

LEY HILL & BOTLEY

NEWS & VIEWS

WINTER 2022



SNOW KISSES

**If you go out when it's snowing
And look up at the sky
You'll feel lots of icy kisses
As the snowflakes flutter by!**

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With sincere thanks for your contribution to
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In celebration of
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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Dear All

The beautiful hot days we experienced this summer now seem well in the past as we paddle around in the deep puddles after what seems to be weeks of rain! Who knows what the weather will be like by the time you read this!

It was of course, extremely sad to learn of the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth after a magnificent reign of 70 years. For me and many of you, she will have been the only monarch in our lifetime! In fact she was crowned just a month before I was born! (Whoops! Now you know my age!) It was great to see so many local people had recorded their own tributes to the Queen in our condolence book which was placed in the village hall. Your thoughts are forever kept for posterity.

Now we move our allegiance to King Charles and Queen Camilla. I really pray their reign isn't as rocky as has been predicted. It will be tricky remembering to sing God Save the King, but I'm sure we'll soon get used to it! The coronation is being planned for Saturday May 6th which I'm sure many of you will want to watch on the television. Monday May 8th has recently been declared a Bank Holiday but as yet we haven't decided on the date of the village celebrations which inevitably will happen! Look out for the plans early next year.

This last few weeks we have seemed to have been plagued by road works; wherever you try to drive there seem to be 3 or 4 way traffic lights. And it wasn't just in Buckinghamshire! Driving to Hemel has also been a nightmare! The Parish Council is supposed to be informed when road-works in the parish are happening but no they weren't. So Ros has come to the rescue! See on page 23 how you can find out when and where roadworks are likely to be sited.

I hope you enjoy reading this season's edition of News and Views. Any suggestions to improve our village magazine will be gratefully received.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Anne. The Editor

*Merry
Christmas*

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NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

Well the summer of 2022 has been and gone but my goodness weren't we fortunate with the weather? As soon as our Jubilee picnic was out of the way on 4 June the sun came out for three months or so and temperatures soared to record levels. Accordingly, our principal outdoor summer events enjoyed fabulous conditions. Classics on The Common was, as ever, an extremely popular event and our annual Ley Hill Flower and Produce Show again had that 1920s feel about it as we do our bit to keep a significant part of British heritage alive. Many thanks to all those that came along and especially to those that entered our eclectic traditional mix of classes at the Show. There really is something for everybody to have a go at regardless of your interest and hobbies.

Since our June Jubilee celebrations very sadly of course, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth passed away in September, but together with the rest of the country we were delighted to be able to celebrate her magnificent seventy years on the throne in style. It still seems as if she is still here in many ways, for example every time you stick a stamp on an envelope and it will take a while adjusting to 'His Majesty the King' rather than 'Her Majesty the Queen'. At the time of writing we know no more than the date of the King's Coronation (Saturday 6 May 2023), albeit that rumours abound about the scale of celebration that is envisaged. We'll have to wait and see. I'll be surprised though if our beacon is not called into action! Meanwhile we wish King Charles III and Queen Camilla the best of luck in following arguably the greatest act of all time.

Welcome to anyone that is new to Ley Hill and to 'News & Views'. Somebody said to me the other day that there is not much point in living in a village like ours if you hide behind your front door and don't get involved in the community. As somebody who originates from West London I could not agree more. Participation in local activities and events hugely enhances the experience of life outside of a town or city and we look forward to seeing as many newcomers as possible at the Memorial Hall, either enjoying one of our committee organised social events or attending one of our hirers' sessions. These include badminton, dog training, dancing classes, Jazzercise and art classes to name a few. We published last year a list of over 100 different activities that the Hall has hosted since its foundation. It is a very popular venue for private events too and is available for hire for all sorts of functions.

As regards the Hall itself you will be pleased to know that during the October half term break the County Council has at last carried out a long-awaited repair and resurfacing of the car park. The net result at least looks impressive, but most of the work is underground and is an attempt to improve the area's drainage, which in turn will hopefully stabilise the surface of the car park. Anyone anticipating a smooth tarmac surface will be disappointed as the land is 'common land' and as such is subject to certain rules and regulations that have been developed over 1,000 years!

Ian Walter (ianwalter@btinternet.com), Trustee



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday December 3rd at 7.45pm — **Luvvies Ley Hill Christmas Concert** in the Village Hall

Tickets available from Paul and Sue Woodstock — ring 01494 771840

£7.50 including mulled wine and mince pies. Proceeds to local charities.

Wednesday December 6th at 12pm — **Community Lunch** in the Village Hall

All are welcome

Ring Anne Birkett 01494 773050 to book your place—no cost

Monday December 19th at 7pm — **Christmas Carol Singing** outside the Village Hall

Wrap up and join your fellow villagers in a festive sing song! Children very welcome too!



NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL cont'd

Finally, I end with a plea. We could do with a few more volunteers to serve on our Management Committee please. Running the Hall is very similar to running a small business, with, for example, responsibilities for finance, health and safety, repairs and maintenance, improvements, bookings, cleaning, a garden etc, all of which require due care and attention if the Hall is to operate as smoothly as possible. We rely on too few people at present. It's a great way to meet people and believe it or not is fun and extremely rewarding. Please contact either me or Sarah Peterson if you are interested. Don't wait to be asked!!

On behalf of us all involved with the Hall I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2023.

Ian Walter (ianwalter@btinternet.com), Trustee

CLASSICS ON THE COMMON 2022

Another great day on the Common for Ley Hill on Sunday 14th August (Classic Cars are always the 2nd Sunday in August) with a good selection of over 200 cars. The weather was kind, a lovely sunny day and plenty of drinks were consumed to keep cool both from the refreshment stall and the Cricket Club bar that was constantly busy. There were lots of visitors throughout the day strolling around to view the amazing quality and diversity of cars and other vehicles.

Donations collected on the day totalled an incredible £1074.40 that was donated to the very grateful Thames Valley Air Ambulance; it was a superb occasion once again.

Sarah Peterson and the Classic Car Team



SMILE AT AMAZON

You may remember that we mentioned in an earlier edition that 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>

THE LITTLE LIBRARY

We hope you are enjoying the little library outside the village hall. Please feel free to take or leave books for adults or children (please be aware that children will peek inside so 'adult' books should be appropriate).

Sadly there is limited space, so please do not place hardback books inside.....they simply take up too much space. The charity shops in Chesham will appreciate these.

If there is no space when you next visit, you are welcome to leave them on the doorstep of Ros Walter, 9 Holly Tree Close, Ley Hill.

Ros Walter



VILLAGE CLUBS AND GROUPS

Badminton	Tuesday PM Memorial Hall	Amita Carr	778782
Ley Hill Cricket Club	Chairman Juniors Manager	Nick Lee Chris Morris	782813 07896480445
Chesham & Ley Hill Golf Club	Ley Hill Common 8am—Dusk	Alex	784541
Toddler Group	Under 3 years & mums Weds in term time Chapel	Sam Guerin	Samantha.guerin@gmail.com
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	Sheila Nardone	sheilanardone@hotmail.co.uk
Cubs 1st Tyler's Hill	8-10 years Memorial Hall Tuesday 6.15-7.45pm	Sheila Nardone	sheilanardone@hotmail.co.uk
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	Second Wednesday in every month 11am –12.30pm	Anne Birkett	773050
Chesvale Dog Training Club	Thursday 6.15 -10.15pm Memorial Hall	Carol Spencer	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
Yoga Class	Tuesday 9 -9.50am Memorial Hall	Emma Traill	hello@breathe-wellbeing.co.uk

LEY HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Sitting right near the Memorial Hall is Ley Hill Methodist Chapel. It's not obvious from the outside, but this small building is home to a friendly community of people who love Jesus and serve God with activities for all ages. The church has a long-standing good reputation for music and youth work.

There are family friendly services every Sunday morning at 11 am. After the service most folk hang around for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

The congregation includes all ages, and has a fun Sunday School for children and Bible Club for older kids. Anyone from any Christian tradition, or none, is welcome. For more information on Sunday School contact Kirsty on kjwrees@gmail.com



Each Sunday evening at the chapel at 6pm there is a youth meeting called Youth Express until 7:30pm. We have a table tennis table, pool table, table football, a Wii and many games. Usually we feast on a pizza delivery, and once a month we meet with friends from Kings Church Chesham. This is open to young people at secondary school, whether you have a church connection or not.

For more information on Youth Express contact Neil on nwrees@gmail.com or 01494 258328
General news is posted on the notice board on the front of the chapel, or join the Ley Hill Methodist church Facebook page. *Neil Rees*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11th December Carol service 11am

18th December Nativity 11am

20th December Celebration 7.30 pm

25th December Rev. Andrew Brazier 11am

1st January 2023 Rev. Andrew Walker 11am



Sunday Evenings 6pm Youth Express

WELL SEASONED CLUB

We meet every other Tuesday in Ley Hill Methodist Chapel at 2.30pm

We have enjoyed a full term of speakers and now look forward to the Christmas celebrations. We have our **Christmas lunch at 12.30pm on 6th December, Ley Hill School Carols on the 12th** at 2pm, then Dave Darvell and Friends will bring us music on the **13th** at 2.30pm.

Our New Year programme is work in progress!

We wish you all every blessing at this festive time.

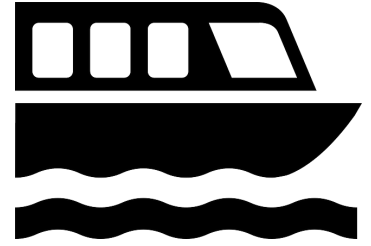
Rita Richardson 785935 Lindsay and Margaret 783048



LEY HILL METHODIST CHURCH

CANAL BOATS

And, 20 seconds later I was back on the boat. The funny thing was at no point did I really feel scared. I suppose I could say that the churches' canal boat weekend went swimmingly. The whole idea was trying find a point of contact between all the different churches that we have spread across our Methodist Circuit. It's not like we have some sort of big city plonked conveniently in the middle for us to all aim for. In fact, the really really big city that is near us, is not only outside our area but has a tendency to draw people away.



Let me describe the scene. When Peter, the circuit bursar, and I first picked up the boat there was a steady drizzle falling. I have to be honest and say that I did wonder if being out on the canals in October was a bit of a daft idea. The persistent rain seemed to seep into everything, and not even constant tea brewing offset the chill. On the other hand, the quiet of the canals, the beauty of the overhanging trees and branches, and the drifting smoke from the warm looking houseboats, created a picture of impressionist beauty. what in some ways will always remain an industrial landscape, also pulls the peace of the countryside into the hearts of towns and under roadways.

It was then with joy of course, that setting out from Croxley Green and heading towards Hemel and Winkwell (the swing bridge which is probably the closest point to Ley Hill), the sky was clear. The brisk chill of the morning hinted at a warm day ahead. Along the route we stopped, prayed with people, ate bacon rolls and met a diverse range of humanity; both from the churches and strangers on the tow path. I can't help but feel that there is a very important ministry to be explored amongst the folk who choose to live, exercise, and philosophise in this magical place. The members of the churches that joined us ranged from a man two weeks off of being 100 years old, to a very highly trained 15-year-old scout. Church members walked alongside, with or without dogs, assisted with locks, and occasionally steered the boat. They also helped to consume vast quantities of cake and biscuits. I'm still trying to untangle and deliver presents that were gifted along the route to go to other churches.

In the end it was a watery pilgrimage, a successful gathering of the faithful, and a true meeting with community at the edge. I've learned more about our area in two days than I could ever have imagined. Not only was it a very physical voyage but, I think also, something of a spiritual one. I know for me it was an answer to prayer.

There will no doubt be more adventures like this. Possibly involving canal boats, but also buses and trains. I might draw the line at aircraft. I think there's something important about us travelling together, a visible witness to the spiritual side of life.

In conclusion, mission accomplished. Lots to learn of course, not least that ministers should avoid falling in the canal. Oh yes, I should have mentioned that, on the first day, at Home Park lock, whilst pulling on a wet rope I managed to miss the back of the boat and plop like a disgruntled frog into the deep water. All I remember is seeing the bubbles above my head as I reached up my hand. I was grabbed by Karol from Kings Langley; and, 20 seconds later I was back on the boat ...

Andrew Brazier—Methodist Minister

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



COFFEE AND CHAT CHANGE OF DAY



COFFEE AND CHAT in the Memorial Hall
NOW every **SECOND** Wednesday of the month at 11am
EVERYONE IS WELCOME! See you on **January 11th**



SWAN UPDATE

There had been limited communication from the Save Our Swan team over the past months as they were waiting for news of the appeal hearing following the rejection of the last planning application for change of use of The Swan to a single dwelling.



They are now pleased to let you know that the appeal has been **rejected** and as a consequence, they hope to be able to reopen negotiations with the owners.

Inevitably, news of the rejected appeal will be a disappointment for the owners but SOS will endeavour to find a scenario that allows all parties to move forward.

The SOS Committee of Ley Hill Community Pub Limited

LEY HILL TODDLER GROUP

Ley Hill toddler group meets at Ley Hill Methodist 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



NATURE NOTES

MUSHROOMS

Autumn is by far the best time of year to spot....mushrooms - in woods and gardens around the village. Neither plant nor animal, the fungi from which mushrooms grow are a delicate network of fine filaments, either underground or within the substrate of a supporting tree. In many cases fungi can be huge subterranean structures, taking nutrition from decayed animal and plant matter. In this way, fungi are natural composting agents, secreting enzymes to break down the food that they then absorb.



Mushrooms are the fruit of the fungus and release seeds (spores) to germinate elsewhere. Mushrooms often appear around trees, which can draw water down through the mushroom and its underground network of delicate roots, in return for which the tree provides nutrition for the fungus. The sudden appearance of mushrooms after rain is due to the rapid intake of water by the fungus, causing tiny buds on it to "blossom" into the variety of structures that we see.

Mushrooms can be capped, cupped, puffballs or truffles, with a spectrum of edibility from toxic to delicious. A well-known, red-capped "toadstool" is the fly agaric; other mushrooms easily identified are the jellied ear and giant puffball. All three are reasonably common and can be seen around and about. In fact the fly agaric may well be the inspiration for the red and white garb favoured by Father Christmas and his ability to make his annual time bending "trip" around the world...

Wishing all readers of News and Views a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Andrew Garth

HOW TO USE FIX MY STREET

IRRITATING POTHoles AND ANNOYING FLY TIPPERS

How do I report these to Bucks Council? A quick guide:

Go to <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

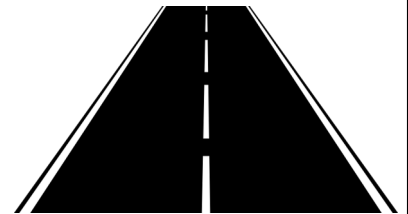
Scroll down to 'Parking, roads and transport' and click on this link

Click on 'Report problems on roads, streets and pavements'

Here you can report around 12/13 various problems from

potholes to fly tipping, from dead animals to overflowing bins, from dog fouling to overgrown hedges etc

You must have an email address to use the online reporting system (FixMyStreet).



Often this will take you to 'Start' or 'Report here'. A photograph, postcode and email are needed, and if you are already registered with Bucks Council then this will speed up the process.

You can see whether your problem has been previously reported.

Ros Walter

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Hope

Dare I say it... Christmas, there I did it. I love Christmas I have already from the beginning of October been playing Michael Bublé's Christmas album, much to the annoyance of the children.

I have friends who hate Christmas with the commercial side of things and the number of adverts portraying a reality of life that comes if you have an all talking Barbie doll or a diamond necklace that will fulfil every desire that a person could have.

So, peoples hopes are placed upon these items; hopes are placed upon bonuses and wages to be able to live up to expectations.

Yet with the cost of living, fuel prices, and taxes all increasing while benefits are being cut, peoples hopes of that perfect Christmas are being dashed. Panic, stress, and fear for an uncertain future as people choose between heating their homes or feeding their families replace the joy that the season is supposed to bring. When hopes, security, peace and joy are placed on the things of this world that never last, when they are gone so is the hope and joy people have.

Yet, the true gift we receive at Christmas is not based on the things that this world has to offer, but what God offers through His Son. The true gift that brings real hope, peace, and joy. The gift that brings security and purpose to our lives, where the situations we find ourselves in, the troubles and hardships, cannot take away what Christ gives us.

So, we at St George's invite all of you to join us this season as we discover what is this hope, peace, and purpose that we all can receive from Jesus this Christmas.

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Our services are as follows.

Christingle Service - Sunday 11th December 11:15am

Carols by Candlelight— Wednesday 21st 5pm (with mince pies and mulled wine)

Nativity service— Saturday 24th December 10 am

Christmas service with Holy Communion— Sunday 25th December 8am and an All-Age Service 11:15am

We look forward to seeing you all.

Rev Darren Vicar.darren@gmail.com



CHARITY QUIZ SEPTEMBER 23rd

Dave Peterson, who ran this year's London Marathon in aid of Rennie Grove Hospice at Home, would like to thank all those that supported the Charity Quiz which raised £1500 towards his total fundraising of nearly £3500 for this amazing charity. You may have seen Dave during his training runs around Ley Hill. Thank You for your support.

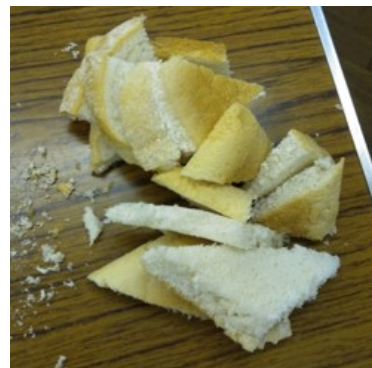
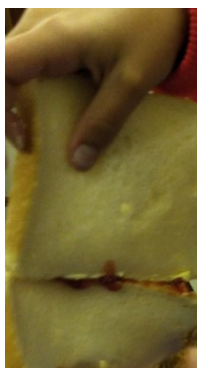
Sarah and Dave Peterson

1st TYLERS HILL BROWNIES

1st Tyler's Hill Brownies have had a busy start to the Autumn term and welcomed several new Brownies, which is fantastic !

We made the most of the last light evenings of the year with a scavenge hunt, quiz and games outside.

We learnt the importance of giving clear instructions when we tried to teach some very silly visiting aliens how to make a jam sandwich - look at the photos to see how successful that was!



After some very funny first attempts, Swift (our Brownie Helper from 1st Tyler's Hill Guides) and the Brownies worked together to make a set of instructions that ended up with a perfect sandwich.

We supported the Harvest festival at St George's by donating food for the collection and making a display of things we are thankful for. We created paper sunflowers with our ideas on, to reflect the sunflowers we grew in the Church woodland over the summer.



A great hit was our 'Taskmaster' evening, where the girls worked in teams to complete challenges in the style of the television programme.

Later this term we'll be spending some time thinking about the Brownie Promise and how we can make sure we keep it; as well as some themed activities for Bonfire Night and Christmas, and lots more.

Thanks as always to Scops, Snowy and Swift for all their hard work and to the Brownies and parents for their enthusiasm.



If you have a daughter interested in joining Brownies, please drop me an email or register your interest at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter>

Fluffy Owl (Zoë Digby) Leader, 1st Tylers Hill Brownies fluffyowl.tylershill@gmail.com

1st TYLERS HILL GIRL GUIDES

Our return to Guides in September was changed due to the passing of our patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Two of the Brownies, who visited meetings before the summer holidays, have joined Guides and are enjoying our activities.

The girls have continued doing Skills Builder and Unit Meeting Activities (UMAs) and really enjoyed doing 'Build a Beast' – re-cycling rubbish into art and 'Intergalactic Snacks' – preparing food that could be eaten in space without floating away!



We have also had fun with fabrics, making clothes for soft toys and making Harvest boxes for distribution to those in need in the parish.

We are continuing to recruit and welcome new members. Any interested parents of 10-14 year old girls should visit the Girlguiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk to express their daughter's interest and I will contact them.

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

Gayle Romney—Guide Leader gayle.romney@ntlworld.com



REST AND RECHARGE EVENING RETREAT

Do you want a cosy evening to unwind, relax, and be led into a place of calm and rest? Enjoy a tranquil and restorative evening with a grounding gentle yoga flow, soothing guided meditation, delicious chocolate treats and mince pies with hot chocolate, or festive herbal tea!

-Begin the evening with a 60-minute grounding yoga flow to reset your nervous system, let go of tension and feel connected within

-Followed by a 30-minute calming guided meditation focusing on your breath and body, filling yourself with positive energy and feeling fully rested and restored

-Take home a goody bag of treats to enjoy after

Saturday 26th November, 7.30 – 9.45pm, Ley Hill Memorial Hall, £20

Book here - www.breathe-wellbeing.co.uk/bookings



LEY HILL CRICKET CLUB

Ley Hill Cricket Club had its most successful season yet, with the Saturday first team winning the prestigious Berkshire, Chiltern & Mid Bucks Championship with a game to spare.

Normally this would allow us to be promoted to the Thames Valley Cricket League. However we've received the news that the Thames Valley Cricket League will not allow us in this season owing to perceived problems with the road running down the edge of the ground.

We're hugely disappointed; it's a big blow to a club that is trying to progress. But we're not giving up. We'll work with the TVCL to pursue our ambition of bringing a higher standard of cricket to Ley Hill whilst retaining the friendly, progressive culture we're known for.

Cricket is very much a team sport but Craig Peterson's contribution to the first team's success this season stood out. 1138 runs at an incredible average of 103.45 with 6 centuries and 3 fifties. Lewis Thompson, Ben Moultrie-Ford and Max Lee, the latter recording his maiden century, all made significant contributions with the bat. Lewis also took 31 wickets, second only to Joe Yerrell's 33, with the evergreen Craig Ottaway and Jonny Carpenter also taking over 20 wickets each.

In the other teams, the Saturday second team continued its progression, winning half of its games to end with a mid table finish in the Mid Bucks Division 3. This is a development side and saw great contributions from junior cousins Ted and Ed Sussum.

On Sundays, the cricket was both competitive and social. Another Sussum, Rob, enjoyed a golden season, taking 27 wickets, with Brad Norton leading the way with the runs. Notable contributions with the bat were also made by Ted Sussum and Brayden Doran.

Finally the juniors enjoyed a resurgence after a couple of Covid-affected years. We had upwards of 80 youngsters, ranging in age from 6 to 17. It was very satisfying to see some of our juniors graduating to the senior teams and earning their senior cap. We're always in need of people to help out, whether that be as a coach, team manager or whatever. Please do get in touch to help your local cricket club continue to prosper.

As ever, we welcome you to the club at any time, whether that be at the weekend or juniors training on a Friday evening. Paul Green will ensure the bar is fully stocked and the BBQ lit!

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Nick Lee Chair, Ley Hill Cricket Club



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DRAWING CLASSES

Ley Hill Memorial Hall 9:30-12:30 Thursday mornings

Suitable for all abilities. Tuition given. £150 per ten week term.

Contact: Hilary Sussum BA MA on 01494 771708

MORNING EXERCISE BOOT CAMP

Ley Hill Common - for any level of fitness; (just outside the cricket club)

Every Saturday 9.30am—10.30am

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LEY HILL FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

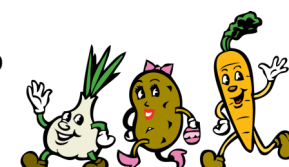
Another lovely traditional day in the village took place in September with a wonderful array of entries in all the usual classes. Once opened following the judging, the hall buzzed with villagers surveying the fruit, veg, flowers and displays, bakes, crafts, young people's efforts, photos, limericks etc Refreshments were served, second-hand books were chosen and raffle tickets bought,

Whilst it was great for the show to be 'back to normal' after the last couple of covid-affected years the number of entries didn't increase. Of course it has been a challenging year for those growing flowers and vegetables but never forget everyone is in the same position with items you may not consider good enough to enter but it could still turn out to be the best! We would encourage you all to have a go, it's not a serious event and culminates in a brilliant social afternoon. So why not pop a few seeds in next year and see what happens! Please ask if you have any questions. The Children's entries were as lovely as ever. There were plenty of Domestic entries.. It was good to see some new names winning cups..

So have a think about what you can grow or make for next year.

It'll be on **Saturday, 9th September 2023** - advance notice of the Photo categories will appear in the Spring edition of News & Views.

We are enormously grateful to all those involved in any way who make the Show so enjoyable - those who helped with the raffle, book stall, refreshments, donated prizes. cakes and books and sponsored classes. Sponsoring a class is just £6 - please let us know if you're interested, there are some interesting classes that can be sponsored (please call Sue on 771840 or Sarah on 776086). Also we are always open to new ideas for classes/improvements. Thanks also to Ian Walter who kindly presented the prizes and to the judges who judge year after year, generously giving their time and expertise. A special big Thank You must go to all of you who entered.



Congratulations to all the trophies winners:

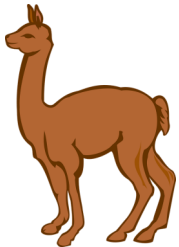
ALISON WEBBER	Bettridge Trophy (most points in the whole show)
PETE EVANS	Grace Sanders Cup (most points in fruit and veg classes)
STEVE THORP	Norman Sanders Cup (second in fruit and veg classes)
REES FAMILY	Family Cup (Household, adult & children, with most points)
JEFF EALES	Derek Rance Cup (best collection of vegetables)
PETE EVANS	Lowe Compost Bowl
ALISON WEBBER	Catling Cup (most points in Domestic classes)
MARGARET FAULKNER	Nina Sanders Cup (second most points in Domestic classes)
DAVE PETERSON	Kinta Cup (most points in Floral classes)
NO WINNER	Allen Cup (best Floral arrangement)
DAVE PETERSON	Hopkins Cup (Best specimen rose)
MIRIAM REES	Darvell Cup (most points in Young People's classes)
AMY REES	Children's Cup (Best single entry in Young People's classes)

We hope to see you all again next year. In the meantime, please encourage others to enter too.
Sue Woodstock

LEY HILL SCHOOL

Such a busy term for Ley Hill School!

Year 5 children took part in a Viking workshop and brought history to life through a number of hands-on activities – they looked fabulous in their Viking outfits too!



Our Reception and Nursery children had a glorious time over at Crabtree Farm a Huge thank you to all our volunteers who made the trip possible. Thank you also to Jeff and Sandy for always making the children feel so welcome. They love seeing the alpacas and the pigs and enjoy learning outside the classroom so much.

Year 2 had a fabulous learning event around the Fire of London and have been passionately learning, writing and understanding all about the Great Fire of London.

There was a super surprise in my post this term when Mrs Roberts opened a lovely letter from popular children's author Aisling Fowler. You might recall that she came to visit our Year 5 and 6 children to inspire young writers. She congratulated Mrs Roberts on our pupils saying "how brilliant" they were! She went on to say in her message that our children were, "bright, engaged and tremendous fun. It was one of my favourite ever sessions." Huge congratulations and well done to all of the children in Year 5 and 6 for making such a great impression on her and for representing themselves and the school in such a positive light. We are all very proud of you!

The entire school got to dance the afternoon away at the school disco! All the children had a wonderful time. The time it takes to organise such events is huge and we all appreciate the amount of time and effort all our volunteers put into things like this for the children. Thank you so much!

Our Year 6 boys had a super time at the football final event. They played 3 games: won two and drew one so played really well. We came 5th overall in the league (out of 9) with Chesham Bois winning overall. Our children represented the school brilliantly and, although they were disappointed in the result, they should be very proud!



Finally, we are really looking forward to our Christmas Fair on 26th November. Please come along and support the school it promised to be a fabulous Ley Hill Lapland with Reindeer, snow & lots of crafts and games!

*Many thanks
Charley & Jenni
Co-Chairs of Governors*



LEY HILL SCHOOL
ENJOYMENT ENGAGEMENT GROWTH

CHESHAM & LEY HILL GOLF CLUB

The Power of Volunteering - a fresh approach at Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club

Our local golf club is changing due to the energy, passion and commitment from the members. As you probably know Chesham & Ley Hill Golf Club is a members club that depends on the goodwill of the members to run the club. We also employ a few staff who are working hard to continually improve the course and the clubhouse. In recent years there have been too few members who have volunteered their time to run the club and this had resulted in an over reliance and a burdensome workload on these volunteers.

To address this we had to call an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) in September to turn things around and increase the numbers of volunteers. The response from members has been extraordinary! The club structure has been re-vamped with over 30 volunteers, organised into 6 sub-teams who are now motivated and empowered to make improvements in all aspects of the club. The sub teams are working to improve Memberships & Communications, Club Finances, The Course, The Clubhouse, Handicaps & Competitions and a Club Captains Team. Each team has a new group of members with clear roles and responsibilities in place. The teams are working together, sharing the workload and are making significant improvements already.

Everyone at the club is committed to being an integral part of the Ley Hill and Botley community and so we have also established a Club Promotions team to encourage new membership and visitors to the Golf Club. We want to ensure that the community is fully aware of what is happening at your local golf club.

Nigel Ford who lives in Ley Hill and is this years Club Captain is impressed with the changes so far. Nigel said, " It is very inspiring and motivating to see all the fresh ideas coming from the teams and we are seeing improvements already after only a few weeks. The golf club is a hidden gem providing a real test of golf in an affordable way. We welcome everyone to join in and are proud of our inclusive culture." With our new volunteers in place and fresh ideas flowing the club aims to continue to improve and become a real asset for the local community. If you are Interested in joining the club please contact membershipadmin@cheshamgolf.co.uk.



JUNIOR GOLF

Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club are looking to expand their Junior Section in the New Year so if you are under 18 years of age and are interested in trying your hand at golf, please get in touch by ringing 01494 784541 or email secretary @cheshamgolf.co.uk

Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club Management Team

MY FAVOURITE RECIPE

Taken from *Usborne Cookery School – Cakes and Cookies for Beginners*, this apple cake recipe has been a family favourite for many years. Great at this time of year when we have loads of cooking apples on the trees. The cake is also really nice warm from the oven with ice cream.

My daughter on the other hand much prefers it with custard! 🍰

Apple Cake

You will need either an 8" round or 7" square, loose bottomed cake tin. Makes about 12 slices

Ingredients

175g (6oz) Wholemeal self-raising flour

175g (6oz) caster sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

3 eggs, lightly beaten

175g (6oz) soft margarine

1 rounded teaspoon ground cinnamon

50g (2oz) chopped mixed nuts

1 cooking apple - about 250g (8oz)

Demerara sugar for sprinkling on top



Method

Line the cake tin.

Turn oven on to 170°C, 325°F, Gas mark 3

Sift the flour into a large bowl and tip in the grainy bits left in the bottom of your sieve.

Add the caster sugar and baking powder

Add the lightly beaten eggs, margarine, cinnamon and half of the nuts.

Using either a wooden spoon or food mixer mix everything together really well.

Spoon the mixture into the lined tin and smooth the top.

Peel, core and thinly slice the cooking apple and arrange the slices on top of the mixture, overlapping each one.

Sprinkle the apples with the remaining nuts and a tablespoon of demerara sugar.

Bake the cake for an hour until it is firm.

I have a fan oven and do find that this cooks within 50 minutes.

Leave the cake in the tin for ten minutes before slipping off the ring of the tin and lifting the cake off the base. Leave to cool.

Liz Thorp

LATIMER & LEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Plant a tree for the Jubilee

The Parish Council will be planting 9 trees for the Jubilee around the village in the **coming weeks** but we will still need some help with the planting of some smaller trees in the Activity Trail alongside the second fairway of the golf course. Please contact Claire, the parish clerk at parish.clerk@latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk if you can help.



Meadham's Farm

We have recently learnt that the landfill at Meadham's Farm has changed hands and the new owner has applied for a time extension for filling the former quarries. Bucks Council are keeping us informed of any developments and we will seek to maintain communication with the new owners.

Litter

Once again the litter blitz in October successfully tidied up the village despite a lower number of volunteers. But for the first time we employed the services of the Sunnyside Rural Trust, a local charity which offer work experience for vulnerable people. They picked litter on the more difficult roads like Blackwell Hall Lane, Horse Hill and part of Rushmere Lane.

Next litter blitz will be on March 4th 2023.

New Councillor

We are very pleased to welcome Rachael Bramwell back to the Parish Council, as she has recently moved back to the village. We know she will be a great asset to the village.

Community Lunch

We will be putting on a hot lunch with entertainment from pupils of Ley Hill School for parishioners on December 7th at 12pm in the village hall. If you are interested in joining us ring Anne Birkett on 01494 773050 or email Claire parish.clerk@latimerleyhillparishcouncil.co.uk
Anne Birkett Chair of Latimer Ley Hill Parish Council

Public Parish Meeting

See below for Gareth William's thoughts about the meeting:

"We were delighted at the response to our 'meet the Councillors' session held on Tuesday 8th November, held in conjunction with the Parish Council. About forty residents came along and we discussed everything from Common land clearance to School places, bins, flooding and potholes to planning issues. We have lots to follow up on and really valued the chance to have a good discussion.

Joseph, Emily and I are really honoured to represent such a committed and enthusiastic community since we were elected 18 months ago. We're grateful to Anne Birkett for chairing the evening and look forward to doing another similar meeting in a few months time.

In the meantime we'd like to wish you all a peaceful run up to a Merry Christmas. If you need to get hold of us on a Council matter then do drop me an email on gareth.williams@buckinghamshire.gov.uk"

From Gareth Williams, Ley Hill resident and Deputy Leader of Buckinghamshire Council

LATIMER & LEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

ROAD WORKS.....EEEEK!

We suspect that many readers will have been frustrated about the ongoing road works in Botley Road (until 27 1 2023).....4 way traffic lights, temporary road closures..... it all adds to our journey time. Sometimes it is quicker to walk!

Cadent has not been communicative with local residents (certainly those living in Ley Hill at least). So this is a quick online guide on how to find out what exactly is going on:

Go to <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Scroll down to 'Parking, roads and transport' and click on this link

Scroll down to 'Check for roadworks and closures' and click on this

Click on the green box 'Check now'

This will take you to one.network

Depending on your computer settings, this may take you straight to ongoing roadworks in your area. If not, you will need to add your postcode into the top left search box to take you to the live map locally. Also in the top left is an option box, where you can select either 'Today or Next two weeks/three months/twelve months'.

A little flame in a circle indicates gas works, a phone indicates BT or fibre works, a tap indicates water works, a man with a shovel indicates road works, a thunderbolt indicates electricity works, plus other special events such as Christmas road closures or HS2 closures.

It is worth looking at what is coming up! *Ros Walter*

ADVICE FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

HAVE YOU LEFT YOUR HOUSE IN DARKNESS?



LIGHT UP! LOCK UP! BE SECURE!

No car on the driveway!

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No lights?

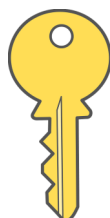
Use a timer light switch

No-one home?

Mark valuables

No visible home security!

Keep valuables out of sight



CAN YOU SEE THE LIGHTS THIS CHRISTMAS?

These lights can be spotted somewhere in Ley Hill.
Why not go for a walk and see if you can find them?

