

CAN YOU NAME THESE TREES IN THE CHILTERNs?



**LEY HILL & BOTLEY
NEWS & VIEWS**



SUMMER 2020

**“Oh, summer has clothed the earth
In a cloak from the loom of the sun.”**

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WHERE SHALL WE GO TO TODAY?

I expect many of you have been walking in and around our lovely village in recent months but perhaps now that lockdown has eased, you may like to go walking further afield.

Black Park covers over 500 acres of woodland, heathland and open space in South Buckinghamshire. With family friendly attractions, such as the adventure playground and [Go Ape](#), miles of beautiful woodland tracks and trails, and opportunities for wildlife spotting, the park offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Address: Black Park Country Park, Black Park Road, Wexham SL3 6DS Bucks Council run

Dunstable Downs Stand on top of Dunstable Downs for a view that will take your breath away. There are several sites of Special Specific Interest designated for the quality of the chalk grasslands, as well as two scheduled Ancient Monuments—Five Knolls and Medieval Rabbit Warrens. There are miles of footpaths, including several circular walks. Set within the Chiltern AONB it is the highest point in Bedfordshire. The wind-swept ridge provides ideal conditions for a variety of sports, especially kite flying.

Address: Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 2GY National Trust run

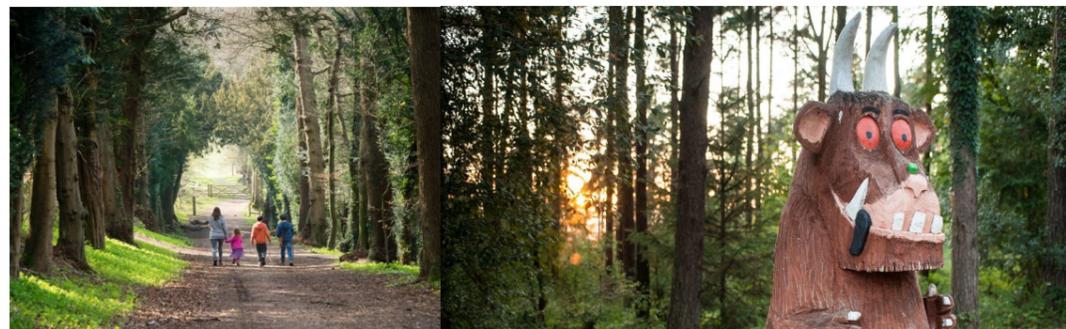


Tring Park is one of Hertfordshire's most important ecological areas. Just a short walk from The Natural History Museum, you can discover wonderful flowers, historical features and open vistas with stunning views. Walk among broadleaf woodland and explore one of the largest areas of unimproved chalk grassland in Hertfordshire.

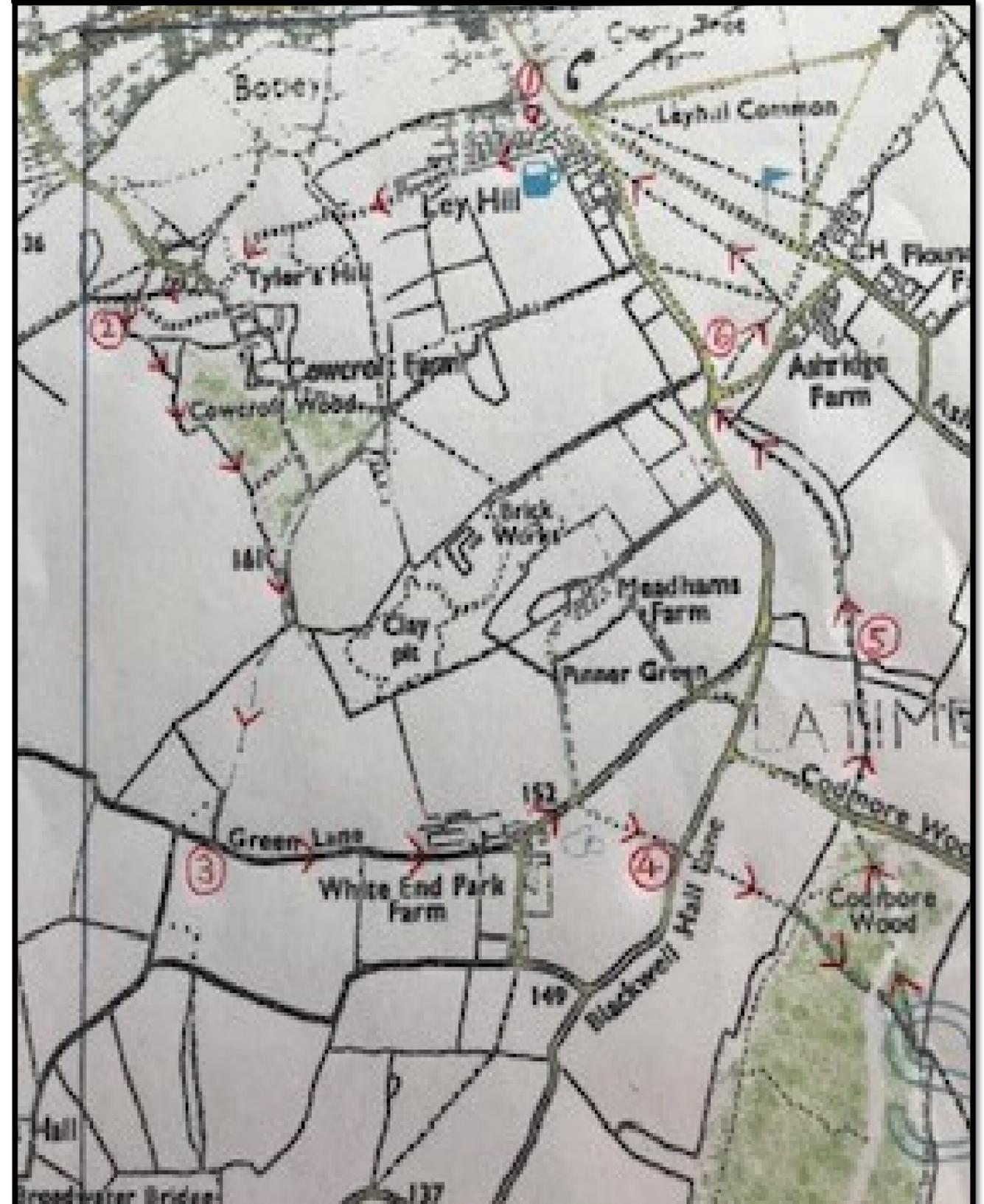
Address: Tring Park entrance near Natural History Museum HP23 6AP Woodland Trust

Wendover Woods Situated in the beautiful surroundings of the Chilterns, Wendover Woods is home to stunning trails, Go Ape and picturesque views. You can enjoy a wealth of activities including walking and running trails, orienteering, cycle trails, horse riding, Nordic walking, fitness trail, not forgetting the Gruffalo orienteering course and a giant Gruffalo!

Address: Upper Icknield Way, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury HP22 5NQ Forestry England run



CIRCULAR WALK AROUND LEY HILL



NAMES OF TREES TO BE FOUND IN THE CHILTERNS FROM THE BACK PAGE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
 1. BEECH 2. HAZEL 3. YEW 4. ELDER 5. OAK 6. ASH 7. SYCAMORE 8. HORNBREAM 9. WILD CHERRY
 WORDSEARCH SAYING—you cannot be serious!

CIRCULAR WALK AROUND LEY HILL

LENGTH 4.5 miles 5 stiles

TERRAIN—Fields and woods, with minimal road walking Slightly hilly in places

START & FINISH at Ley Hill Memorial Hall

1. Turn RIGHT out of the Hall car park, then first RIGHT up Kiln Lane. Follow the main track through Cowcroft Wood. Cross over Tyler's Hill Road with Cowcroft Grange to your LEFT and St. George's Church to your RIGHT. Go through the kissing-gate and follow the footpath behind the gardens. Continue straight through another kissing-gate then turn LEFT.
2. Follow the footpath with sweeping views to the RIGHT as it follows the edge of the woods for about half a mile. When the woods end, take a bridlepath gate to your RIGHT and follow the bridlepath diagonally across the field.
3. Exit the field and turn LEFT along another bridleway, Green Lane. At the end of the bridleway, pass through the gate onto an access lane to White End Farm. Follow the lane with a white house to your LEFT and a brick wall to your RIGHT. Where the wall ends, turn RIGHT onto a footpath across a field.
4. Take 2 stiles across Blackwell Hall Lane and cross the middle of a field to enter Codmore Wood across another stile. Follow the footpath through the wood, before turning LEFT at cross paths. After about 200 metres, take a footpath at about 45° to your LEFT. This footpath immediately crosses a small ditch via a wooden bridge. Keep going until you come to Codmore Wood Lane. Cross straight over and follow another footpath along the field edge.
5. Cross a rather wobbly stile into a large grassy field. Follow the rather poorly demarcated footpath uphill, keeping a row of trees to your RIGHT, before exiting the field over a stile onto Blackwell Hall Lane. Walk along the road for about 100 metres before going through a gap in the hedge to your RIGHT, just after a road sign for a double bend with the warning 'Reduce Speed Now'.
6. You are now on Ley Hill Common and will notice a golf green to your RIGHT. Follow a broad track as it winds its way up through the trees. Turn LEFT and follow the second fairway, watching out for flying golf balls,, before arriving back at the Hall, via the Swan and the Crown if you need to quench your thirst!



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear All,

Well what a strange time we've lived in during the last few months! I hope you've managed to keep safe and well and you are now looking forward to getting back to normal? Whatever that may look like!

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Cliff Wardle some weeks ago. He and Beryl were the editors of this very magazine for many years before passing it on to me more recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Beryl and her family at this very sad time.

I'm sure you will agree that not only are we lucky to live in such a lovely place but also in such a caring community. More than 30 volunteers offered to join our Ley Hill Support Group at the beginning of the crisis with the aim of helping anyone who was vulnerable, shielding and who needed help with shopping, collecting medicines or just a friendly chat. Initially we received several requests for assistance but it would appear that Ley Hill residents are so kind and caring that little extra help was requested. Thank you to everyone who responded to the call for help and to all those whose help was not required.

Unfortunately, many local groups have been unable to meet during the coronavirus crisis and are still unsure when they can next meet. Hopefully all the activities in our very busy community will be able to restart in the coming months. So look out for notices on our village noticeboards, the Parish Council email newsletter and also Facebook. It will be great to see all the village out and about enjoying the Ley Hill sunshine!

Congratulations to Alison Meades, who correctly recognised the semi-detached house in the advert in the Bucks Examiner from 1961 in the Spring edition as 126B, Botley Road. Great observational skills as the house stands behind a very tall hedge!

Have a lovely summer!

Anne Birkett Editor

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING IN LOCKDOWN?

Nora Perry tells us how some people filled their time while in lockdown.

"I think it was about the second or third week of lockdown, at the end of a Zoom Yoga class, the teacher asked if anyone could sew. As I have always enjoyed sewing I put my hand up and found that I had joined a group in Amersham making Laundry Bags for Nurses. I was a bit bemused, until it was explained that the nurses needed bags into which they could put their uniforms when being laundered and avoid contaminating their families laundry. I had about 20 Pillow Cases delivered to me with instructions on how to convert them into the required bags. I had also discovered there was a Chesham Group, who needed more helpers. I contacted the Ley Hill Girls, asking, "Do you have a Sewing Machine?" I was shortly joined by Anne Birkett, Ros Walter, Julie Rennard, Judy Clegg and Helen Whiscombe. I collected Pillow Cases from the Chesham base and distributed among "the girls".

I think we made about 60 Bags, which formed part of the 300 made. The next request was for much bigger bags for the paramedics uniforms at Wexham Park Hospital. These we made from duvet covers - usually four bags per duvet. I didn't keep track of the numbers but nearly every day there was a carrier bag of completed work on the doorstep. Our biggest problem was finding tape to use as drawstring, which seems so strange now. It brings home how much our lives changed during those early weeks, when there were shortages and our movement so restricted.

We shall look back on this time in the coming months, and appreciate how it allowed us time to follow our hearts, catch up with friends and enjoy this beautiful part of the world in which we are privileged to live."

Nora Perry



LEY HILL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW AND OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 12th September 1- 4:30pm

Want somewhere local to go? Do you need a change of scene?
If so, then the new look Ley Hill Flower and Produce Show is the event for you.



OPEN GARDENS

With life being a little different at the moment, we have decided that we will try and add an Open Garden event around the village to this annual event. The Flower and Produce Show will, we hope, go ahead with allowances for social distancing and all the governments advise. The hall will be still open to displays of your produce and creations but we thought rather than picking the flowers and produce that normally goes on show, people may wish to open their gardens for other locals to come and see the flowers and plants in situ.

Your garden may be big, small, have a recycling theme, have hanging baskets or simply just have a cared for flower bed, whatever your garden, if you'd like to open it for others to come and see, then this is the chance you have been waiting for. This will be a free event for all, however, if you'd like to participate, please register your interest by Friday 31st July. This will enable us to print a map of the gardens opening on the day and make suitable signage. During the Open Garden event, you may wish to sell cuttings, plants etc but please note social distancing procedures. With so many charities not recovering funds recently, we thought it would be nice to have bucket collections in each garden - money will be given to local charities after the event.

MAKE A SCARECROW

Not everyone may want people in their garden and so you may wish to take part in the 'Make a Scarecrow' activity instead. If you'd like to take part and want to have something to do over the summer with the family, why not make and create a Scarecrow? This will then be placed outside your house or garden on Saturday 12th September. When locals are walking around the village they can then see your Scarecrow creation.



FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

If regulations allow:

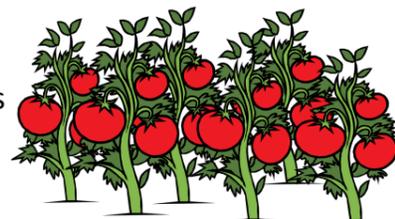
We will still have a Flower and Produce show at the Memorial Hall but with a one way system and have exhibits inside and outside to allow for social distancing.

Please note that toilet facilities are unlikely to be available for this or the Open Garden Event.

Although we do not know what will

happen over the next couple of months, please note that updates about the Open Garden, Scarecrow, Flower and Produce Show will all be posted on the Ley Hill Facebook page, on Ley Hill Instagram and on the notice board outside the Memorial Hall.

The Memorial Hall Committee



VILLAGE CLUBS AND GROUPS

Badminton	Tuesday PM Memorial Hall Wednesday PM	Amita Carr Janet Davie	778782 758501
Ley Hill Cricket Club	Chairman Juniors Manager	Nick Lee Chris Morris	782813 07896480445
Chesham & Ley Hill Golf Club	Ley Hill Common 8am—Dusk	Brian Haworth	784541
Toddler Group	Under 3 years & mums Weds in term time Chapel	Rebecca Gorst	784122
Flower Club	Every other Wednesday 2pm Memorial Hall	Eileen Way	783529
Beavers 1 st Tyler's Hill	6-8 years Tues 5—6pm Memorial Hall	Sheila Nardone	sheilanardone@hotmail.co.uk
Emily's Dance School	2-18 years Memorial Hall	Emily Harris	07423053556
Scouts 1 st Tyler's Hill	10-15 years Thurs 7 – 9pm Ley Hill School	Joanna Jennings	772688
Cubs 1st Tyler's Hill	8-10 years Memorial Hall Tuesday 6.15-7.45pm	Sheila Nardone	sheilanardone@hotmail.co.uk
Rainbows 1 st Tyler's Hill	5 – 7 years Thurs 5 – 6pm Bangay Rooms	Sue Dyer	782658
Brownies 1 st Tyler's Hill	7 – 10 years Bangay Rooms Friday 6.30pm – 8pm	Zoe Digby	Fluffyowl.tylershill@gmail.com
Guides 1 st Tyler's Hill	10 – 14 years Bangay Rooms Monday 7.30pm – 9pm	Gayle Romney	784305
Coffee and Chat	First Wednesday in every month 11am –12.30pm	Anne Birkett	773050
Dog Training Club	Thursday 6.15 -10.15pm Memorial Hall	Carol Spencer	01296 662399
Well Seasoned Club	Every other Tuesday 2.30pm Methodist Chapel	Lindsay Faulkner	783048
Women's Fellowship	1st Thursday of each month 7.30pm Bangay Rooms	Sheila Hart	785003

CRAB TREE FARM—BREATHING SPACES

As the current custodians of Crabtree Farm, our ambition is to follow in the footsteps of the wonderful Margaret and Lindsay, by continuing with their ethos of welcoming everyone and supporting local events and traditions.

We have put up new notices in Crabtree Wood, or Breathing Spaces as it is known, as a welcome to everyone to enjoy this space, especially during these difficult times.

The wild flower meadow is quite incredible with a different show of flowers as each month passes, so we would like to thank everyone who has been involved helping Margaret over the years with the planting and maintenance of this wonderful area. Hopefully the school children will be able to continue their tradition and come and rake out the seeds at the end of the season.

Wendy Foster helped us dredge and clear many of the reeds and plants from the pond to give it new life and space for the pond life to thrive and now we have water lilies coming out and the tadpoles are doing well.



Having moved in just a month before lockdown, we are very busy with the farm as a whole and we haven't had the chance to manage the woodland as we would like to. In the next year and years to come, our plan is to remove as many nettles as possible, clear the paths and create new ones so that it is pleasant to walk through, manage the trees, remove the old plastic tree covers and tackle the huge amount of brambles! We will be cleaning out the existing nesting boxes and making new ones, including owl and bat boxes; new hedge hog houses and insect hotels to be made!

We would like to get back in touch, if we may, when we are ready to invite the school children, scouts, brownies, guides, youth groups and anyone who would like to, to be involved helping us to maintain this as an area for us all to enjoy.

Our plan for Crabtree farm as a whole is to be able to welcome charity groups to visit. A woodland seating area is in the making in the copse with a large fire pit which would be a great area for a Forest School. We now have 5 micro pigs; Stanley, Ernest, Hudson, Louis and Rupert and we have just rescued some more ex battery hens who are progressing well and enjoying their new home. A natural habitat for wildlife is being created with a new pond where we hope wild birds, ducks and insects will flourish. Thank you Ley Hill for being so welcoming to us and we look forward to meeting you all properly soon!

Best wishes from Jeff Eales and Sandy Mullins

FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

THE HALL COMMITTEE

IN THE CHAIR	Sarah Peterson	776086
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Tamie Hutchins	775406	Joe Walsh	786638	Sue Woodstock	771840
Catherine Haridi	07870638148	Bobbi Roberts	776751		
Karen Perkins	07785367499	Margaret Faulkner	783048		

ROAMING SUPPER — POSTPONED

This was due to take place on Saturday July 4th, but obviously has had to be postponed in view of the Coronavirus outbreak. We hope we may be able to reschedule it or something similar later on in the year as circumstances allow.

CLASSICS ON THE COMMON—CANCELLED



Unfortunately the annual Ley Hill Classics Car Show planned for Sunday August 9th has had to be postponed.

Hope to see you next summer!

THE LUVVIES

The Luvvies are planning to stage Sondheim's superb musical "Merrily we roll along" in November (Covid rules permitting).

This is an amazing piece and we have been lucky to get the rights to perform it during Sondheim's 90th birthday year – fingers crossed it may still happen.

I will keep you posted. (theluvvies@hotmail.com)

Paul Woodstock



Copy date for the Winter News & Views is Friday November 7th

1st Tylers Hill Scouts



INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find a fork.
- Find something that is red.
- Find a tissue box.
- Find 3 things that have wheels.
- Find an orange crayon.
- Find something that is very soft.
- Find a band-aid.
- Find a key.
- Find 2 socks that match.
- Find something round.
- Find a sticker.
- Find a rubber band.
- Find a pair of glasses.
- Find an envelope.



LATIMER & LEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH COWCROFT WOOD

Living on Kiln Lane, I have seen many local people taking their daily exercise over the last few months walking, cycling and horse riding up Kiln Lane, through Cowcroft Wood towards St George's Church and beyond. I am sure many of you assumed, like myself, that this was a Public Right of Way. However, it has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the route through Cowcroft Wood is not marked on official local maps as a public right of way.

In order to apply to seek a change to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way we need to provide evidence that this route has been used for 20 years or more. Consequently, we are asking as many of you as possible to help provide this evidence by completing a user evidence form stating that you have used the route many times during the last 20 plus years. Any documentary evidence such as photographs would also support our application.

if you can help us please contact the Parish Clerk at parish.clerk@latimerleyhill.org for a form, or Anne Birkett on 01494 773050 or anne.birkett@latimerleyhill.org

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council for someone who would like to help improve our parish and help the local community. If you would please contact me, Anne Birkett at anne.birkett@latimerleyhill.org

LEY HILL WALKING GROUP

We are looking to start walking again in September. We will communicate the date via our email newsletter. If you would like any more information about the walking group please contact Steve Thorp at steve.thorp@latimerleyhill.org

COFFEE & CHAT

Hopefully we will be able to restart our coffee and chat mornings in September.

We will make every attempt to let everyone know exactly when via our noticeboards or our email newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all again.

LITTER

During the last few weeks litter around the village and particularly on the common has increased considerably. Thank you to everyone who has picked up this litter, which has been selfishly left by some visitors to the village. We will organise a Litter Blitz as soon as it is safe to do so.

NEW SEATING NEAR THE BEACON

We hope you like the lovely, new, oak seating which is being installed as I write, in the area around the Beacon. It has been great to work with a local company called Roughstuf oak from Flaunden and we are proud that most of the work has been done by Prisoners at the Mount, Bovingdon just up the road as part of their rehabilitation. More seating will be installed under the large tree very soon. We are finalising plans for the installation of activity areas in the nearby wooded area, also made by Roughstuf oak.

LEY HILL SCHOOL



2020 has been an unprecedented year for Ley Hill School. We have seen the majority of children out of school for three months during lockdown, teachers uploading lessons, guidance and videos online and parents and carers taking up the home-schooling mantle. All the things I would normally be writing about - the Year 6 class's wonderful end of school experiences, residential trips, sports days, assemblies, initiatives etc haven't been able to happen for the obvious reason. However, the children, as ever, have been incredible, taking it in their stride and sending in letters and emails crammed with their alternative approaches to learning and detailing the new skills they have been able to learn at home. There have even been changes for the Governors as we have been having our regular meetings on Zoom and conducted one socially distanced interview.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Roberts and all the incredible staff at the school. Trying to stay on top of sketchy Government guidance, organising lessons for home learning that are not set by the National Curriculum, but will challenge and engage children and caring for children whose parents are key workers are just some of the challenges they have dealt with. At the same time, the staff have had their own families to care for and worry about, but their resilience and determination has come shining through. I have been a Governor at LHS for nearly ten years, through budget deficit, headteacher recruitment and two Ofsted, but there has never been a more challenging time for our school than the pandemic. The sense of community, at Ley Hill and the friendship and support has made us stronger than ever - we may have been kept apart, but we have never been closer together. When we were able to reopen the school to Year 6 in June, the sight of the parents clapping the children as they went back in was truly magical. With the prospect of fully reopening in September not far away, the school will have a new set of challenges to face. I am confident that we will be able to embrace the 'new normal' as safely and as positively as possible.

There have been some staff changes at school since the last News & Views: Mrs Hillson will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Mrs Hillson has given 24 years of tireless dedication to Ley Hill School, leading our Nursery classroom and Early Years provision as Assistant Headteacher for many years, as well as seeing countless children through that crucial first step of starting school, ensuring a happy start to school life for so many children. Her welcoming and nurturing approach has ensured a solid grounding for a secure love of learning throughout their primary school years. Not only has she taught my children, but she has been a valued colleague, always happy to share her wisdom and wealth of experience. Her heading of the Art part of the curriculum has been incredible; the corridor displays always bring praise from visitors and Ofsted inspectors.

Dr Newman, who has been at LHS for 17 years, will also be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Dr Newman has led many initiatives including assessment throughout the school. Having taught across all year groups and spending most of her time in Year 6, she has seen many children happily and successfully transition to their secondary schools. Many of our children will remember her for her love of wildlife and birdsong. Her commitment to the Chesham cross country and Ley Hill Challenge will be very difficult to rival. We are enormously grateful for her diligence and dedication as Assistant Headteacher at Ley Hill School; I will particularly miss her boundless enthusiasm for the natural world and the environment.

We have also said goodbye to Mrs Crook in May. Mrs Crook has worked in our school office as Bursar this year, keeping us ticking over in these troubling times and being an important member of the team. She will be sorely missed by everyone.

We were delighted to appoint Miss Katy Young as Deputy Headteacher to Ley Hill School from September. Miss Young is an experienced primary school teacher and has 10 years' experience as Assistant Headteacher, teaching in a number of schools across London. Mr Battye and Ms Harvey have been appointed as Key Stage phase leaders from September, so the school now has a solid Senior Leadership Team in place to move forward with our School Development Plan in the new academic year.

Eleanor Garth Chairman, Ley Hill School Governing Body

NATURE NOTES



Over the last four months many people will have switched their exercise regime from the gym or leisure centre to walking, running or cycling around the village and district. This provides a great opportunity to think beyond "keeping fit" and to think about and observe the landscape and wildlife in our beautiful part of the country. One such opportunity afforded is to go out and look for badgers...

The badger is one of the larger members of the family that includes otters, martens, polecats, stoats, ferrets and weasels - the "Mustelids" - and can weigh thirty pounds. For those who have seen them, a badger's skull is very solidly constructed with a thick "crest" like a Cornish pasty crust running along the top, and the lower jaw is set so firmly with the upper jaw to aid grip that it is very difficult indeed to dislocate. This information should be borne in mind if your dog decides to chase one!

As badgers have poor eyesight but a keen sense of smell, it is relatively easy to observe them on a still night or downwind from them. From May onwards, as the weather grows milder and the evenings lighter, we should be able to see badger cubs emerging from their family setts to explore the woods around the village. Dusk is an ideal time to catch sight of them, while the light is still good enough to see them clearly.

Badgers are not endangered in Britain, though they have been a protected species here since 1973. While we should bear in mind that this may not be to the liking of farmers with cattle, it does mean that we have a quite magnificent looking animal to observe on our walks and runs around the village this summer.

Andrew Garth

1st TYLER'S HILL SCOUTS & CUBS

During lockdown we provided the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with virtual challenges from home and via Zoom. The Scouts Association launched 'The Great Indoors' with ideas and activities to inspire young minds, with the opportunity to work towards their existing, plus a special new set of badges.

The children took part in a variety of activities, including a virtual camp, cooking a cake in a mug and armpit fudge, the 'Hike to the Moon' fundraising challenge, learning magic, 'what3words' app, making films and playing lots of games. Some made masks and cakes for their neighbours.

We hope to resume face-to-face sessions in the autumn.

If your son or daughter would like to join us, please contact:

Beavers - Julia Egenberger on 07565 639461

Cubs - Jo Kimber on 07965 605142

Scouts - Joanna Jennings on 07979 218667

Group Scout Leader - Sheila Nardone on 07729 336402



CHESHAM & LEY HILL GOLF CLUB



Ley Hill's much-loved Golf Club enjoys renewed success after Course & Clubhouse re-opens

March 23rd, 2020 was a dark day for families, friends, and for businesses of all kinds across the U.K., as the entire country entered Covid-19 'lockdown' together. And our own local Golf Club, with its delightful course and over a century of tradition and community-involvement behind it, was first forced to close the Clubhouse and then Course itself.

For two months, until Mid-May, exercising or 'walking the dog' on the Common became rather a strange experience for many of us. The dog by one's side was still the same dog! But 'something special' was somehow missing as we went about our familiar walks. Like the sight and sounds of cricket being played on the pitch opposite the Crown, the sight of golfers playing the course - with golfers and walkers alike respecting the other's presence - is something special for most people who live locally.

Back in March, there were those who wondered just how long it might be before we would see the presence of golfers again. Happily, the Course was able to re-open on May 15th for Members -play and then allowed to welcome Visitors again from June 1st.

Perhaps the enforced lockdown has served to remind us all of so many things we've maybe each taken for granted and the joys and benefits of playing sports such as tennis, cricket and golf were among them.

It is wonderful to be able to report that since re-opening our local Golf Club has enjoyed a real surge in activity. The Club has already welcomed more than 30 new Members in just six weeks - that's significantly more than would be expected in any one year! And visitor numbers are also at record levels.

The Clubhouse too has now re-opened so, even in these still-challenging times there is, already, much cause for optimism about the future of Golf in Ley Hill.

Brian Haworth



View down the second fairway

The Dell—this third hole

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, TYLER'S HILL

St George's Church building, our 'little Church by the woods' at the far end of Tyler's Hill Road (the road opposite the 'Hen & Chickens') has, like all other Churches and places of Worship, been closed for some months due to COVID19 restrictions imposed by the government for public health reasons.

Our Vicar, Rev'd Simon Winn and the two Churchwardens, Hazel and Geoff, are working hard to prepare for when we may safely re-open the buildings, which we hope and pray will be very soon after the publication and delivery date of 'News and Views'.

Although we have had to cancel our Fun Day in the Village Hall, other events and our services have moved on-line. For details check out StGeorge'sTH on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorghesham/>, on Twitter @stgeorghesham and our website <http://www.stgeorghesham.co.uk/>

For queries or information, please contact

Rev'd SimonWinn on 01494 773318 or Rev.Simon.Winn@gmail.com

The Wardens may be contacted on profhazelrymer@gmail.com or geofftolcher@aol.com



MY FAVOURITE RECIPE



These crunchy fruit and nut biscuits are a firm favourite with both my family and friends. Preparation time is minimal and if well wrapped, the dough logs can be frozen for up to 3 months.

INGREDIENTS

- 175g softened butter
- 85g caster sugar
- Half teaspoon vanilla extract
- 225g plain flour
- 75g pistachios
- 75g dried cranberries

METHOD

1. Mix the butter, sugar and vanilla extract with a wooden spoon. Stir in the flour, then tip in the pistachios and cranberries. You will need to bring the mix together as a dough with your hands.
2. Halve the dough and shape each half into a log about 5cm across. Wrap in cling film, then chill for 1 hour or freeze for up to 3 months.
3. Heat the oven to 180°C or 160°C fan or gas 4. Slice the logs into 1cm thick rounds, place on a baking tray lined with baking parchment and bake for 12-15 minutes.

Cool completely on the tray! Enjoy!

Anne Birkett

CLIFF WARDLE

Obituary for Cliff Wardle – The quiet man who did so much



I am sorry to say that Cliff sadly passed away recently, not because of the dreaded virus, however that clearly affected the family's plans for his funeral.

Cliff and Beryl moved to Ley Hill in 1980 and their children went to Ley Hill School. Cliff was an engineering draughtsman and was skilled in so many things. His great hobby was building and repairing clocks but he certainly tackled many much bigger projects with a particular passion for old cars as well. I took this photograph of him when we attended a Goodwood Revival festival in 2007. He was an avid bee-keeper until he unfortunately developed a severe allergy to their stings and had to give up his apiary.

To most, he will be fondly remembered for his many years producing (along with Beryl) this very newsletter. The pair of them were also omnipresent at the Flower and Produce Show running the raffle. But behind the scenes Cliff was always someone who helped out. He kept the flags flying outside the Memorial Hall, he regularly tested the emergency lighting circuits, he fixed so many things that went wrong. He was such a great person to have around.

Finally, Cliff played an absolutely major part in our village getting its iconic beacon. From the outset of the idea he helped with project planning. He sourced a firm in Marlow to laser cut the owl logo. Then when it came to the crunch and yes, I mean the crunch, the first time we tried to raise the beacon post with basket atop, it crashed to the floor, severely bending the baskets frame. We were all nearly in tears, but undeterred, Cliff said he would look at it at home. Several weeks later he called me to say that he had done his best to straighten it. Well modesty was his middle name, because when you look at that basket today you cannot see it was ever crushed! Thanks Cliff you were one in a million.

Beryl, Robert, Claire and families would like to thank all of you who telephoned, sent cards or sent other tributes for Cliff. They gave great comfort and were much appreciated.

Neil Lamond Trustee Ley Hill Memorial Hall.

NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

Well... I suspect that not many of us envisaged at our AGM in late January that something called Covid 19, which at the time had just reared its head in China, would, by 22 March, result in the complete closure of the Memorial Hall here in Ley Hill. The Hall is bound by government guidelines/regulations relating to 'civic centres', so far as we can establish. As we cater almost entirely for indoor activities these 'rules' mean, at least at the time of writing, that the Hall is closed. We are hopeful however that in the not too distant future we will be able to open our doors again, subject of course to compliance with whatever guidelines/regulations might be imposed on us at the time, as well of course to any other requirements that will be the responsibility of hirers of the Hall. Life these days is all about risk assessments and management. Quite ironic really when you think of those local heroes who gave their lives in completely different circumstances in World War I and in whose memory the Hall was established. Fortunately, our relatively strong financial position (and the on-going efforts of a magnificent band of volunteer committee members and Trustees) allows us to withstand the financial impacts of a forced closure of the premises for a prolonged period; however we look forward very much to be in a position to welcome back both regular and occasional hirers soon. So if you wish to make a provisional booking please contact our Bookings Secretary Claire Randall, whose contact details you will find elsewhere in News & Views.

On the brighter side we were extremely fortunate to be able to squeeze in before lockdown two of the most memorable events that I can recall the Hall holding. On 28 February, Nora and Roger Perry hosted an evening with Victor & Albert, extremely talented and hilarious twin brothers. This was in aid of Child Bereavement UK and raised almost £2,000, which was a terrific effort. We could not have crammed more into the Hall, given that a sit down ploughman's supper was included, and those present are probably still chuckling at Victor & Albert's version of Peter Pan, which starred cameo ad-libbed performances from Pete Churchill, Julie Rennard, Ros Walter, Anne Hyde and, of course, Paul Woodstock. Well done to all of them for their contribution to a great evening and to the Perry family for organising it to benefit an extremely worthwhile cause that is very close to their hearts.

Then the following weekend we had another Spring Ball, this time with a 'Grease' theme organised by Sarah and Dave Peterson and their fantastic band of creative helpers. A huge amount of work went into this, not least with the splendid meal, and a fabulous evening was had by the full house that attended. The beneficiary of the event was the Rennie Grove Hospice and over £5,000 was raised for this great local institution. Amazing. Over the years the Petersons have been responsible for raising over £30,000 for Rennie Grove. Even more amazing!

Thank you to all who supported these events and hopefully had a great time in the process.

As a community we have some catching up to do with so much cancelled in 2020. Let's hope that the Hall's centenary year in 2021 will be able to facilitate that. Our thoughts meanwhile are with everyone who has been affected in recent months by the Covid pandemic.

Ian Walter

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WELL SEASONED MEETINGS

Dear Friends,

Sometimes it is quite hard putting a term's programme together for something like Well Seasoned but deciding what not to do in the light of Covid 19 is far more difficult!

At this moment in time, sadly no definite plans can be made but we shall be in touch in the Autumn.

We send our best wishes to all our friends.

Lindsay Faulkner 783048 Rita Richardson 7859356



LEY HILL FLOWER CLUB

Please note that the open flower demonstration by Nick Grounds planned for Wednesday December 9th at the Memorial Hall has been cancelled.

Our apologies, but we hope to let you know when future demonstrations will take place.



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If you would like more information, either as a patient or as a potential driver, please ask at your surgery reception desk. This service comes highly recommended by Beryl Wardle.

1st TYLER'S HILL BROWNIES

1st Tyler's Hill Brownies have gone digital! Since lockdown started the leaders have been sending out weekly 'virtual meetings' with quizzes, crafts, songs and more. We've found objects to spell 'Brownies', played nature bingo, made owls from toilet roll tubes, learnt relaxation and mindfulness techniques, and made origami elephants and tinfoil fish; among many other things. Some of the Brownies have been working on interest badges while at home – Maisy has grown some fantastic vegetables to earn her Grow Your Own badge !



On Thursday 30th April several of the Brownies and two of the leaders joined over 95,000 other Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, Beavers, Scouts, Cubs, and other youth group members in 68 countries to take part in #CampAtHome. The girls each built a den or pitched a tent in their home or garden, took part in some Brownie challenges, helped to cook a meal, and then slept in their den or tent overnight. In the evening some of us took part in an online campfire organised by a Brownie leader in Lancashire – isn't technology brilliant?! Some of the girls even built their own indoor campfire. Since half term we have also started having online meetings using Zoom. Our first meeting was a great success with a scavenger hunt, games and a challenge to tear a piece of paper into a recognisable shape for others to guess – trickier than it sounds. Everyone really enjoyed seeing each other again after so many weeks, and we intend to continue both Zoom and emailed meetings until we can meet again in person.

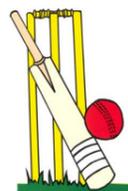
Fluffy Owl (Zoe Digby), Leader, 1st Tyler's Hill Brownies

LEY HILL CRICKET CLUB

As I type this, in another other year, the club would have been exactly half way through its senior league fixtures and even further through its junior fixtures. But of course this isn't any other year. The only cricket seen at Ley Hill so far this season has been socially-distanced net practice and impromptu family games on the outfield. There is though light at the end of the tunnel. After the ball being called a "vector of disease" and there apparently being problems with teas and changing rooms, the government abruptly changed its mind and has given us the green light to play from 11 July. We are now waiting to find out what social distancing measures we need to incorporate into the game.

So there will soon be the sound of leather on willow on the Common. We will also start junior cricket soon. Keep an eye on our website (lhcc.org) and Twitter account (@LeyHillCC) for announcements!

One final thing: a very big thank you to the person/people who have been clearing up the bottles, cans, plastic glasses, disposable barbecues, etc left on the outfield over the last few weeks. *Nick Lee*



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WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONS WORDSEARCH

Unfortunately for tennis lovers there was no Wimbledon to watch this year but try out this wordsearch. Find the names of Wimbledon Champions in the grid and then work out a related phrase from the remaining letters

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BECKER	GRAF	NAVRATILOVA
CASH	HEWITT	NEWCOMBE
CONNORS	HINGIS	SAMPRAS
DAVENPORT	LAVER	SHARAPOVA
DJOKOVIC	MARTINEZ	STICH
EDBERG	MCENROE	WADE
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1st TYLER'S HILL GIRL GUIDES

Unfortunately our Craft Day, planned for the end of March had to be cancelled, but even the Covid-19 lockdown can't prevent us from Guiding and we are 'carrying on', albeit in very different ways. We are having joint weekly meeting, via Zoom, with 4th Chesham Guides and the girls who log-in are enjoying the activities and having a chance to meet with each other.

Over the Easter weekend some of the girls attended a 'Stay at Home' camp, sleeping anywhere other than their bed - some camped in tents in their garden while others built 'dens' to sleep indoors. They completed various challenges and then sent photos of what they had done.



'Stay at Home' tent and camp-fire



Craft challenge



Uniform for Uniforms

At our weekly meetings the girls have enjoyed quizzes, scavenger hunts, and are working towards their Up-Cycling badge, making things like bags from jeans or rejuvenating furniture.

We have other things planned for the summer and hope to get back to 'normal' meetings in the not too distant future.

Thanks as always to the Rosemary and Zoë, to Sian and the leaders at 4th Chesham Guides and all the parents who are supporting their daughter's Guiding in these unprecedented times.

Gayle Romney Guide Leader gayle.romney@ntlworld.com

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

Bucks Council has redeployed 132 staff to work in our front line hubs and mobilised many of the 1800 who volunteered through our website. Working together with funding foundations we have delivered almost £1m to local community groups up and down the County in a coordinated way. I would like to pay tribute to the many organisations and voluntary groups who have worked closely with us to support those needing food, help with mental health, financial insecurity and social isolation. It has been a monumental effort and we're not out of the woods yet but we can be proud of what our community has achieved thus far.

We have our own Coronavirus help group here in Ley Hill and I've also been active as an area coordinator for Chesham Help for Coronavirus, which this week went through its 1000th request for help - an amazing landmark.

We are now actively planning the recovery phase. Our new Community Boards will be instrumental in the local priority setting and delivery, with a meaningful budget of £3.9m overall and dedicated staffing for each Board. Our local Board Coordinator is Lizzie who can be contacted on Lizzie.wright@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

If you have any local issues feel free to contact me or any of your local Councillors.

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