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September 2024



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A letter from our Vicar, Revd. Pete Williams



Hi,

A friend once told me that what I think about a problem is a bigger problem than the problem I'm facing!

I remember once I'd parked my car in Canterbury and forgot to keep an eye on the time to make sure I didn't overstay my paid parking time. When I realised, I was already fifteen minutes past the expiry of my ticket, and I had a good ten-minute walk back to the car. Off I set, weaving through a packed high street, shopping bags clanging against my legs, and as I trotted along, so my thoughts began to run away with themselves.

"I bet I've got a ticket", I thought. "Those jobsworth parking attendants have to fill their quota of fines each day, what chance do I have that they've not seen my error?"

Across the bridge over the river, and past the library; "I wonder how much the fine is? Probably £50 or more – that makes the day a whole lot more expensive." I cut through the shopping arcade, squeezing past the queue for ice cream; "It's not fair, I always pay my way, and the one time I forget, I get done." Through the community centre car park, I can see where I parked now; "I'll write an appeal letter, explain how I got distracted helping someone who had fallen over in the street and was unable to get back in time."

Finally, there was my car – the pay & display ticket boldly proclaiming I was twenty-five minutes past my paid parking allowance, but no yellow parking ticket under the windscreen wiper.

I looked all around the car – nothing!

I quickly put a couple more quid into the machine, and replaced the expired ticket, put my shopping in the boot, and went and joined the queue for an ice cream.

All that stress was for nothing.

I had talked myself into believing the worst outcome was coming my way.

In the Bible, Proverbs 18:21 reads, "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Unfortunately, the emphasis of this passage has usually been on the tongue's ability to produce death rather than on its potential for life.

The real power of Proverbs 18:21 is this – Life is in the power of the tongue!

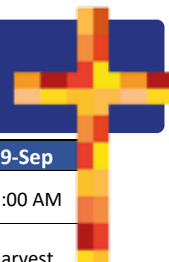
Nothing I thought or said as I rushed back to the car that day would have changed the outcome, but if I'd spoken "life" into the situation, or just plain thought about something else – like the pleasure of helping the person who'd fallen – I'd have been in such a better place mentally when I got there.

So next time you're faced with a problem, remember - what you think about a problem is a bigger problem than the problem you're facing!

Bless you,

Pete

Church Services & Rota – September 2024



Date	01-Sep	08-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep
Time	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Service type	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Harvest Festival
Where	St Peter's, Headley	St Peter's, Headley	St Paul's, Ashford Hill	St Paul's, Ashford Hill	St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Chalice	Penny Stewart	N/A	N/A	Patrick Taylor	N/A
Sidesperson	Paddy Dring	Penny Stewart	Heather Taylor	Lorraine Cusworth	Heather Taylor
Reader	Paddy Dring	Ann Hoddinott	Patrick Taylor	Heather Taylor	TBD
Intercessor	N/A	N/A	N/A	Patrick Taylor	Patrick Taylor
Altar Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Service Leader	Neil Britton	Rodolph de Salis	Cathy Pynn	Neil Britton	TBD
Readings	Matthew 5: 1-12	Matthew 5: 13-20	Matthew 5: 21-26	Matthew 5: 27-37	TBD

This month, services will be held at St Mary's, Kingsclere as follows:

Date	Time	Type of service
01-Sep	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Contemporary Service
08-Sep	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Contemporary Service
15-Sep	9:00am	Traditional Communion Service
	10:30am	Contemporary Communion Service
	7:00pm	Prayer & Worship Evening
22-Sep	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Contemporary Service
29-Sep	9:00am	Traditional Service
	10:30am	Contemporary Service

Every Thursday at 10:30am, there is a service, either Holy Communion or Morning Worship.

Other Church Activities

Please continue to look out for notices via the Church email list run by Emma Rivers. If you are not signed up to our mailing list, contact 07422 687125 or email administrator@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday September 27th 10.30am -12.00

*in the Community Room at
Headley Community Shop*

**Please come and join us for delicious cake, coffee
and conversation, and all for a good cause!**

Parish Drinks – You are all invited to come.

St Paul's Church on Sunday 29th September from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

This is an opportunity to meet other local people. Drinks and nibbles will be free.

This event is being held following our Harvest Festival service, which starts at 11:00 am to which you are also warmly invited.

The Village Sale

At St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill

On Saturday 5th October from 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Please support this event by donating any of the following items:

Books, Good quality clean clothing, Bric a Brac, Hats, Shoes, Scarves, Toys, Cushions,
Clean jumble, Pictures, Bake a Cake.

We politely ask that items which are fit only for the recycling depot are NOT given to this sale.

We shall be at the church to accept items on:

Thursday 3rd October from 2:00pm - 4:00pm; Friday 4th October from 1:30pm - 4:00pm

And Saturday 5th October from 9:30am - 12 noon

Alternatively, please call Terry Richardson on 07768 795666, Or email: Terry at:
tedbeddoes@yahoo.co.uk Or: Lorainne Cusworth at: lorainnecusworth@hotmail.com



Bubble Church is a free, puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fuelled, 30 minute kids and families adventure.

Here's the deal: you turn up at St. Paul's Church, Ashford Hill a few minutes before the service is due to start and enjoy a croissant and a coffee. Then you'll be guided to a 'bubble', and you and your little ones will share in 30 mins of song, story, puppets, and prayer.

If you want to watch a video about Bubble Church, here is a link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urMZe0A-IGg>

If you are interested to join us at the launch of Bubble Church on Sunday 13th October, it would be appreciated if you can let us know that you are coming. Then, we will have an idea how many croissants / pains au chocolat to buy! You can use this QR code to find the page on the church website or go to: <https://www.clerewoodlands.org.uk/bubblechurch>



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- Budgeting.

To find out more, e-mail kingsclearcharities@iname.com or call 01635 269184 and speak to Jan Pearce.

Advertising assistant for this parish magazine

The costs incurred to produce this magazine free of charge to each household in the parish is very largely covered by our advertising revenues. We need someone to help with liaising with our advertisers and dealing with the renewal process for 2025. Almost all of our advertisers pay for all 10 issues and so the task of contacting them and confirming whether or not they will continue is undertaken in November / December. The advertisers who wish to continue then need to be invoiced. During the year, new advertisers need to be dealt with as well.

The magazine is put together on an entirely voluntary basis; so, I am afraid this is a part-time job that is not paid. **Is there anyone who is prepared to help with this task?**

The skills required are a basic understanding of how to use Microsoft Excel; an ability to write a courteous email; and to contact advertisers to chase them for payment – most are brilliant at paying on time.

If you are prepared to help, please contact Patrick Taylor by phone on 07584 322832 or by email at: patrick@ourparishmag.com.

What's on in SEPTEMBER & beyond

If you are arranging any event which you would like mentioned in this magazine, please do let me know. Send details to patrick@ourparishmag.com Please take note of the following:

The Community Café – Headley Community Shop – is open every Tuesday from 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

Photograph Competition for October – closing date for entries: 9th September – see page 15 for details.

The Village Lunch – The village lunch take place on Friday 13th September – 12.15 -1.45 pm, in the Community Room at Headley Village Shop. Homemade soup and a filled roll £5.00. All are welcome.

Ashford Hill Garden Club – The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th September at Ashford Hill Village Hall, starting at 7:45pm. Doors will open at 7:30pm. Visitors will be welcome with an entry charge of £5.

Parish Council meeting – The next meeting will be on Monday 9th September at Ashford Hill Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

If you have any issues or questions you want to put to our Councillors, this is your chance to do so. They work for our good. Attend the meeting and show your support. <https://ashfordhillwithheadleypc.org/>

What's on at Shipinnarts – The Ship Inn Country Hotel, Ashford Hill RG19 8BD

<https://shipinnarts.org/> 01189 814504

Friday 6th September – Open Mic – 7:00pm – free event – come along and join in, or pop by for a drink at the bar.

Tuesday 10th September – Crafts – 11am - 2pm please bring own packed lunch. Tea and coffee available. Come and learn a new craft, or bring along something you are working on and be with like-minded people. £5 cash on door.



MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27th September – 10:00am - 12 Noon at the Community Room in the Headley Community Shop.

Parish Drinks at St Paul's Church on Sunday 29th September from 12 noon to 2:00pm.

Drinks and nibbles will be free. Do come and meet other locals.

The Village Sale – Saturday 5th October at St Paul's Church – see page 6 for more details.

Launch of Bubble Church – Sunday 13th October at 9:30am – at St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill – see page 7 for more details.

SEPTEMBER GLORIES & HARVEST HOME

September comes from the Roman word *septem*, meaning 7 in the Roman calendar, being the 7th month; watched over by the god Vulcan as the god of fire, associated with fires, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Anglo-Saxons called it *Haefest* or *Gerst Monath*, Harvest or Barley Month, the time for picking fruit & harvesting barley for brewing.

Harvest Home has been celebrated from antiquity, and more recently Harvest Festival, representing a time of balance and equilibrium in the natural cycle, as does the Spring or Vernal Equinox, when our thoughts turn from Winter toward the lengthening hours of sunlight, the awakening of plants and trees, and realisation of new life to come. With the harvest completed, the crops gathered in, these golden Autumn days arrive with softer hues of gold, yellow and mellow colours, and we can give thanks for summer's bounty, and consider preparing for the coming winter.



The ancient gods associated with Harvest Home are Dionysus and Bacchus, also the mature gods Thor, Mabon, Thoth and Hermes, The goddesses are also associated with abundance, harvest, home and hearth, and they include Demeter, Ceres, Hestia, Modron, Morgan, the Muses and Persephone.



The word equinox was derived from Latin '*æquinoctium*' which came from '*æquus*' (equal), and *nox*' (night). It refers to the time when night-time is equal to daytime – each being 12 hours in duration. In Old English, the language spoken circa 450 to 1100 AD, called it *efnriht*. The Autumn Equinox is the third of the 4 'sky points' in the Wheel of the Year, when the sun does a perfect balancing act in the heavens. The sun travels backward through each of the 12 constellations at the rate of about 50 arc seconds per year. 4,000 years ago it was in Aries, about 2000 years ago it entered Pisces, and now it is within the Aquarius constellation.

The definition of a Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the Autumn Equinox, which this year will be on the 22nd, and the full moon will be on the 18th September. It is the fullest moon of the year. Also this year it will be a supermoon, being at its closest to earth in its elliptic orbit (*perigee*), and there will also be a partial lunar eclipse, visible across Europe on the 18th. So, looking up to the heavens, we will be in for a treat this month!



Celebrations for the last day of harvest in late September with singing and decorating the village (and churches) with flowers and harvest produce go way back across the centuries. The *cailleac*, or last sheaf of grain, representing the spirit of the field, would be saved until Spring planting, then thrown onto the newly ploughed earth to assuage the spirits of the grain. Some

of it would be plaited and fashioned into a harvest doll / corn dolly, also using wool, raffia and other materials, also creating different shapes and designs which varied across the counties. If a young man picked the straws after the field had been harvested, crafted and plaited it for his lass, she would wear it near her heart – a true indication she was willing for him to be her lover! The custom of creating these straw designs has had a recent revival both here and in Europe, and larger straw designs on thatched roof ridges. A local one can be seen at Elephant Cottage in Ecchinswell.



Also in September is Michaelmas Day, the feast day of the Archangel Michael is on the 29th. He is the patron saint of the sea, ships, and all themes nautical. Traditionally this was the last day of Harvest. (The first being the 1st August, Lammass – Loaf Mass). Also sometimes known as Goose Day, where Goose Fairs would be held. Nottingham Goose Fair still exists, but no geese for sale!

From Edgar Guest's Poem **It's September** (1881 – 1959)

A British born American poet, known as the People's Poet, capturing the beauty of September

It's September, and the orchards are afire with red and gold,
And the nights with dew are heavy, and the morning's sharp with cold;
Now the garden's at its gayest with the salvia blazing red
And the good old-fashioned asters laughing at us from their bed;
Once again in shoes and stockings are the children's little feet,
And the dog now does his snoozing on the bright side of the street.

It's September, and the cornstalks are as high as they will go,
And the red cheeks of the apples everywhere begin to show;
Now the supper's scarcely over ere the darkness settles down
And the moon looms big and yellow at the edges of the town;
Oh, it's good to see the children, when their little prayers are said,
Duck beneath the patchwork covers when they tumble into bed.

It's September! It's the fullness and the ripeness of the year;
All the work of earth is finished, or the final tasks are near,
But there is no doleful wailing; every living thing that grows,
For the end that is approaching wears the finest garb it knows.
And I pray that I may proudly hold my head up high and smile
When I come to my September in the golden afterwhile.

Manda R R



Ambling Around – Snelsmore Common

This is a circular walk just north of Newbury, taking in Snelsmore Common, Bagnor and Donnington Castle. The majority of the walk is on tracks or footpaths all of which are well marked. This walk is in West Berkshire but remember that if you find an issue with any of our local Hampshire footpaths e.g. encroaching hedgerows, fallen trees or thick vegetation, you can report this to the Hampshire County Council website, click on “Land, planning and environment”, then on “Rights of way”, then on “Report a Rights of Way problem”.

Distance of walk: It is a walk of approx. 4 miles. If you want to stop for a coffee at The Hartley Arms in Donnington village that adds a further half a mile.

Estimated time: approx. 2 hours, depending whether you stop for coffee or lunch.

Route: The walk starts and finishes at the Snelsmore Common.

Car park: What3Words woodstove.consoles.encroach and post code RG14 3BQ. There are toilets there and a kiosk café serving coffee, ice creams etc.

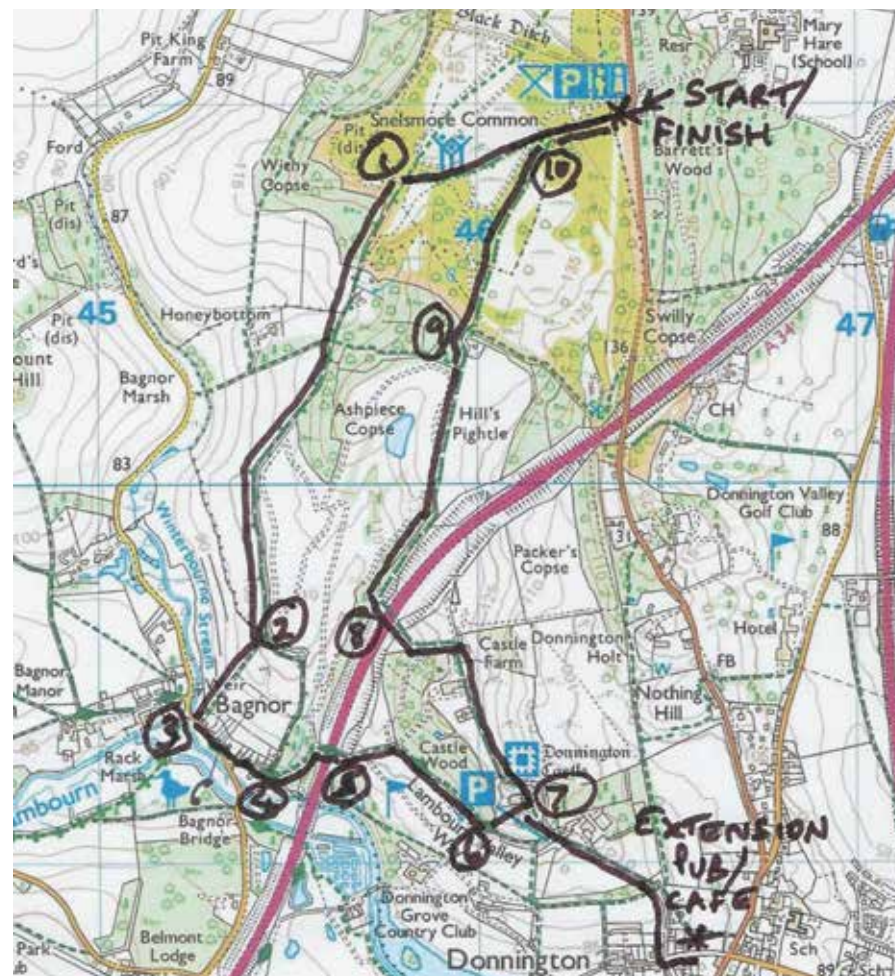
Snelsmore Common is a large Country Park owned by W Berks Council. It has a network of waymarked paths through varying habitats including heath, bog, birch wood and ancient woodland. It's a Site of Special Scientific Interest and the bog has a 5,000 year old layer of peat, but the tracks keep you away from the wet bits.

Parking: There is plenty of parking at Snelsmore Common. To get there drive west on the A4 out of Newbury. Turn right at the Waitrose roundabout, then after Donnington village bear left at a Y junction. Drive approx. half a mile and the entrance is on your left opposite Mary Hare School.

Dogs: The walk is very suitable for dogs. There is just a stretch of road for 200 yards at Bagnor.

Summary: It is a fairly easy, well-marked route to follow. There are a few hills but nothing strenuous. It includes a few swing gates but no stiles. It is a varied walk with common and woods, using paths and tracks. It passes Donnington Castle, which children enjoy visiting.

- Starting at Snelsmore Common car park, there is a kiosk for a pre-walk coffee (and post-walk ice cream). Walk through the car park along the track for approx. 400 yards until you reach a footpath going downhill through woods (1 on map).
- Follow this footpath downhill, through one gate then uphill for a short stretch and then flat through woods until you reach a grassy footpath on your right dropping down into Bagnor (2 on map).
- This takes you to the road through Bagnor. Turn left on road (3 on map) for 150 yards until you see a disused pub on your left – this was originally The Blackbird pub until it became a Michelin starred restaurant for a short while – a victim of the lockdown I think.
- At the former Blackbird (4 on map) leave the road and take the track on your left into a small group of houses. At the end of the track there are 2 footpath gates. The left gate takes you back the way you came, so take the right gate. This goes uphill and then right onto a footbridge over the A34 (5 on the map).
- After the footbridge bear left along the top of Donnington Grove golf course. Ahead you will see the start of woods and the footpath bears right into the woods, still parallel with the edge of the golf course. After 200 yards you reach a point where



you will see the ruins of Donnington Castle on a mound to your left. Go through the gate (6 on map) and up the hill to the castle – a great spot for a picnic.

- At this point you can add half a mile to your walk by turning right at the castle and walking down through Donnington village to the Hartley Arms pub and café. The pub is really a restaurant so little space for a pint and crisps, but the café serves cakes, paninis etc. (see EXTENSION on map)
- If not taking the extension walk past the castle to the track and turn left (7 on map). Walking uphill you reach Castle Farm, a modern house on your right. Here the path

turns left and drops downhill to another footbridge back over the A34.

- After the bridge follow the tarmac track to the right (8 on map). This track again borders the golf course. After about half a mile you come to a large wooden clad house. The footpath goes to the left of this, through a metal gate and back onto Snelsmore Common. (9 on map).
- Once back on the Common walk ahead and slightly to your right along a track which takes you back to your starting point. Car park signs help you back. Enjoy your walk.

And it's never too late to start!



MOVE BETTER, LIVE BETTER

12 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE STRENGTH TRAINING

It's no secret we are slowly becoming a more sedentary country resulting in an increase in body weight, a reduction in muscle mass and storing too much fat. However you can change all this by strength training regularly and below are 12 reasons why you should start today, and no you aren't too old to start:

1. BUILD MUSCLE MASS

Prevent age-related muscle loss, keeping you stronger

2. ENHANCES BONE DENSITY

Strengthens bones reducing the risk of osteoporosis

3. SUPPORTS JOINT HEALTH

Strengthens muscles around a joint, helping ease pain and reducing arthritis risk.

4. BOOSTS METABOLISM

Fires up your metabolism helping you control your weight.

5. IMPROVES BALANCE

Improves stability reducing the risk of falls

6. INCREASES MOBILITY

Improves flexibility and ease of movement

7. SUPPORTS HEART HEALTH

Lowers blood pressure and improves all health markers

8. BOOSTS MENTAL HEALTH

Helps to reduce stress and enhances your mood

9. REGULATE BLOOD SUGAR

Improves insulin sensitivity, lowering risk of diabetes

10. IMPROVES IMMUNITY

Helps protect you against illness with a healthier body

11. PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE

Makes daily tasks easier, keeping you self-sufficient

12. BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

Keeps you enjoying your favourite activities for longer



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Photo competition

Another winner decided – congratulations to Geoff Allwright

Charlotte Jury and her partner, Matt, who are kindly running the photo competition, report as follows: "Delighted to see some great entries again, but for me, the winner has to be this wonderful photo of the D Day parade passing through Headley, with the villagers out waving and watching. This was June 29th this year. After the parade there was a Headley Village picnic. I've chosen this photo because it is a happy photo of people coming together to celebrate such an important day in our history."

The photo was taken by Geoff Allwright.



Entries for the October issue's competition need to be sent to Charlotte at parishpics@outlook.com by Monday 9th September.



A recipe for September

Blackberry mille-feuille

A bit of a tricky one this time!

Ingredients

500g block puff pastry
30g icing sugar, plus extra to dust
150g blackberries

For the custard

320ml whole milk
1 tsp vanilla bean paste or extract
3 medium free-range egg yolks
90g caster sugar
2 tbsp cornflour
150ml double cream

Specialist kit – Piping bags



Method

1. Make the custard. Put the milk and vanilla in a small pan and heat gently. Put the egg yolks and sugar in a medium bowl and whisk until combined and slightly lighter in colour, then whisk in the cornflour. Just before the milk starts to boil, remove from the heat and gradually pour it over the egg mixture while whisking constantly. Once it's all combined, tip the mixture back into the pan and put over a medium heat. Cook for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly but slowly with a rubber spatula until very thick. Scrape into a bowl and cover the surface directly with a piece of baking paper. Set aside to cool, then chill in the fridge.
2. For the coulis, put the blackberries and icing sugar in a small pan over a medium heat. Simmer until the berries have completely broken down. Taste the mixture; if the berries are quite tart you may want to add a bit more sugar. Spoon into a blender, then whizz to a smooth purée. Tip into a bowl, leave to cool, then chill until needed.
3. Heat the oven to 200°C fan/gas 7. Cut the block of pastry in half and roll out each piece into a rectangle measuring 21cm x 27cm. Transfer each rectangle of pastry to a baking tray, then sit another baking tray on top (this will stop it puffing up too much as it cooks). Bake for 20-25 minutes until a deep golden brown; you want the pastry to be dark and well caramelised rather than pale and light. Set one tray aside to cool, then use a fine sieve to dust the second pastry sheet with the icing sugar. Return the sugar-dusted pastry to the oven (without a tray on top) for 3-5 minutes until the sugar has dissolved and caramelised, giving the pastry a shiny surface. Set aside to cool completely.
4. Whisk the cream to soft peaks, then fold it through the chilled custard with a large metal spoon using a figure-of-eight motion. Transfer to a piping bag. Put the chilled coulis in another piping bag.
5. Use a large, sharp knife to cut each sheet of pastry into 9 even rectangles, around 7cm x 9cm. You'll need 3 rectangles for each mille-feuille, reserve 6 of the sugar-coated ones for the tops. To assemble the mille-feuille, pipe 6 even blobs of the custard cream – in 2 rows of 3 – on each of 6 rectangles, leaving space for a blackberry between each blob. Pipe a dot of blackberry coulis into the gaps, then sit the blackberries on top. Pipe a little more blackberry coulis on top, then sit another pastry rectangle on top and repeat. Top with a reserved sugar-coated pastry rectangle. Once assembled sift over some more icing sugar and serve immediately.

Headley Shop newsletter September

After a break from reporting on activities for the month of August, a few things have happened in the interim.

For those visiting the Shop, you may have noticed that some internal rearrangement has taken place. Stationery items are now in the more logical position adjacent to the Post Office counter and the range has been extended slightly. Furthermore, some of the display units have been moved to provide a more streamlined appearance giving a more spacious feel to the shop and a compact appearance to the card display. One element of the reorganisation arose from a suggestion made by a customer so further recommendations will be welcomed.

Our solar panels went live on 12 July and are now making a contribution towards reducing our significant energy costs. In the first month, they produced almost 900 kWh of power although the same level of generation will not be maintained throughout the whole year. Our three year fixed price electricity supply agreement expires at the end of September and we are investigating the available options. Opportunistically, the current agreement was taken out just before the significant rise in electricity prices in late 2021; fortunately, prices are now reducing to about the same level again. We will be arranging a fundraising event in support of the solar panel project in the Autumn.

We are pleased to report that we have engaged a driver for the early morning newspaper deliveries on our extensive round. Peter Taylor has lived in Bishops Green for some time and is very familiar with the area. We welcome him to the team.

We are also currently training a part time assistant for the Post Office to join Debs McCann who has shouldered the burden of working a five day week since last August in order to keep the Post Office operational. Unfortunately, due to the absence of another assistant it had been necessary to close the Post Office for a whole week at the beginning of August and on occasional Fridays before that. We regret the inconvenience to our customers but it has been unavoidable.

Now that the Summer holidays are at an end, we look forward to increased activity in the Shop. Footfall has been a bit flat for the last few months.



On new products, in addition to their award winning chocolates, Summerdown, the Peppermint People, have produced a range of hand/body washes and lotions, shower gel, soaps, diffusers and candles, ideal as gifts or for your own use. See the image above. We also have the wrapping papers so if you need a last minute gift, you know where to come.

We have started selling alcohol free Guinness, frozen cake/gateau desserts and chilled cranberry juice drink in addition to Alpro soya milk which has been available for sometime.

We also now stock an added flavour of Jude's ice cream - cherries & cream in addition to vanilla clotted cream, salted caramel, strawberries & cream, mint chocolate and flat white coffee. These are sold in both 500 ml and mini tubs.

The Management Committee

Opening Hours – Shop:

Monday: 6:00am – 5:30pm
Tuesday: 6:00am – 5:30pm
Wednesday: 6:00am – 5:30pm
Thursday: 6:00am – 5:30pm
Friday: 6:00am – 5:30pm
Saturday: 6:30am – 12:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am – 10:00am

Opening Hours – Post Office:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays:
9:00am – 1:00pm; 2:00 – 5:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Contact details:

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Email: headleyshop@hotmail.co.uk

Jobs in the Garden for September



Well, the summer is now almost over and we have had mixed results in our garden.

The vegetables have generally performed much worse than last year due to less rainfall and poor seed germination. The poor germination was down to me as I had made an instant decision to buy seed at half price in one of the local garden centres rather than pay full price via a seed supplier. The seed was in date on the package, but probably from the previous season. I had to replace the carrots, parsnip and sweetcorn with new seed later in the season which means some things are running later than usual.

I also switched entirely to non-peat compost in the tubs and pots and have found moisture retention a problem despite adding water gel crystals to the mix. The plants just didn't want to develop until I added some liquid feed into the pots in desperation which has had a positive effect. Last year I mixed peat free with one third peat based compost. This worked perfectly. Normally I add blood fish and bone to the compost when potting up. This year I decided to pot straight into the compost mixture without added feeding until the 4-6 week period and this has not been particularly successful.

I have also come across a newish fuchsia problem. Most of my fuchsias have been attacked by 'fuchsia gall mite'. This is a mite invisible to the naked eye and is now spreading throughout southern England,

in particular Hampshire. It arrived here from the continent around 2007. The mites do not kill the plants, but the foliage and flowers are severely distorted, and there is no known method of control other than cutting back and burning the affected material. I have cut most of my plants down to bare bark, hence no fuchsia at the village shop tubs this year. Some of the cut-back plants are showing signs of recovery, (I think).

Here are a few jobs for the month of September.

Lawns

- Raise the cutting height of the lawn mower towards the end of the month.
- At the end of the month scarify the lawn to remove the summer rubbish.
- After scarification, apply an autumn feed to the grass to encourage root growth. Do not use a high nitrogen feed as the grass will become too soft and winter damage could occur.
- Repair the bumps in the lawn to avoid scalping next spring and set new seed where necessary. Also sow new lawns if required.

Shrubs and Roses

- Continue to deadhead the roses and start to cut back the climbing roses where there is plenty of growth to work with. If left too late the new climbing growth could be damaged during periods of high wind.

- Plant any new conifers you may purchase before the colder weather appears.
- Cut back conifer hedges early in the month to give time for a little growth before the colder weather appears.

Flower Borders

- Continue to deadhead dahlias to keep the flowers coming up to the first frosts.
- Remove the summer annuals and replace with any winter bedding you may require.
- Plant any new spring bulbs destined for the borders.
- Tidy up the old herbaceous plants before the big clean up next month.
- Collect seed from your favourites.

Tubs and Containers

- Move any tender pot plants under cover for the winter.
- Plant up the tubs and containers with winter bedding and /or spring bulbs. Use a good multi-purpose compost with added fish/blood and bone or bone meal to promote good root growth.
- Discontinue feeding plants permanently housed in pots to avoid soft new growth.

Vegetable Garden

- Gather in the last of your summer produce and freeze or store.
- Set spring cabbage, winter onions, and any winter greenery.

- Pick any fruit for storage or jam making.

- Pot-up herbs generally for winter use while it is still useable.

In the Greenhouse

- Reduce watering generally towards the end of the month.
- Bring in fuchsias, pelargoniums etc. for the winter.
- Sow hardy annuals for next year to obtain early flowers.

A very enjoyable village garden club summer garden party was held at Peter and Dorothy Grayson's home early in July. Many thanks to them and all who helped and attended, especially those who provided us with much welcomed support supplying and laying out food and drinks.

For the coming season, Sandra has a full programme booked with some of the favourite as well as new speakers, so we are hoping these will have all the member's full support in the coming year. We look forward to seeing all the old members and if possible, a few new faces at **ASHFORD HILL VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45PM ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH.**

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**ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF
THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
10th JUNE 2024**

Present

Councillors Mr S Hoskins (Chair), Mrs K Saunders (Vice Chair), Mrs K Parker, Mr J Sunley, Mr J Woodford and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

Cllr Morrow was also present together with members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mellor, Cllr Conquest, Cllr Dunn and Cllr Clark.

2. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising & Outstanding Action Points

• **Potential allotments site in Ashford Hill.**

June Update: Cllr Morrow informed the meeting that the property department of BDBC was progressing the matter.

• **Use of new APNR equipment**

June Update: The equipment had been delivered and Cllr Sunley would soon be undertaking a 'trial run' of the equipment.

• **Insurance cover for ROW Wardens**

June Update: In conjunction with the adopted 'Volunteers policy', the Clerk would be devising a series of individual risk assessments covering the normal types of tasks undertaken by the RoW volunteers which would be used in conjunction with written procedures through the 'Co-ordinator' of the scheme for which Cllr Parker had previously volunteered to undertake with the Clerk.

• **Cllr Dunn agreed to obtain quotes regarding the cost of securing the entrance to the new Headley Pavilion path to prevent damage to the path by vehicles.**

June Update: The best options for this work were still under discussion.

• **Flooding at Cary Lodge Farm**

June Update: The Clerk had received confirmation that a highways representative had inspected the location and had identified a section of ditch and the pipe crossing under the road required clearance. Works have been issued for the clearance of the ditch and the jetting of the pipe under the road. The department would also look at creating more ditch capacity on the downstream end of the pipe to allow water to drain more freely and so reduce the potential for blockages. It was hoped such work could be carried out over the summer/early autumn period.

5. Annual Governance Statement

The Clerk had previously forwarded the Statement and associated documentation to Councillors. Following an explanatory context by the Clerk, the Statement was proposed to be approved by the Council by Cllr Saunders and seconded by Cllr Sunley with all those present in favour of adoption by a show of hands. The Chair signed the appropriate declarations including the 'Conflict of Interest with BDO LLP' form.

6. Management Accounts – Quarterly review

The Clerk explained the context of the introduction of management accounts on a quarterly basis to allow Councillors to have a better understanding of the financial situation of the Parish Council at any one time during the financial year. The spreadsheet format was explained to Councillors and the Clerk informed the meeting that the budgeted outturn was likely to be better than the budget,

generating a small surplus instead of a budgeted deficit due to the receipt of bank interest from CIL payments.

7. Highways

The Chair had a further discussion with Cllr Mellor regarding the proposed pavement along Thornford Road in Headley.

Cllr Saunders had consulted Cllr Mellor regarding the prospect of extending the 40-mph zone along the Ashford Hill Road near to Catts Farm in Headley.

8. Planning Applications

23/01052/FUL – Threeways, Millgreen Lane, Headley – Erection of dwelling and garage with ancillary residential floorspace above – Creation of new access following demolition of existing stable block. No objection

24/01035/FUL – Land between Cedar House and Hillside Cottage, Ashford Hill Road, Headley – Erection of a new self-build dwelling and detached garage with home office above along with associated residential curtilage, parking and landscaping. Objection based on it being a greenfield site

24/01046/ROC – Riddings Farm, The White House, Riddings Lane, Goose Hill, Headley – Variation of condition 1 of planning application 22/01525/HSE to add a first-floor front extension. No objection

24/01091/OUT – BPS Leisure Ltd, Ashford Hill Road, Headley – Outline application for the demolition of existing commercial premises and erection of 1 no. new dwelling. No objection

24/01120/ROC – Land adjacent to A339, Newbury Road, Headley – Variation of conditions 1,6 & 10 of planning application 17/00043/FUL – revised parking, turning layout and tree protection. Objection based on road safety concerns

24/01160/FUL – 2 Tanhouse Cottages, Ashford Hill Road, Headley – Erection of a new 3-bedroom dwelling with associated landscaping. Objection based on it being a greenfield site and road safety concerns

24/00519/FUL – Hill View, Chapel Lane, Ashford Hill – Partial replacement of boundary wall and associated enlargement of existing vehicular access to former chapel – Replacement of chapel by a 2-storey garage/studio. Reiterated objection based on road safety concerns.

9. Reports

Borough Councillors

Cllr Morrow updated the meeting on the allotments project for Ashford Hill. The Councillor further informed the meeting that the Borough Council's grants' scheme was now open to applications.

Chair of the Parish Council's report

Further to a question from the Chair, the Clerk confirmed that no further progress had yet been made regarding the water egress onto the A339 near to Thornford Road. *

The Chair suggested an article for the Parish Magazine and the Council's website on the excellent work that had been undertaken to clean and repair the war memorials in Ashford Hill and Headley. *

The Clerk confirmed that pitch fees had been received from Kingsclere Football Club and the Chair confirmed that discussions would be undertaken with the Club regarding its future use of the Headley football pitch.

The Clerk had requested a quote for the grass re-seeding of the goalmouths of the football pitches at both recreation grounds.

The Chair reported that Mr Geoff Allwright had kindly agreed to continue to organise the arrangements for a village picnic on Headley recreation ground for Saturday 29 June 2024.

Clerk to the Council

The Clerk informed the meeting that a new Meetings Schedule for 2024/2025 would be issued during the summer recess and that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Monday 9 September 2024 at Ashford Hill Village Hall which would start with a 'closed' session for Councillors only at 6.30pm.

10. Recess

Mr Geoff Allwright provided the meeting with an outline of the arrangements for the village picnic later that month.

Mr Allwright further provided the meeting with an update on the planning application progression for the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on Headley recreation ground. The Borough Council's sports department would be providing the necessary drawings and plans required for the planning application on a complimentary basis. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr Allwright would seek confirmation from the Borough Council's planning department that the reports required as part of the conditions of the planning application were truly necessary as the proposal was not for a building but a recreational facility on the land of the recreation ground. If clarity could be sought, this would mean that consultancy reports costing ca £8000 may not be required although the Chair recommended the pursuit of a second quote for the consultancy reports as a precautionary measure. Mr Allwright confirmed that Greenham Trust had awarded the Parish Council a grant of £5000 which was

believed to require match funding from the Parish Council.

11. Financial statement

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £3,956.60

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £44,494.54

12. Accounts for approval & payment

Mr S Marshall – Clerk's salary
July – September 2024 & Expenses –
£4611.70

Mr P Kemp – Litter Warden's salary –
July – September 2024 – £807.13

Mr J Kirkby – Litter Warden's salary –
July – September 2024 – £506.90

Scofell Landscapes – Grounds
maintenance – May - August 2024 –
£6409.36

HMRC – Tax & NIC payments –
£1132.80

BBS Ltd – PAYE administration –
£105.00

KT Design – Website management &
hosting – £465.00

Grave Concerns – Headley war
memorial – cleaning & restoration –
£788.00

The Chair declared the meeting closed
at 8.20pm.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that PAUL ANTHONY CLARK formerly a member of the ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY Parish Council will cease to be a member thereof and that casual vacancy exists in the offices of Councillor for the Parish. If, within 14 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) after the date of this notice, a request for election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the RETURNING OFFICER of the BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire by ten electors for the Parish an election will be held to fill the said vacancy; otherwise, the vacancies will be filled by the Parish Council by co-option.

DATED this 19th day of August 2024

(Signed) ...Mr Steven Marshall.....
Clerk to the Parish Council

Expressions of interest to be sent to the Clerk at clerk@ashfordhillheadley.org
or contact the Clerk for more information on 07714 001778

Ashford Hill Educational Trust

The Trust was set up to assist residents of Ashford Hill or Headley, irrespective of age or means, to help with educational activities and recreational training.

The deadline for applications is two weeks ahead of each meeting. All applications must be accompanied by receipts.

2024 Meeting Dates

16th October

Contact Julie.bassett1@btinternet.com
07500 927707

Kingsclere Charities - Welfare Charity

The Charity helps anyone resident in the Parish of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley regardless of age or means. Grants have been given towards mobility aids, medical equipment, such as nebulisers and aids to make life easier for the sick and less mobile; and travel costs to and from hospital.

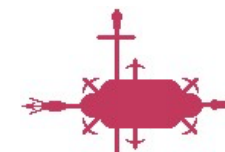
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The Kingsclere Page

Kingsclere Rugby Club



- **Women's Walking Rugby** – This is a great success with 20 ladies who have enrolled. Some of them even join with the men on a Wednesday even for a mixed game. The club still runs the Thursday evening game for those who are not available on Wednesday evenings. Both the Wednesday and Thursday evening are held at The Fieldgate Centre between 7.00 - 8.00 pm. The game is suitable for women from 18 to 70+. Walking Rugby is a very easy game to learn, no experience of rugby is needed & can be played with just 4 a side. It's a great way to exercise, walking as fast or as slow as your body allows with low impact on all your joints, you don't need to be fit to play. The main aim is to enjoy yourself, make some new friends & get a little bit of exercise at the same time.

For more information, please contact Joanna Reed – Moreton Secretary-KingsclereRFC@outlook.com or Geoff Curtis Youth-coach-KingsclereRFC@outlook.com

- **Adults Rugby** – It is not too late to start playing. If you feel the urge, you are more than welcome to come and join for training on Wednesday evenings between 7-9 pm. The first league game is against Basingstoke 2nd's away on Saturday 21st September and on Saturday 28th September we host Farnborough at home – The Fieldgate Centre. Please feel free to come and support. Both games kick – off at 3 pm.

Kingsclere Charities –

The Robert Higham Apprenticing Charity

This Charity promotes the education and training of young people aged 16 - 25 resident in Kingsclere, Ashford Hill or Headley.

Grants are awarded to assist with the cost of: Equipment, books and specialist clothing required for learning or training in a stated subject, and expenses incurred in travelling to and from home to place of learning.

Contact: Jan Pearce

Email: kingsclerecharities@iname.com

Website www.kingsclerecharities.org

Kingsclere Charities Meetings:

2024 Meeting Dates

19th Sept, 21st Nov

Village hall contacts & hire rates

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Committee Room	£6.50 per hr
Children's parties	£65.00
Evening Party	£80.00
Afternoon/evening	£110.00
All day	£135.00

Headley	
Mrs K Saunders	01635 269408
www.headleyvillagehall.com	
headleyvillagehall@gmail.com	
Hourly rate	£10.00
Children's pm party	£55.00
Evening letting	£65.00
Afternoon & evening	£100.00
All day	£120.00

Headley Pavilion hire	
Steve Dunn	07802 911112
Hourly rate	£8.50
Children's party rate	£50.00

Kingsclere Community Library



Giant book and picture sale

Our Giant Book and Picture Sale is nearly here!! Saturday 14th September (9.00 – 4.00) and Sunday 15th September (10.00 – 3.00) at the Fieldgate Centre. Donated books can be dropped off at the Library during opening hours. Information about how to register pictures for sale, please see our website (address below). We have had some wonderful entries already, so if you have too many pictures and not enough walls, here is your chance to have a bit of a clear out and earn some cash!

As always, we can only run this event with lots of help from our wonderful volunteers, so if you are able to help out, even for an hour or two on either day, please contact us, we would be very grateful!!

Summer Reading Fun

It's not too late to sign up for the very popular Summer Reading Fun - read six books and receive your medal, certificate and chocolate treat – so visit the library and sign up!

HOURS Tuesday and Thursday: 1.00pm – 5.30pm; Saturday: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Nicki Lee, Library Phone: 01635 297464 Email: kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

Local representatives

Parish Council

Contact the Councillors via their email address which are all structured in the same way, viz: cllr.firstname.secondname@ashfordhillheadleypc.org – e.g. see the Chairman's email address

Chairman – Stephen Hoskins – cllr.stephen.hoskins@ashfordhillheadleypc.org

Ashford Hill ward councillors – Joe Woodford; Paul Clark; Jules Sunley

Headley ward councillors – Kathryn Saunders; Steve Dunn; Karen Parker

Clerk – Steven Marshall: clerk@ashfordhillheadleypc.org – 07714 001778

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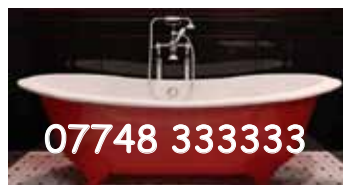
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