

# **LEY HILL & BOTLEY**

## **NEWS & VIEWS**



## **SPRING 2022**

**So many chicks**

**Fluffy and strong**

**Peep, peep, peeping**

**All morning long.**

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**Edited by Anne Birkett**



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear All,

What has 2022 got in store for you? Now that most Covid restrictions have been eased, former clubs and activities are getting back to normal and in between the rain showers we're now beginning to spy the first sign of early spring: I have seen some beautiful displays of snowdrops this year and crocus and daffodils are starting to open up. These signs of new life always create in me a sense of optimism. Personally I am thrilled to have welcomed a new granddaughter to our family! What a blessing and privilege grandchildren are!

So what have we got to look forward in the village? Of course it's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. Initial plans for the beacon lighting on Thursday June 2nd and the Grand Village Picnic on Sunday June 5th were made a while ago, so now we're discussing with other village organisations about their contributions. You can read all about the details of the celebrations on page

As always we would like to give a warm welcome any new residents to the village and in particular to Rev Darren Dalton and his family who have just moved to the area as Darren is now the new vicar at St. George's Tyler's Hill. We hope you will all be very happy living and working in our very active and friendly community and we look forward to meeting you all sometime soon.

At the time of writing we are being bombarded with news of the terrible happenings in Ukraine and everyone we meet asks the same question, "What can we do to help?" Jo Kimber who runs Tyler's Hill Cubs has answered that question by arranging a drop off point for donations to Ukraine, at the village hall. All these donations will then be transported to the Luton Branch of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain. It won't surprise you to know that Ley Hill donated a magnificent amount of the requested items. Thank you Jo for your co-ordination. Great!

Happy Easter to you all! Anne (Editor)



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## 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	Chris Harris	chrisharris @leyhillgolf.co.uk
Toddler Group	Under 3 years & mums Weds in term time Chapel	Sam Guerin	Samantha.guerin @gmail.com
Beavers 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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
Brownies 1 <sup>st</sup> Tyler's Hill	7 – 10 years Bangay Rooms Friday 6.30pm – 8pm	Zoe Digby	fluffyowl.tylershill@ gmail.com
Guides 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
Chesvale Dog Training Club	Thursday 6.15 -10.15pm Memorial Hall	Carol Spencer 01296 662399	chesvaledogtrainingclub.org
Well Seasoned Club	Every other Tuesday 2.30pm Methodist Chapel	Lindsay Faulkner	783048
Women's Fellowship	1st Thursday of each month 2 - 4pm   Bangay Rooms	Sheila Hart	785003
Youth Express 11years +	1st & 3rd Sundays from 6pm Ley Hill Methodist Chapel	Neil Rees	nwrees@gmail.com 258328

# FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

## THE HALL COMMITTEE

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## SENIORS LUNCH

Due to the Omicron Covid situation during the last few months, we have not yet organised a date for the 2022 Senior's Lunch which is always a popular event. Over the next couple of months, we hope to be able to get a plan in place to hold the event safely.

Once a date is set, invitations will be sent out. If there is anyone in the village that would like to be invited but has not previously had an invitation, please let us know by calling 01494 776086 or 783048. Also are there any volunteers out there who would like to help at the event, please let us know. *Sarah Peterson*

## ITS 'E R JUBILEE!'

The luvvies are planning a 'one night only' concert to celebrate our Queen's 70 years 'Platinum Jubilee.'

The specially written piece will include various milestones from the last 7 decades and should be a terrific evening of fun and nostalgia!!

Tickets available £5 - from - [TheLuvvies@hotmail.com](mailto:TheLuvvies@hotmail.com) or 01494 771840

## MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG

To great critical acclaim - The Luvvies staged this superb Sondheim musical back in November - playing to almost full houses ( Covid rules reduced to 60 ) - we are proud to have been the very last group anywhere to stage a Steven Sondheim musical in his lifetime!! ( he died 3 days after our show )

- From our 4 nights performances we still managed to raise almost £1k for local charities! - thanks to all who continue to support our local 'ego friendly' theatre company !!  
*Paul Woodstock*

# NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

How refreshing to be able to deliver an upbeat report at last, at least as far as the impact of Covid is concerned. The Hall has been able to return to virtually pre-Covid normality over the past few months as regular (and irregular) hirers have returned and we have started to host events that attract audiences and visitors in significant numbers.

Before Christmas we hosted for example an excellent performance of 'Chamberlain – Peace in Our Time' by the Searchlight Theatre Company; an Art Fair by Chart, a diverse collection of hugely creative local artists; and the one and only Ley Hill Luvvies performing 'Merrily We Roll Along'. Then in early February a splendid fun quiz was arranged by the Committee which was largely based on local knowledge in recognition of our centenary year. Huge thanks go in particular to Sarah and Dave Peterson, Angie Gregory, Neil Rees and Gavin Darvell for their contributions to that, as well as to the 90 or so participants that came along.

Our informal 'social committee' has now turned its attention to the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** and as befits Ley Hill we will be doing our bit, together with the Parish Council, to keep you entertained for this once in a lifetime event which is being celebrated between **2 and 5 June** across the country. Our plans are in the process of being finalised (and subject therefore to amendment) but broadly the envisaged structure is as follows:



**Thursday 2 June – at 9.45pm:** Joanna Barclay, our Deputy Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire will be lighting the Beacon as part of the National Beacon Chain which involves the simultaneous lighting of 1,500 beacons across the country. As part of this ceremony a piper will play a piece written for the occasion and our community choir will also sing a specially composed song. As part of the evening's warm up entertainment the Aldbury Morris Men will be dancing outside The Crown. Then at 10.00pm or thereabouts there will be a fireworks display on the common to send us all home ready for a few more days of celebration. So please come along ... but leave your cars at home!

**Friday 3 June** – Paul Woodstock and his Ley Hill Luvvies are planning an evening sketch show in the Hall that will commemorate the seven decades that Her Majesty the Queen has reigned. Look out for more details of this in due course.

**Sunday 5 June** – we will be facilitating a giant 'family picnic' on the Common. The idea is that you will bring your own refreshments along but no doubt there will be an opportunity to purchase food and drink on the day too if you prefer the easier option! In addition, we are arranging for some entertainment, aimed at children in particular, but once again keep an eye out for further details as plans firm up. I'm sure there will be something for everyone to enjoy. (It will of course be a gorgeous sunny day)!

## NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

Back at the Hall our acquisition of Wi-Fi is proving popular and behind the scenes much goes on as ever to maintain and improve the standard of the Hall. With some grateful help from the Beavers and others the front of the Hall was tidied up before Christmas and we are in the process of repainting the canopy and the railings at the front.

In case you were wondering what is happening to the commemorative stones that were displayed as part of our Centenary Remembrance Day Commemoration, when the weather improves the plan is to display them permanently outside the Hall.

We have recently been reminded, courtesy of a very generous donation from Mrs Smith of Tyler's Hill, of how important raffles are to fund raising efforts, not only for us but for all charitable organisations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those very kind individuals (and businesses) that donate prizes to raffles. They are most welcome and please bear us in mind if you have anything surplus to requirements. It could often raise more in a raffle than in a charity shop! We can always store non perishable items for a future raffle.

The Hall's AGM (which per our rules is scheduled for the last Monday in January) duly took place in the Hall this year (after last year's Zoom effort) and was largely uneventful, as these things usually are! That is not to say however that we are not looking for new volunteers to help the Hall out. We can never have enough help. Please let one of the Committee members or a Trustee know if you would like to get involved.

An incredible example of a volunteer to us all for very many years has been Sue Woodstock, who started News & Views back in 1978 and has been heavily involved in the Hall's activities ever since. After 22 years as a Trustee Sue has decided to stand down from that responsibility due to her mobility issues but she (and husband Paul) are magnificent examples of the community spirit that makes Ley Hill such a wonderful community to be part of. Thank you both for all that you have done and continue to do.

Finally, I end on a very sad note in reporting the passing of Lady Wendy Holman, another Hall stalwart when the Holman family lived in the area and wife of our former President, Sir John Holman. When they lived in the area John and Wendy were at the forefront of most things, not least the re-building of the Hall, and we were delighted that Wendy made the journey down from York in November to join us for our Centenary Remembrance Day Commemoration. She was in great form and was able to meet many old friends. It was if she'd never been away and her death has been a great shock. Our thoughts are with John and the rest of the Holman family at this time.



**COFFEE AND CHAT in the Memorial Hall**

**Every first Wednesday of the month**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! SEE YOU ON APRIL 6TH!**



# CLASSICS ON THE COMMON 2022

Ley Hill Village – Classics on The Common returns fully for 2022

BBQ – Club Bar - Tea and Cakes – Or bring your own picnic.

Sun 14th August 2021 12:00 – 4:00

Here is a date for your diary, bring out your classic vehicle or just come and view. You are welcome to invite friends. This is a very popular event; we do tend to reach capacity easily, so arrival before or soon after mid-day advisable. For the first time since 2019 there will be a charity bucket collection, please give generously, we always support local causes exclusively.



HOPE WE SEE YOU THERE AGAIN THIS SUMMER!

*Neil Lamond 01494 774996, Sarah Peterson 01494 776086*

## 1st TYLERS HILL BROWNIES

1<sup>st</sup> Tylers Hill have had another fun packed few months. In the second part of the Autumn term, we learnt about what Brownies was like in the past, and challenged ourselves to solve some problem situations using the items that Brownies used to have to carry in their pockets. The girls certainly had some creative ideas!

For Christmas the Brownies asked to make door wreaths, and we also constructed some impressive 3D gingerbread Christmas trees.



So far this term we have learnt about our five senses, celebrated Chinese New Year, Thinking Day and Pancake Day, and played lots of games.

St George's Church where we meet has recently signed up to become an Eco Church, and the Brownies are really looking forward to being part of this project. We spent an evening learning about life cycles, habitats and invasive species; and designing a cosy bug hotel which we will build later this term.

Thanks as always to Scops and Snowy for their hard work planning and running activities, and to the Brownies and Parents for their enthusiasm and support.

*Fluffy Owl (Zoë Digby) Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Tylers Hill Brownies  
[fluffyowl.tylershill@gmail.com](mailto:fluffyowl.tylershill@gmail.com)*



## LENT

The other day I was watching that wonderful Oscar winning film ‘Forrest Gump.’ One of my favourite lines in it is, ‘life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re gonna get.’ As we again approach Lent, our inner Calvinists sneaks out, and ropes us into preparation that involves giving up chocolate; or some other variation on the fasting theme.

The purpose of the fasting was originally to set aside time for spirituality, rather than an aid to weight loss or because a bit of suffering somehow did us good. Breaking the usual routine prompts us to reconsider our perspective and reevaluate our faith. Festivals, fasts, occasions and other interruptions to routine increase our awareness. Even in the hey day of the reformists, the fasting was broken regularly to increase the contrast. So the point is not to fast necessarily.

So in 2022 it might be enough to have the most normal time ever, just to juxtapose the weirdness of the last two years? I might ask you, ‘what are you doing for Lent this year?’ and your response might be, ‘being ordinary.’ Watching the Olympics has been a change of pace too. As long as we set aside time to reconsider our faith, then the terms of the fast are satisfied. As long as Forrest continues not to read the lid of the chocolate box, he leads a very Lenten life. Each choice produces an unexpected result, causing him to rethink the way his world is.

There you see, I did it. I made the case for eating a box of chocolates for Lent. Are you ok with that? How does that make you feel? Surely celebrating before Easter is wrong? Maybe have a piece of cake while you think about it ...

*Andrew Brazier Ley Hill Methodist Church Minister*

## LEY HILL TODDLER GROUP

Ley Hill toddler group meets at the Chapel, every Wednesday morning during term time, 10am until 11.30am.



We have a fabulous selection of toys, craft table, bible story time and singing.

We serve tea, coffee, homemade cake and provide snacks for the children.

You will be made very welcome and it is a great way to meet other parents and carers and also for the children to make friends before going to nursery and school.

Please contact Sam to check availability. [Samantha.guerin@gmail.com](mailto:Samantha.guerin@gmail.com)

## SMILE AT AMAZON

The Village Hall is now enrolled with Smile at Amazon. Probably lots of you know what it is, but this is the basic idea...

Smile at Amazon is a simple, automatic way for anyone shopping at Amazon to support a registered charity - at no extra cost to you or them. When Amazon customers select their charity on Smile at Amazon, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to the charity.

We are registered as...LEY HILL WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE . Of course there are many other charities and you can change your selected charity monthly if you want to.

Amazon have donated over £8.5 Million to U.K. charities through this scheme.

To find out more go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

# LEY HILL METHODIST CHURCH

## SPRING SERVICES

2nd April 11.00am Roy Swanston



10th April 11.00am David Williamson

15th April Good Friday 3.00pm

17th April Easter Day 11.00am Rev. Andrew Brazier

**Youth Express** is the youth group for teenagers that meets at the Ley Hill Methodist chapel on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings from 6pm starting with pizza, then games or activities and finishing with a short talk or discussion. This is for secondary school children.

If you have children interested please contact Neil Rees on [nwrees@gmail.com](mailto:nwrees@gmail.com) or 01494 258328

## LEY HILL AND BOTLEY CARERS

Ley Hill and Botley Carers are volunteers who are organised to help their neighbours in the local community to cope with emergencies not normally handled by statutory or other voluntary services.

***We can help in the following ways:-***

**Visiting** - if you are ill

**Transport** - to doctor, hospital, health centre

**Help at home** - shopping, prescription collection, gardening.

If you need assistance phone 01494 785935



## WELL SEASONED CLUB

Our Spring Programme is nicely buttoned up through until summer and you all are welcome to join us on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30pm in the Chapel.

Transport can be arranged.

Why not join us on March 22nd to hear Lady Eileen Gershon tell us about her book "Nurses don't run" or come for Easter Lunch 12.30pm on April 5th.

*Looking forward to seeing you,*

*Rita Richardson 785935*

*Lindsay and Margaret Faulkner 783048*



## BUCKS COUNCIL

We have all been shocked by the terrible invasion of Ukraine. Across the Council we lit up buildings in the blue and yellow colours as a signal of solidarity with Ukraine.

As part of our Helping Hands for Ukraine initiative, we have been signposting people who wish to support to the DEC appeal, more details on our website :

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/ukraine-crisis-appeal/>

Closer to home, your local Councillors organised the first Buckinghamshire Jobs and Apprenticeships fair at the Elgiva. It was a great event with nearly 800 attendees and a huge range of exhibitors from Chesham companies (eg Silverstone's and Screenskills) through to Police, Fire, Health and a favourite of mine, Pinewood Studios - I got to hold an actual Oscar! We'll try and do the same again next year.

On more mundane but important matters we are now 85% through our 'gully cleaning' programme which aims to prevent flooding by clearing out every drain in the County. This time of the year is always the worst for potholes and we'd encourage people to report any problems on the roads through the Fixmystreet website.

*Gareth Williams Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration  
Councillor for Chess Valley ward*

*Buckinghamshire Council 07703440861*



## THE SWAN UPDATE

We have been busy over the last few months continuing to try and negotiate with the owners of the Swan in an attempt to agree a purchase price for the pub but so far have been unsuccessful.

As we mentioned in our last update the owners submitted an appeal against the last Planning Committee decision to refuse change of use to a residential property. We have been reviewing the evidence submitted by the owners in support of their appeal - approx. 350 pages which mainly focussed on viability of the Swan going forward and have submitted a full response to that evidence. In response to the comments about whether the Swan could be viable as a pub we continue to stress that as a Community Pub the Swan would be successful. We are supported by evidence provided by the Plunkett foundation in this and are encouraged that a number of parties have indicated to us that they would be interested in becoming a tenant if SOS were successful in purchasing the Swan. The objections had to be with the Planning Inspectorate by 4<sup>th</sup> March and we await their decision.

We would also like to say a massive "thank you" to those of you who made the time to lodge a further objection or to re-state your original points of view. We are hopeful that the Planning Inspector will take these into account.

We are still looking for additional pledges or loans and you can contact us with any comments you might have by email: [info@leyhillcommunitypub.co.uk](mailto:info@leyhillcommunitypub.co.uk) or find more information at <https://www.leyhillcommunitypub.co.uk>

*Susan Crichton on behalf of The SOS team*



# MY FAVOURITE RECIPE

## Lemon Meringue Pie (for 6-8)

This is a little 'fiddly' and Ian mostly does the washing up (3 bowls etc)....but in the end the result is worth it! And it can be made in advance of guests arriving. You will need a 26 cm (10 inch) flan dish, but the quantities can be reduced by a third for 4-6 people in a 23 cm (8 inch) dish.

### Ingredients

200g shortcrust pastry

2 large thin skinned lemons, rind removed in slivers, then squeezed

3-4 tablespoons granulated sugar

3 tablespoons cornflour

3 eggs separated

25g unsalted butter

150g caster sugar



### Method

Roll out the pastry and line the flan dish. Bake the pastry case blind in the centre of a pre-heated oven at 200°C (400°F, gas mark 6) for about 15-20 mins or until the pastry is crisp and golden brown. I remove the 'blind' greaseproof paper for the final 4-5 mins to ensure this. When cold, you can remove the pastry from the flan dish (but I never do).

Meanwhile, peel the rind from the lemons in slivers (I use a lemon zester peeler), carefully omitting all white pith. Squeeze the juice from the lemons and set aside. Put the lemon peel, granulated sugar and 425 ml (3/4 pint) of water in a pan; cook over low heat until the sugar has dissolved, then bring this syrup to the boil. Remove the pan from the heat.

Blend the cornflour in a bowl with 4-5 tablespoons lemon juice, then pour in the syrup through a strainer, stirring thoroughly. Separate the eggs, and beat in the egg yolks, one at a time, together with the unsalted butter. At this point I add any unused lemon juice to increase the flavour. The mixture should be thick enough to coat the back of a wooden spoon; otherwise return it to the pan and cook for few minutes without boiling. Spoon the lemon mixture into the cooked pastry case and leave to set.

Whisk the egg whites until stiff, then add half the caster sugar and continue whisking until the meringue holds its shape and stands in soft peaks. Fold in all but 1 teaspoon of the remaining sugar, using a metal spoon.

Pile the meringue over the lemon filling; spread it from the edge towards the centre, making sure the meringue joins the pastry edge to prevent the meringue 'weeping'. Sprinkle the meringue with the remaining sugar. Reduce the heat to 150°C (300°F, gas mark 2) and bake the pie in the centre of the oven for 20-30 mins, or until the meringue is crisp. Serve the pie warm, rather than hot (which can make the lemon filling soften) or cold. *Ros Walter*

# THE CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

A lovely new little book tells the story of Ley Hill Methodist church, to mark its 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The book called “The Chapel on the Green” tells the story of the congregation, its many groups and activities, and its chapel, which is by the Memorial Hall. It was written as a companion volume to “The Church by Woods” about St George’s Church at Tyler’s Hill, which was published in 2011.

The book tells over 200 years of local history, including the little known story of Ley Hill’s former Baptist church as well as the Methodist church. The Methodist church originated in a mission by a group called the Primitive Methodists who came to Bucks and West Herts in the late 1830s, planting new congregations in the area. Primitive Methodist preachers first came to Ley Hill Common in 1840, the Ley Hill Methodist congregation was first registered in 1841, and then they met at various locations around the Common, until the current chapel was built in 1887. The Baptists joined them in 1908, meanwhile St George’s was built in 1871.

The book includes over 64 pages of history telling the social story of the people of the church from and its Sunday School, preachers, ministers, youth and women’s groups. Along the way it also tells the story of such things as charabanc trips, Great War peace celebrations, the Americans at Bovingdon, Sunday School trips to the seaside, the church football club and brings it up to date to tell how the church coped in lockdown.

It is illustrated by beautiful, interesting photos, and told with anecdotes, tables and maps. It includes a complete list of ministers, including headshots for most of them, so you can see how many of them had mighty beards. Different church groups are featured especially youth work over the years.

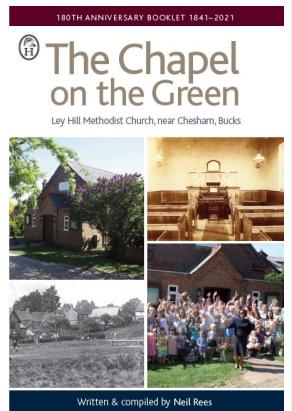
For the local and family historian it tells you where to find records, and has a list of all the weddings which have taken place at the chapel. The story of the church and the village are so intertwined that there will be enough of interest for anyone interested in local history. It is written in straightforward English so as not to assume any knowledge of religious or denominational jargon, and it does not assume the reader goes to the church.

The information in the book comes from all types of sources: memories, memoirs, newspaper articles, minutes of meetings, books, registers, certificates and photos all compiled together to tell a story spanning 200 years to present. See if it mentions anyone you know or are related to! The book was published by local history publisher Hawkes Design in Chesham. Peter Hawkes, who laid the book out, and Neil Rees who wrote the text, both come from Ley Hill.

The book sells for £10 direct from Ley Hill chapel. So pop alone to one of their events and ask for a copy. Or it is for sale for £12 at JPS Stationers in Chesham

<https://jpschesham.com/shop/product/the-chapel-on-the-green-ley-hill-methodist-church-illustrated-book> or from <https://www.hawkesdesign.co.uk/> in Chesham.

It is also available as a fixed price item on eBay. *Neil Rees*



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## EGGS QUIZ



1. In which Beatles song will you find the lines “I am an egg man, they are the egg men”?
2. Before they were renamed with the “Cadbury” branding in 1971, under which name had “crème eggs” been available previously?
3. Which bird lays the largest eggs?
4. In which year did Edwina Currie provoke outrage by suggesting that most of Britain’s eggs were infected by salmonella?
5. Who wrote a children’s book called “Green Eggs and Ham”?
6. In which 2014 film does a character called Gary “Eggsy” Unwin get recruited by a spy organisation, despite his being an unlikely candidate for the job?
7. Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying, “An egg today is better than a \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow”. Can you fill in the blank?
8. Virtually all Faberge eggs were manufactured under the supervision of the famous Russian Jeweller who gave them their name, but what was his full name?
9. Which comedic rap group from Newport, Wales has a rapper known as “Eggsy”?
10. According to the Guinness World Records, how tall in metres was the tallest chocolate Easter egg ever made?



# LATIMER & LEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## LITTERBLITZ

Well, what a pristine village we have! A huge vote of thanks must go to the 22 kind residents who gave up their Saturday morning to pick up litter! It's wonderful that we all take such pride in the appearance of our village. We plan to do another Litter blitz for the Jubilee celebrations and of course the Autumn Blitz. The confirmed dates will be posted on our website and on our notice-boards and sent out via our email newsletter.

## LITTLE LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone for the donations to the Little Library. We are really pleased to see it being so well used by the community. Due to its success, unfortunately there isn't enough room for hardback books. Please continue to borrow and donate books. We would love to see more children's books if you have any to spare. Thanks must go to Ros Walter for initiating and running this valuable service for the village.

## TREES

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we are planning to plant some trees around the village. We have recently received approval from Buckingham Council so will shortly be marking the proposed sites of the trees in order to inform residents of our intentions. Any comments should be sent to the Parish Clerk.

## CHOIR

It was great to see so many people at the first session of the Community Choir last Thursday and what an excellent start was made in the learning of the Song for the Commonwealth! We are looking forward to welcoming those of you who couldn't make this session for our second rehearsal on **Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in Ley Hill Methodist Chapel and anyone else who may be interested.

Rehearsals will continue fortnightly during March and April then probably weekly during May with the performance at the lighting of the Beacon to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

The music and words for the Song for the Commonwealth can be found on [www.commonwealthresources.com](http://www.commonwealthresources.com) website. (Some YouTube videos have the same title but are different songs!)

Look forward to seeing you all next time.

## SURVEY

We are once again asking all residents in our parish for suggestions of how to improve our parish. We welcome as many varied suggestions as possible so please complete the enclosed leaflet or send your suggestions via the link on our email newsletter which will be sent out shortly.



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## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

After an 18 month hiatus due to Covid, Latimer & Ley Hill Community Speed Watch (CSW) Group, in conjunction with Thames Valley Police and Latimer & Ley Hill Parish Council, are back operating again in the area to monitor traffic on Botley Road, Jason's Hill, and Rushmere Lane. We know speeding through the village is an issue we must stay on top of, and in the past, the CSW as well as the parish council's MVAS camera have been successful in reducing speeds.

The CSW Group is now looking for more volunteers who can spare around 1-2 hours a month to participate in our speed watch campaigns. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the [parish clerk](#).

Further information about CSW UK can be found on the website [communityspeedwatch.org](http://communityspeedwatch.org).

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - TUESDAY APRIL 26TH

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26th at 7.30pm in Ley Hill Methodist Chapel. Our last one was held in 2019 so come along to find out what we've been doing, since as well as our plans for 2022 and hopefully we can answer some of your questions?

## TYLERS HILL BURIAL GROUND

Ley Hill is very lucky to have so many of the things which make up English village life at its best: local pubs, woods, the common with cricketers and golfers, the school, the memorial hall. We also have the burial ground at Tylers Hill adjacent to St. George's Church. It's a lovely place to visit and over the years has been kept in good condition by a series of committed grounds staff.

The land for the burial ground was given to the parish by Lord Chesham in 1904 as beforehand villagers would have to be transported to Chesham for burial. Previously Lord Chesham had given the adjoining land for the building of St Georges Church which was opened in 1871. It was made clear at the time that the burial ground was for all parishioners and was to be administered by the parish council - quite separately from the church.

Although there may appear to be a lot of space in the burial ground, it's busier than it looks! The first occupant in the burial ground was Mr. George Loten, a licensed victualler, who was buried there in November 1906. Now in 2022 the total number of people at rest has reached 647 with many of the graves unmarked. These plots have been meticulously recorded, but in the early twentieth century few agricultural workers could afford to buy grave plots and although entitled to be buried there, were not allowed to place memorials. In particular child mortality was much higher than now. Of the first twenty occupants, eleven were infants.

At present there are a few plots still available but whilst the parish council restricts plots to parishioners only, a recently built Garden of Remembrance for the scattering of ashes allows the burial ground to be available to a wider population. Full details of which are available on the parish website—[www.latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk)

## TYLERS HILL BURIAL GROUND

The parish council has a rolling plan to ensure that the burial ground remains a serene and attractive place to visit, as well as being safe and secure. The contractor regularly cuts and trims the grass, volunteers visit to trim the hedges, and an arborist reports on the condition of trees and recommends action and the memorials are regularly tested to ensure they don't topple or are unstable. We are very grateful to all the residents who contribute to making the burial ground such a well-run and pleasant place.

This year we will be planting yew hedging, which over time will replace the broken wooden fence – hopefully this will be more ecologically sustainable and a much-needed home for birds and insects. Initially a short strip will be planted to test how it grows, but as with any burial ground, we have all the time in the world!

A final thank-you must go to the parishioners who help to sustain the burial ground through their contribution in the precept. The fees for using the burial ground are set by the parish and are comparable to Chesham and nearby villages. However currently the costs of running the burial ground are many times the revenue brought in by new occupants.

If you have any questions, please visit the parish web site [latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk](http://latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk) or write to [nigel.hill@latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:nigel.hill@latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk)

For enquiries specifically about burials and memorials please contact the Burial Ground Administrator at [jenet.hill@latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:jenet.hill@latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk)



# ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



Spring is well on the way now and our woodland area will soon stop being a swamp and will sport native flowers as we gradually develop as an Eco Church. We have completed an initial survey and we are working towards the Bronze award. Look out for bird boxes and bug hotels coming to our woodland in the next few months. Please remember that if your dog strays into St George's woodland, that the area is used for services and by the Brownies & Guides, so clear up any mess.

We are delighted to welcome our new

Vicar the Rev Darren Dalton who was formally licensed by the Bishop at a service in Christchurch, Waterside at the beginning of Lent. You'll probably see Darren and his family around the village in the coming months. Here are a few words from him:

*Despite storm Eunice and Franklin, we are now about eighty percent unpacked and we have been able to venture out into town where we found the bakery and a collectable toy shop, I was very excited.*

*As we start our period of Lent, a time for reflection not only on our Christian journey but also one that we are on together. It is a time of sacrificial living often removing one of the many idols we have that block our spiritual journey with Christ. Yet as well as removing things it can be a time where we sacrificially take something on, maybe a new devotional for lent or perhaps meeting with someone on a regular basis to read scripture together and pray for one another and for the church. Just as Christ began His mission in the wilderness and we begin to reflect upon His journey to the cross, we too can look forward to the new journey that we are going to begin together.*



*Peace and Joy Rev'd Darren*

Our services are at **11:15am on Sundays**. You are very welcome to join us at any time. We are very friendly and there is always time for coffee, biscuits, and a natter afterwards. Everyone - young and not so young, those familiar with church and those who are curious are all welcome. If you've not visited us before, why not try one of our services during Lent and Easter?

<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday procession &amp; family service</b>
<b>Easter Eve Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8pm Service of Light</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion 8am and 11:15am</b>

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

The Bangay Rooms are available for hire. These rooms, adjacent to the church have a large meeting room that can be divided into 2 smaller rooms, a kitchen & toilets. The rooms are ideal for group meetings and events (up to about 30). If you would like to hire the rooms, please contact Julie Rennard [julierennard6@gmail.com](mailto:julierennard6@gmail.com) We look forward to seeing you soon!

Keep up to date with news from St George's on <https://www.stgeorgesandchrist.church> on Facebook and twitter @stgeorgeshp5 or email Rev'd Darren Dalton [vicar@stgeorgesandchrist.church](mailto:vicar@stgeorgesandchrist.church)

*Hazel Rymer, Gill Glenister & Jenny Allison – St. George's District Wardens  
St George's Church, Tylers Hill Road*



## LEY HILL CRICKET CLUB

As you'll see from the enclosed leaflet, we're on the look out for new members! We have two Saturday adult sides and one Sunday adult side. We also have a vibrant juniors section ranging from our All Stars Cricketers, who start with plastic bat and ball at age 5, all the way up to 18 year olds.

We've just invested in lots of new training equipment including a bowling machine suitable for juniors and even a speed gun to measure your bowling speed!

Our modern pavilion has a welcoming bar which stocks a full range of drinks to suit all tastes and ages plus a large selection of sweet and savoury snacks. Friday evenings at the club are busy, with the bar and BBQ open while the coaching sessions are running. It is a great way to socialise with other parents and watch on as the kids enjoy the training sessions.

Training Schedule:

All Stars (5-8 year olds): Sunday 10.30-11.15

U9s & U10s: Friday 17:30-18:30

U11s & U12s: Friday 18:30-20:00

U13s, U14s & U15s: Wednesday 18:30-20:00

More details can be found on our website: <https://leyhill.play-cricket.com/home>



Whether you've never played cricket before, used to play and are looking to get back into it or are a keen cricketer looking for a new challenge, our friendly, welcoming club has got something for you. So if you have any interest in cricket at all, we'd love to hear from you!

Give me a ring (07879450540), drop us an email (leyhillcricketclub@gmail.com), come along to a game, to senior training on a Tuesday evening, or to the try out session we'll be running at the village picnic on 5th June.

*Nick Lee*

# LEY HILL SCHOOL

What a phenomenal start to the year Ley Hill School have had!

We got the call from OFSTED on Monday 24th January and the inspection started the next morning, staying with us for 2 days.



The inspection was an intense, but positive, time for everyone and the inspector was very thorough, spending time in each classroom, conducting deep dives into subject areas, interviewing Governors and of course spending time with our fantastic children.

I'm pleased to report that Ley Hill School achieved another GOOD rating! I am incredibly proud of all the staff, fellow Governors and children for this achievement.

A copy of the full OFTSED report can be found on the school website - it is a delight to read and I think the opening paragraph sums us up perfectly:

*Ley Hill is a caring and nurturing school. Pupils are kind to each other, show respect and are proud of their school. They are happy and confident, and speak highly of the staff. Leaders set high expectations for pupils' learning and behaviour, and they rise to the challenge.*

A special thank you goes to all the children that shared their learning with the inspector, shared their books, answered his questions, took him on a tour of the school or explained what it is like to be a pupil at Ley Hill.

You all represented the 5Rs of Ley Hill School and we couldn't be prouder.

The 5Rs have become an integral part of Ley Hill School life this year, underpinning the school values and vision and bringing to life the expectations we have for the children.

A competition was held at the school asking for mascots to be designed that represent the 5R learning behaviours **resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness, reciprocity and reconnecting their learning**.

In other news :

- 17 students from Yr 3-6 took part on the Cross Country Running Event at the Misbourne School and all finished in the Top 20.....absolutely phenomenal.
- A Drama workshop was held for Key Stage 1 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all
- Yr1 have been learning all about our local village and recently went on a walk around the village looking at the local buildings and learning about Ley Hills History.
- A number of our children have auditioned and have been given various parts in the cast of Matilda at the Elgiva.

Lots of our children took part in the Speech Festival with children achieving "commended" or "honours" for their performance. 2 children have been selected to perform their readings at the prestigious event at the Elgiva.

World Book Day showed some creative and interesting costumes! Children took part in a variety of challenges and were given the opportunity to take part in a sponsored read to help us to raise funds for the school library. If any members of the community would like to make a financial donation to aid us in achieving our goals around the library provision then this would be gratefully received.

*Charley Co-chair of Governors, Ley Hill School*

# LEY HILL SCHOOL

## Would you like to be a governor at Ley Hill School?

We are looking to recruit new governors to join our Ley Hill School Governing Board and would love to welcome anyone from our community to join us in supporting our wonderful school.

We are looking for people who are:

- looking to make a difference and want to improve opportunities for children and young people in a voluntary capacity.
- willing to work as part of a team to support strategic function and key decision making in our local school.
- committed to working with school senior leaders to ensure pupils of our school are provided with an inclusive education of the highest standard.
- able to commit time to attend full governing body / committee meetings and carry out school visits.
- dedicated and value continuous improvement, want to grow leadership skills and are willing to attend training which is currently online from home.

If you have experience that you feel would benefit the governing body please consider joining us in such a rewarding role - we would love to hear from you!

We are committed to fairness and equal opportunities throughout our community and welcome applications from suitably skilled candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality, religion or age.

If you would like to apply or would just like to know more about the role, please contact me and I will be happy to help.

*Sandy Mullins Development Governor – Ley Hill School*  
[sandy@wendoveremail.co.uk](mailto:sandy@wendoveremail.co.uk) 07790517860



## CHESHAM AND LEY HILL GOLF CLUB

### BAR STAFF WANTED

10-15 hours per week, one weekday and one weekend, £9.50 per hour. More hours available as we move into the summer months.

Some previous bar experience would be beneficial but full training will be given.

Kitchen experience would be a bonus.

If interested contact Alex Lloyd 01494 784541  
or send CV to [secretary@cheshamgolf.co.uk](mailto:secretary@cheshamgolf.co.uk)



## NATURE NOTES



As lagomorphs are popular characters over the Easter period, I thought I would write about them! We all see them in the woods and fields around the village, maybe even in our gardens – in fact there is one rabbit for every two people in England (and vice versa in Scotland). Things have not always been so good for them, though, and the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen this year unfortunately coincides with the same anniversary of the arrival of myxomatosis in Britain, from which our rabbit population began to recover only in the late 1980s. Their ability to proliferate is of course well-known, and was a compelling reason for the Normans bringing them to Britain for meat and fur, around 900 years ago.

Since the well-informed readers of News and Views will have a fair idea of what rabbits are and do, here are some hopefully useful rabbit facts for any pub quiz that presents itself:

Male, female and young rabbits are known as bucks, does and kittens respectively.

Who Framed Roger Rabbit, released in 1988, was at the time the most expensive film ever made

In Flanagan and Allen's "Run, Rabbit, Run", the word rabbit appears 23 times

"Rabbit" by Chas and Dave reached No.8 in the UK singles charts in November 1980

Bugs Bunny's real, full name is George Washington Bunny

That's all, folks! *Happy Easter!* Andrew Garth

## CHESHAM AND LEY HILL GOLF CLUB

The new head green keeper Daren Marston-Smith continues to do a great job of improving the course for members- whilst the weather has hardly been 'golfing weather' the enthusiastic membership have been out in all weathers !

The Members responded to the 'call for action' after the recent high winds and cleared the fallen branches from the course – additionally the new pathway to the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole ( the dell) has significantly improved the downhill experience getting from Tee to Green , much thanks to the parish council for their valuable contribution. The Management team have a number of further improvements to both the course and the clubhouse planned , together with a new campaign to recruit new members . *Chris Harris—Trustee of Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club*

# 1st TYLERS HILL GIRL GUIDES

We are almost back to 'normal'!

The Guides are back to meeting in the Bangay rooms at St George's and we've discovered that most activities can be adapted to try and keep everyone, especially the vulnerable, protected from Covid. Whilst government restrictions have been removed, we continue to wear masks indoors and have the rooms well ventilated with the windows open. Saving money as, being a hardy lot, we don't turn the heaters on – there's no point if the heat can go straight out the window!

Activities this term have included Feel Good Skills Builders and Unit Meeting activities; learning about the Guiding World Centres and cooking. We had a camp-fire, cooking smores around a fire pit in the car park and last week cooked picture pancakes.



Later this term we are supporting St George's quest towards being an eco church and gaining a bronze certificate, by making bird boxes and bug hotels for the woodland.

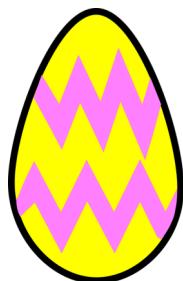
A division camp is being organised for next term and we hope the Guides attend and enjoy another step back to a 'normal' Guide programme.

We have vacancies and would like to welcome new members. Any interested parents of 10-14 year old girls should visit the Girlguiding website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to express their daughter's interest and I will contact them.

Thanks, as always, to the Rosemary, Zoë and the parents for their support giving the girls the opportunities that Guiding provides.

*Gayle Romney      Guide Leader*

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1. I am the walrus! 2. Fry's Crème Egg 3. Ostrich 4. 1988 5. Dr Seuss
6. Kingsmen: The Secret Service 7. Hen
8. Peter Carl Faberger also known as Karl Gustavovich Faberger
9. Goldie Locking Chain 10. 10.39metres

EGBS QUIZ ANSWERS



## Volunteering. It's good for you.

We rely on people like you playing their part to give young people the opportunities they need.

But volunteering's not just about giving something back. It's also about doing something that's good for you.

Volunteering gives you career-boosting skills, improves your wellbeing, and helps you make connections with friends, family and your local community.

So what are you waiting for? Get in touch to find out about how volunteering can help you.

Contact: Group Scout Leader  
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# EASTER EGG OUTDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

Stick these eggs onto card then cut them out. Hide the eggs outside. The challenge is to find an egg then complete the challenge before searching for another egg. Once all eggs are found and all challenges completed, prizes can be given. Of the chocolate kind of course!



