantasmagorical machine" *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* is flying into Holmer Green over two weeks, from 30 Nov - 2 Dec and the 7 - 9 Dec. The show has been cast and the rehearsals are well on their way, all that's left is how to make a flying car... any ideas? Tickets on sale later this year.

Be part of the drama

Holmer Green Players is a warm and welcoming amateur theatre group with a remit of putting on high quality productions. The key to our success is our members, and the combination of new and returning members has helped build a group with a lot of talent and technical expertise. But we're greedy and want more, so if you or someone you know has always wanted to take to the stage to sing, dance or act as part of our fun, friendly group, then why not join us? Remember, everyone had a first time once.

Being a member of a drama group doesn't mean you have to step foot on stage, the people behind the scenes are equally as important and just as welcome. Do you enjoy a bit of DIY and fancy a go at building a set (or a flying car!)? Perhaps you have a teenager skulking in a darkened room upstairs whose passion for technology could help us with our sound and lighting challenges? Or maybe you have a sewing machine at home gathering dust that you would like to put to good use making costumes. Whatever your skill or passion, we'd love to have you on board.

If you would like to come along and join us, we meet most Wednesdays at The Village Centre by the common (6.30 - 8pm for Juniors and 8 - 10.30pm for adults). Just drop an email to jasonmiddleton@holmergreenplayers.co.uk or visit our website holmergreenplayers.info/about-us.

Jason Middleton

HOLMER GREEN SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Our Short Mat Bowls Club was founded in 1989 as a 'playing section' of Holmer Green Sports Association (HGSA), Watchet Lane. For over 30 years as a founder member of the Bowls Section, I have been actively involved in the clubs' activities and very much enjoyed being part of both HGSA and the Bowls Section. Bowls is a great way to socialise and enjoy a sport regardless of standard of play. It's certainly worth a try, as it worked out for me.

This form of bowls is very similar to the Green bowls you see in the summer on outside grass rinks, but our rinks are shorter (45 feet) and with an 18" block situated in the centre of the mat to deter heavy bowling in an inside environment.

In the winter period we roll out a mat on a Tuesday evening from 7.30PM in the main hall of the pavilion, but from Spring to Autumn we play on three permanent outside Short Mat Bowls rinks which were built in 2002 and which we believe is the only purpose built complex of its kind.

A number of Short Mat Bowls Clubs in Bucks are affiliated to a Bucks SMB Association which organises league matches with other villages in the county to which we participate and get to play other teams.

If you have never played bowls before we will be happy to show you, and we have a selection of spare woods available. It would be great to see new members using the facility, so if you are thinking of a new pastime then it may be something for you.

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Long sedentary periods in your day, such as sitting and watching the television, might be something you do to pass time, or because standing for long periods is difficult. This is where it is important to understand that you can increase your body's capacity to manage longer active periods. Increasing the capacity to stand, transfer weight, walk, garden, complete daily tasks in one go can require support if you feel a bit stuck with where to start.

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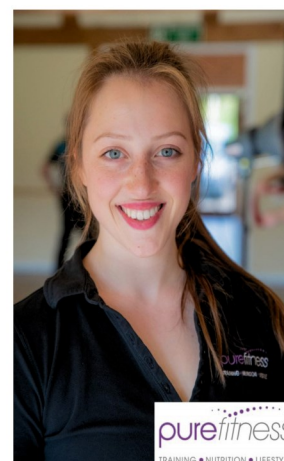
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THE PARISH OF PENN STREET WITH HOLMER GREEN

After all the pomp and ceremony of the Coronation there is another important date on the horizon - the start of **Cream Teas**! This year the teas will start on Sunday 25th June and continue every Sunday until 10th September. Once again, they will be at Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street, HP7 OPX, serving home-made cakes and scones from 3-5 pm. A stroll in Penn Woods would be pleasant but it's not compulsory.

We celebrated King Charles' Coronation at our 10 am service and later with a successful barbecue. It was too cold to sit outside but we enjoyed the gathering with friends.

We began holding our **Community Cafe** on the 4th Saturday of each month from 10.00 - 12 midday in the Church Centre last year. This came from an idea to bring our community together to meet and socialise once a month and make new friends within the village. The suggestion was made to follow the fund-raising event last October with another fund-raising morning along similar lines for Rennie Grove Hospice Care, our local charity. This was held in February, with delicious cakes by our local community cake makers and we raised £500.00. The generosity of our church family and local community has been shared with these two charities for which we are very grateful. Our Community Cafe continues each month, and we hope to hold another combined fund-raising event for Macmillan Cancer Support on 23rd September, just ahead of the national event. A date for your diaries!

Souper Lunch is proving very popular on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month, offering a choice of three delicious home-made soups, cakes, fruit and tea or coffee. Service starts at 12.30 pm.

The Holmer Green Churches Together Women's Fellowship enjoyed an inspiring talk by Mary Spooner at our early April meeting, and then at the following meeting we had a fun afternoon trying to identify pictures of our members as young children - I got one right! Our June meetings will be at Christ Church Centre - on June 1 John Trett will be giving the second part of his talk about hearing aid technology, and on June 15 Robert Duerdoth will be telling us a love story from Iraq. All ladies are welcome at our meetings, which are held on the first and third Thursdays at either the Baptist Church or Christ Church Centre, usually at 2 pm.

The Summer Term for **Tiddlywinks** ends Monday 17th July with our Summer Event.

All babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their carers are welcome and no pre-booking is required. We meet in the Church Centre, Featherbed Lane, Holmer Green, Term time only, from 1.30-3 pm. For more information please ring Joan Toye, 01494 718466, or the Parish Office, details below.

The Linkup Bereavement Friendship Group meets on the 3rd Friday morning of the month at 11am for coffee, followed at 12 noon with an optional Bring and Share lunch until 1.30pm. All who have been bereaved recently or longer ago will be warmly welcomed. We meet in the Church Centre Main Hall. The meetings continue through the summer as normal. For more information please ring Joan Toye, as above, or the Parish Office.

For more information on Church activities, there are several options: Church Office 01494 715195, open on Wednesday and Friday mornings, email office@pshg.org and the website www.pshg.org where you will find up-to-date details on the weekly newsletter. The Church Centre is in Featherbed Lane, Holmer Green, HP15 6XQ.

There were problems with a leaking roof at the Church Centre. Modern technology, in the form of a drone, was able to accurately pinpoint the problem and repairs have been done. It looked like a giant frog flying over Holmer Green.



You may have already heard, such has been the level of local interest, in the Midsomer Murders filming at Holy Trinity, Penn Street. It took place over seven days, in early May, both inside the Church, and outside in the Churchyard.

The Church have had tremendously good support from the Oxford Diocese, and it will help our Church funds of course!

The film company informed Curzon School and all local neighbours, so they knew what was going on. Filming also took place in Hazlemere, and in the Howe estate woods. The Church was renamed as "St. Matthew's" to fit in with the script.

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HIGH WYCOMBE'S WORLD BEATING INDUSTRY

Through the centuries, as well as being a market town, High Wycombe was known for milling corn, lace making, cloth production and paper making. However, there is one industry that Wycombe was famous for above all others and that was furniture production in general and chair-making in particular.

As early as 1726 there is a record of Patrick Gordon, who had just been appointed lieutenant-governor of Pennsylvania, taking with him to the Americans twelve Windsor Chairs made in Wycombe. At the end of that century there were some fifty-eight chair-makers making their living in and around the town.

By the 1840s furniture making was starting to become the main employer, as mills were starting to close.

In 1851 at the Great Exhibition, at the Crystal Palace, the champion chair was made by Edmund Hutchinson & Sons from High Wycombe.

An advertisement in 1863 from the firm of Edwin Skull boasts of one hundred and forty different styles of chairs this company was producing at that time.

Then in the 1870s demand increased further: in 1871 Glenisters supplied most of the chairs for the opening of the Royal Albert Hall, in 1874 the firm of Walter Skull made two thousand five hundred seats for St Paul's Cathedral whilst the next year an order was taken for nineteen thousand two hundred chairs to be delivered within a week to a Moody and Sankey evangelist meeting in London. These were duly dispatched in an order that has worked its way into Wycombe folklore.

By 1875 the collective output of the Wycombe area was put at four thousand seven hundred chairs per day or over 1.4 million per year.

Chair-making was a two part process with bodgers, usually in the woods, making chair legs from beech tree branches using pole lathes. A crude but effective method perhaps and competent bodgers could turn out a gross of chair legs every day. The legs were then taken to the factory where workers made the other parts and where the chairs were then put together.

The old Anglo-Saxon word for beech is "becken" and hence the name Buckinghamshire.

There were almost two hundred and fifty furniture makers in and around Wycombe at one time and they came in all shapes and sizes. There are still examples of these furniture factories to be seen today. Over at the Chiltern Open Air Museum there are the resurrected buildings of James Elliot and Sons from High Wycombe whilst at Temple End, opposite Glenisters Road and Parker-Knoll Way, can be seen the actual building which contained the furniture company "Pervisell" which closed in the 'sixties.

Our local area also played its part. The firm of Dancer and Hearne, with factories in Holmer Green, Penn Street and High Wycombe, was at one time the largest maker of chairs in the UK. In our village their base was in Factory Street, now Orchard Way and in Penn Street, behind the Hit or Miss.

In 1913 the workforce in the furniture industry in the Wycombe area was around six thousand and there followed a three month long strike when workers were asked to take a reduction in wages to compete with workers in the East End of London. Settlement put the workers back in the factories just months before the start of the First World War. According to the High Wycombe and District Furniture Manufacturer's Federation the new settlement meant that chair makers would now work a six day week of nine hours a day and were paid on average 8d (3.3p) per hour or 36/- (£1.80) per week.

With the introduction of machinery, furniture production soared after the end of World War1, and the local trade extended its range of products. It then went on to play a vital role in helping to win World War 2. (to be continued)

Willie Reid - WalkingWycombeWithWillie.co.uk

MEMORIES

OF PAST CORONATIONS

I recently spoke with two young men who have seen three Kings and one Queen in their lifetime. Alan remembers his father parking his car at the pedestal and walking up to west Wycombe to celebrate George Vth. On his death his son Edward VIIth succeeded him, but he abdicated as his wife could not be accepted as Queen. Then in 1936 George VIth was crowned. Alan's grandfather had a new cart made and varnished. The cowman Stan Nix dressed up as John Bull for the day in celebration. At the end of the day, he unbuttoned his waistcoat and pulled out a pillow. When Elizabeth 2nd came to the throne after the death of her father, Alan's parents had a small nine inch television. He invited the Palmers from the Beech Tree pub to come round and watch the coronation. Alan was working on the farm and when he went into the house, he was continually being hushed so they would not miss anything.

Frank remembers the coronation of George VIth. He was at school in Cryers Hill being given a mug and a book. One memory was that the book contained photos of the young princesses at Bekonscot model village. An event was held on Great Kingshill common, he was driven by his father in a car decorated with blue and red ribbons with his five brothers. He was given six old pence to spend in the free shop now the Spar on the common. He bought sweets and a bottle of cream soda in a screw top bottle. Games were organised for the children including a slow bicycle race, the winner was the last to pass the finishing line.

Frank was working in Tyler's Green when Elizabeth IInd was crowned, but his wife Phoebe attended a festival at Hazlemere school with their first child, Barbara, as a babe in arms. Bob remembers he was twenty-seven and on the parade ground in Upwood, he spent many hours perfecting his uniform, only for the pouring rain to make them all a soggy mess. Now May 2023 the new king, Charles IIIrd, is crowned and no doubt they will be watching in comfort in front of a television in their homes as they are now 92, 95 and 97.

Linda Meatyard

OF THE STEAM ENGINE LOCALLY

Frank and Alan share some of their memories of the use of steam.

Man's quest to transport heavy loads would have been paramount, long before the invention of the wheel. Rollers were used to move heavy loads; goods were transported on waterways and wind power was also harnessed. Another development using raw power was lifting, which became known as a hoist. When powered with an electric motor the hoist has infinite power. A hoist when using such power became known as "a crane" a mechanism for very heavy lifting.

The steam engine is a heat engine that performs mechanical work using steam as its working fluid. The steam-engine was the force produced by steam pressure to push a piston back and forth inside the cylinder. The pushing force can be transformed by a connecting rod, a crank, into a rotational force for work. The first commercially successful engine that could transit continuous power to a machine was developed by James Watt in 1764 thus making it adaptable as a means of transportation on railways, roadways and many other uses. A steam traction engine designed for agricultural work, dramatically reduced the workload on man and horse muscle power.

In the 1920s was the beginning of the decline of steam engines. Alan remembers his great grandfather at Wheelers End had a portable engine. An incident occurred on Chipps Hill when a horse pulling the steam engine reached the top of the hill, an accident occurred which killed three horses when the weight of the engine crushed the horses.

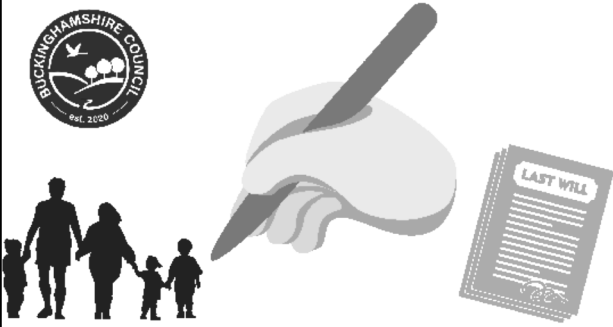
The first steam engines were used to take water out of mines and would raise water to operate water wheels, such as Pann Mill in High Wycombe. Sawmills were used to cut wood, using steam they burned surplus wood to fuel the steam engines.

Trees harvested from the woods were marked by a hook blade on the bark. Trees were not selected at edge of wood as they created a wind barrier. In this wooded area were usually beech and a few cherry trees. A traction engine using steam power, owned by a company Boughton of Little Chalfont, was the main company using steam power. The trees felled in the wood were taken by traction engines to Desborough Road to the sawmill. Alan remembers calling the local council who employed Boughtons to clear the road of snow from the Beech Tree pub to High Wycombe Heath Farm in 1950s. The engine had a blade at an angle to cut away the snow.

Ted Binder was a buyer of timber for Ercol, they were pioneers in the use of elm for furniture. Another company Walkers of Longwick cut the elm into planks and they were used in coffins. Nowadays chipboard is used. Before using steam engines, Alan's grandfather had two fields at Bullock Farm and used horses to plough up the fields. By 1934 they had their first tractor.

Boughton from Bell Lane, Little Chalfont had steam traction engines taken by transporters pulled by horses. Boughton eventually moved to Devon and they were taken over by the firm Dunlops.

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Estate Planning Information Session

Monday 5th June | 11am - 12pm
Hazlemere Library

Join us for a talk and Q&A with Kevin Palmer from IWC Estate Planning & Management Ltd. Topics include wills, lasting powers of attorney's and how to protect a property from 3rd party claims.

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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DIALLING 159?

Information sent from the local Police on behalf of
Neighbourhood Watch

If you receive an unexpected or suspicious call about a financial matter from someone who claims to be from your bank, the police or any other authority figure:

Stop, hang up and then call 159

Scams cause significant harm and loss to both individuals and businesses. In the first six months of 2021 alone, reported Authorised Push Payment (APP) fraud - where victims are manipulated by criminals into making real-time payments - were 60% above the equivalent level for 2020 with the losses incurred by consumers and businesses 71% higher.

To put this in cash terms, criminal gangs stole over £355m in the first six months of 2021 from individuals and small businesses by pretending to be either a bank or other service provider, and encouraging them to make a payment or transfer money. 159 is an important tool in helping prevent this harm.

Stop Scams UK launched 159 as a pilot. In the coming months Stop Scams UK will invest further in 159, including a new Intelligent Voice Response (IVR) system to route calls, and help better understand scam journeys. This will enable the service not only to serve a wider number of banking destinations, including existing, new and future members, but will help keep even more people stay safe. If the pilot is successful, Stop Scams UK will ask Ofcom to make 159 a universal number offered by all telephone providers, similar to 101, 111 or 999.

The banks participating in the 159 pilot are: **Barclays; Lloyds (including Halifax and Bank of Scotland); NatWest (including Royal Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank); Santander; and Starling Bank.** If you don't bank with one of these brands and you call the service, you will be advised how to contact your bank directly.

● 75,000 calls have been made to 159 since it launched at the end of September 2021.

● 159 has now been upgraded to enable a major expansion of the service so it can accommodate an even larger number of the UK's banks. **The Co-operative Bank, the Nationwide Building Society and TSB have all now joined 159.**

● 159 is a collaboration between telecoms providers and banks that connects customers safely and securely to their bank, providing potential scam victims with a route back to safety if they receive an unexpected call on a financial matter.

Extracted from a message sent by:

David Alder (NWN, Multi Scheme Administrator, Thames Valley)

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John Parslow's grandfather put in a sawmill at Winchmore Hill using steam rollers, during the war they would sell coal, you had to be registered to get it. Coal was used on the ranges in the kitchens. Frank and Alan remember every Sunday a roast was prepared which had to last for a few days, it was often chicken. Eric Page changed his business like the Howlands from chair making to removals.

When you had cows, you needed more grass to provide extra milk. At one time sugar beet was fed to the animals. Alan bought two farms, for the grass, from Hodgson on the Dashwood estate. Hodgson's daughter was a teacher who taught Alan's father Ernest in infants' class at Wheelers End school. Coupons during the war were needed to buy food for animals. Alan was able to get advice from the Young Farmers and Ministry of Agriculture who met at St John's house a conference centre, which went on to be Equity and Law site, now houses. In 1947 Alan had electricity installed at Wycombe Heath Farm from poles situated at the crossroads outside the public house (Beech Tree). This was the change from cows being milked by hand to electric. Milk was put in churns and left at the end of the lane to be picked up by a tanker. In 1960 Alan's milk quota allocation was allocated by percentage of what was being produced in the previous year. Extra milk had to be thrown away. You were able to buy extra quotas if you had surplus milk. Alan remembers Bomber Harris' driver waving at him when they passed his home, Wycombe Heath Farm, on his way to his office in Ruislip. He lived at Springfields in Great Kingshill.

Do you have any memories of steam, please let us know.

Alan and Frank

NATIONAL TRUST - WYCOMBE CENTRE
MONTHLY MEETINGS - HAZLEMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ROSE AVENUE, HAZLEMERE, HP15 7UB, BUCKS

Have you ever wondered about the origin of expressions like "to go out with a bang" or considered when crop circles first appeared?

I find trivia things like that fascinating and I found the answers to these at meetings of the local National Trust Supporter's Group. Are you even aware that such groups exist? It is one of the Trust's best kept secrets, but they are Nationwide and there is one on the fourth Friday of each month at 2.15pm. (except December)

In addition to a guest speaker each month, the Centre organises Coffee Mornings, day trips and holidays. A trip to the Brick Lane Music Hall was held in February and future trips to places such as Petworth House, Kentwell Hall and the Christmas lights at Wisley are planned. With a week's Yorkshire holiday booked for September and a theatre trip in November, the Centre aims to provide an activity most months in addition to the meetings.

So why do these Centres exist? Well, first and foremost it's for the benefit of the members but through the profits generated on the trips and events run, the National Trust benefits too. The members get to enjoy themselves, build friendships and widen their horizons whilst the National Trust gets additional income to help in its work preserving the country's rich and diverse heritage. With all the restraints that recent lockdowns imposed, the value of the National Trust and its Supporter Groups has never been greater.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Wycombe Centre, then why not come along to one of the meetings or, alternatively, e-mail our Membership Secretary at ntwcmembership@protonmail.com?

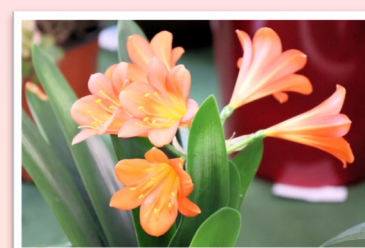
And the answers....? *"To go off with a bang" refers back to time when the relatives of people burned at the stake bribed the guards to place bags of gunpowder around the victims' waists. It didn't affect the outcome but did help to reduce the victims' suffering. Crop circles were first drawn and written about as early as the late 15th century when, unsurprisingly, they were thought to be the work of the Devil!*

Upcoming Events

JUNE - Wed 7th	Outing - Jane Jeeves - Claremont Landscape Gardens, Surrey
Friday 23rd	James Haddow - <i>"The Taxi Driver Poet"</i>
JULY - Thurs 13 th	Outing - Kentwell Hall, Long Melford - Lynne Davies
.....Friday 28 th	Nick Dobson - <i>Swinging London</i>
AUGUST - Tues 8 th	Coffee Morning - Hughenden Village Hall
.....Tba	Outing - Proposed trip to Saville Gardens - Kathy Minall
.....Friday 25 th	Hayley Scott - <i>The Forensic Experience</i>
SEPT - Tues 12 th - Mon 18 th	HOLIDAY TO YORKSHIRE - Alan Davies
.....Friday 22 nd	Jeff Evans - <i>The Questionable History of the TV Quiz Show</i>
OCTOBER - Tues 24 th	Coffee Morning - Hughenden Village Hall
.....Friday 27 th	Antony Wood - <i>Our Lost World</i>
NOVEMBER - Wed 8 th	Matinee performance of "Annie" at the Wimbledon Theatre
.....Friday 24 th	Adrian Foster - <i>My Life at Waltham Place</i>
DECEMBER - Fri 8 th	Mark Lewis - <i>Cribs, Cards and Christingles</i>
.....Tba	Outing - Proposed trip to RHS Glow at Wisley - Lynne Davies



Some of our younger soccer players - more info on page 22



Some Visitors, Exhibits and Winners at the VPA Spring Show

