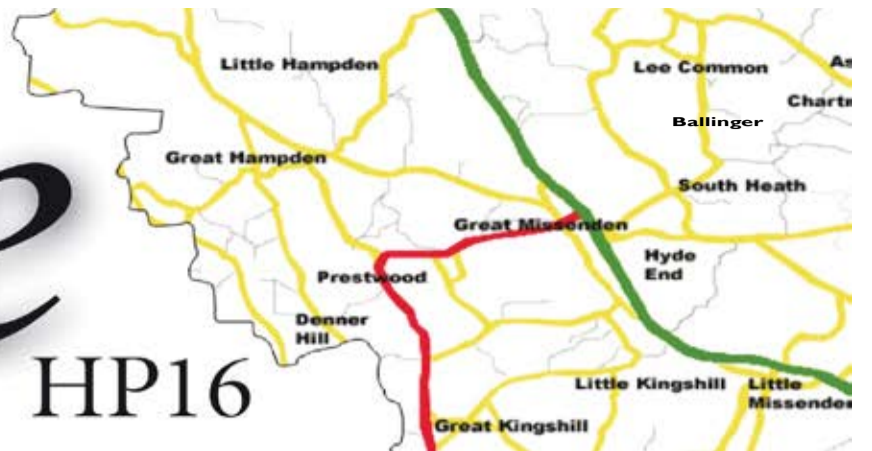


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Local PCSOs tie the knot

Chris Ging and Nicky Hinkley have been Thames Valley Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in the HP16 postal area for many years, providing continuity for local policing across the community in this area. Many will be aware of the wonderful job that they do, bringing a cheerful, brilliant attitude to their work. So we offer many congratulations to them for a long and happy life together following their wed-

ding on 8 June at the King's Chapel in Old Amersham. Surrounded by over a hundred guests, including many of their police colleagues, they exchanged their marriage vows and rings at a wonderful ceremony and celebration in the beautiful 18th century Chapel in the grounds behind the Kings Arms Hotel, famous for being filmed in episodes of Midsomer Murders and Four Weddings and a Funeral.



Chris Ging (right) and Nicky Hinkley (pillion) on their wedding day

Great Missenden nursery in RHS feature



The Plant Specialist nursery

Many will have seen The Plant Specialist vans heading out from Whitefield Lane, Great Missenden, though it seems many in HP16 do not know what they do. They have, however, also come to the attention of the Royal Horticultural Society as one of the top nurseries in the country and

since the publication of an article about them in 'The Garden' magazine they have been very busy with enquiries from all over the UK and beyond.

Great Missenden residents Keith Pounder and Sean Walter first opened their nursery to the public in 2006 after taking over

privately owned allotments on Whitefield Lane. Having gardened for some local families for some time, they decided to expand their portfolio by becoming a nursery for herbaceous plants and ornamental grasses. They always aimed to be a specialist nursery, not a garden centre with the associated café etc. Growing everything on site, they sell only what they produce, which is, as the name suggests, high quality plants, and the design and maintenance of beautiful gardens.

The development of the nursery has been a long term project. They now have excellent parking and are currently building a new sales and design office. Each year they publicise the nursery through gardens at flower shows such as Chenies. This year they have been invited to display at the prestigious Great Dixter Autumn Plant Fair. On Sunday 24 June at the Woburn Flower Show they were not only awarded a gold certificate for nursery display, but also The Duchess of Bedford Award given to the stand that 'catches the eye' and is most appreciated by Her Grace, the Duchess of Bedford. (read more on page 7)

LTA award for Janko at Queen's

Janko Gajdos, head coach at Prestwood Tennis Club received the LTA East Region Coach of the Year 2017 at the Queens Club Championships, London on Tuesday 19 June. The presentation took place on the Centre Court and was televised live on BBC2. The regional award followed his winning Bucks LTA Coach of the Year 2018. Club chair Hilary Evans said "We are delighted. He fully deserves this success. Everyone at the Club benefits from his enthusiasm and professionalism." New members are always very welcome, please contact Janko on 07845 712366 for details.



Janko receives his award at Queens

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Community Vision findings

Local community group Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group (GMPRG) would like to thank all those who took the time and trouble to respond to the Community Vision update consultation which finished on 15 May.

The consultation and three workshops have produced 229 responses, within which are many useful ideas and opinions.

Whilst virtually all respondents think this is a good area to live in, the main aspects that they would like to see tackled are:

- Improvements to public space 50.4%
 - Better public transport 47.8 %
 - Road safety 47.3%
 - Appearance of villages 45.6%
 - Facilities for children & young people 44.7%,
- and a long list of other improvements.

GMPRG plans to start collation and analysis of all the responses and is hoping to feedback a full report in the autumn, which will be available on its website: www.gmprg.org.uk

In the meantime, here's the winning picture for the best photo depicting what you like or dislike about your village. Again, thank you everyone who contributed – a difficult choice to make but, in the end, it was decided that Tora McEwan's entry reflected many of the issues that face the community. Her photograph includes: parking, pavements, traffic and roads; services, housing, sheltered accommodation, shop fronts and village hall facilities; children, safety, trees, bus stops, drains, overhead power lines, as well as residents' concerns that the parking

arrangements at Prestwood's Sainsbury's Local need to be urgently reviewed. Any comments you'd like to add to this campaign please email to: secretary@gmprg.org.uk.

An excellent photograph - congratulations Tora – enjoy spending your £50 Amazon voucher kindly sponsored by Chiltern District Council's Communities & Leisure Team.



Winning Community Vision photograph by Tora McEwan

New councillor Ross Pusey

Ross Pusey has recently joined the parish council. Ross is 42 years old and writes, "I was born and raised in the parish on Middle Grove Farm at Hyde End. I live with my wife (Louise) and 2 children (Jessica and Daniel) in what was once my wife's childhood home in Prestwood which we were fortunate to buy some years ago. We are both self employed and have long standing ties to the community and locality. I joined the council



Ross Pusey

as I have come to find that the issues tasked to the local council fascinate me and I feel I now have the time and interest to give to a small role within it".

Have your say to the parish council

If you have an opinion on your local community or ideas on how to improve it, then share them with the parish council; they are local people just like you who are keen to understand your needs and show the respect your opinions deserve.

In July this event will be at Prestwood Village Hall and in September at Great Missenden Library. The parish council values your thoughts on matters that affect the quality of everyday lives in the area. HS2, parks, parking, planning, anti-social behaviour - take this chance to have your voice heard.

Don't be shy. Your opinion matters and we want to hear it on:

Saturday 28 July at Prestwood Village Hall and Saturday 29 September at Great Missenden library both from 11am until 12 noon.

No appointment necessary. Take just a few minutes out of your day to talk to your local parish councillors and help positively shape the community.

Annual Allotment Competition

There are five allotment sites in the parish to be found in Ballinger, Spurlands End Road and three in Prestwood (Chequers Lane, Greenlands Lane and Nairdwood Lane). Judging of the annual allotment competition is due to take place at the end of July or beginning of August.

Three winners are chosen from each site (first, second and highly commended) and an overall winner selected from the first prize winners. Awards can also be given for best newcomer plot

and plots that have been well kept 'against all odds'.

Amongst other things, judges will be looking for plots that are kept neat, tidy and free of weeds, have good soil condition and grow a good variety of healthy crops. Full information about the competition will soon be made available to the allotment holders.

There are vacant plots at some of the sites and enquiries should be directed to Great Missenden Parish Office (01494 864792).



Illustration of the Prestwood Common sports wall

All fall down?

Well, it took more than a sneeze. However, users of Prestwood Common will have noticed that the sports wall there has been partially dismantled. This proved necessary partly because some of the footings had perished and some damage, possibly vandalism. However, your parish council, with the benefit of a generous donation from the Sweet Charity shop, is going to replace it with a better, all metal one, like that illustrated above.

Be brave with Lighthouse

Feeling brave? The Lighthouse theme this year is all about being brave – a message that is aimed at the children but not lost on the volunteer helpers too. The Lighthouse Children's Christian Holiday Club will run from Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August, and they're expecting to welcome up to 800 children to fill the Buryfield in Great Missenden.

There are openings for helpers to join the fun and the level of commitment can be whatever you can manage. Roles such as security, craft, working with children (subject to DBS check) and lots more are available.

Daunted? Don't be, our team of volunteer helpers is very supportive so if you offer to help, you'll be joining a family that looks after each other as well as the children. And you'll be helping to run one of the largest annual events in the area.

Also, to relax after a week of full activities, there's a family barn dance for everyone to enjoy (see p13).

There has been some uncertainty this year with car parking as the Black Horse



The Lighthouse site on The Buryfield pub wasn't able to confirm Lighthouse could use it again this year, and there is a major construction project at the Great Missenden Combined School. However the school and its building contractors have made special provision for cars to gain access to the school's playing field, which has been used for many years previously.

Malcolm Appleby, Lighthouse Chairman said, "We are very grateful to the Combined School Head Teacher, Site Manager and the building contractors for their kind agreement to our using the playing field for parking, and making special provision for cars entering and leaving the school site. It's meant we can now finalise our plans for this year with certainty". Head to the website for more information, or to register as a helper: lighthousemissenden.org.uk

20 years of community transport



PACT, or Prestwood Area Community Transport, is a volunteer car driver scheme that serves people within a 5 mile radius of Prestwood, taking in villages that include Prestwood, Great Missenden, Great Kinghill, Little Kingshill, the Hampdens, Denner Hill, Hughenden Valley, Ballinger, South Heath etc.

The service provides lifts for those who are struggling to find transport to and from appointments - the majority of which are to doctors, hospitals, podiatry, dentists, opticians etc, but also occasionally visits to a partner in hospital or a care home. Lifts vary in length and whilst most commonly they are to local hospitals, there are also those that are to 'just round the corner' of less than a mile, or sometimes further afield e.g. Oxford or Reading hospitals. The average journey length is just over 13 miles.

Clients book by phoning a receptionist on a mobile who then seeks to find a driver available for the journey. A donation towards the scheme is all that is required, and although drivers are encouraged to claim their running expenses back from the scheme the generosity of the volunteers means that over time PACT has developed a small but useful surplus.

2018 is PACT's 20th Anniversary, and over the course of that time the volunteers have driven well over 100,000 miles. When the scheme began it was the aim to not only do driving but also to serve the community and, once the scheme became financially able, funds have been donated to causes that the volunteers feel appropriate. Four years ago money went towards the purchase of the First Responder vehicle which continues to provide the much needed first response service. The Fiat



Picking up a PACT passenger at Giles Gate, Prestwood Panda Cross 4x4 excelled this last year negotiating the snows. PACT also funded the restoration of the medical room in a local school. Last year funds went to the purchase of an all terrain wheelchair for Countryways CIC at Road Farm. It was great that the wheelchair was on show at the 2018 Prestwood Big Lunch. In its 20th anniversary year PACT has helped develop, print and deliver 'The Older Persons Guide for HP16' to over 5,000 homes in association with The Source and other partner organisations.

There is a small dedicated committee, a team of six telephonists and around 25 willing volunteer drivers. All our volunteers are DBS checked, inducted into the role, and the group is insured for the appropriate risks. They would love to encourage anyone who drives a car, can spare a few hours occasionally, who would like to help local people who are in need to get in touch with PACT on 07968 641427 and come and join this positive, helpful and caring team.

A tribute to Margaret Lewis

On the front page of *The Source* two issues ago there was a photo of Margaret Lewis and her friends, winners of the Great Missenden Parish Cup for their fund raising efforts over 35 years.

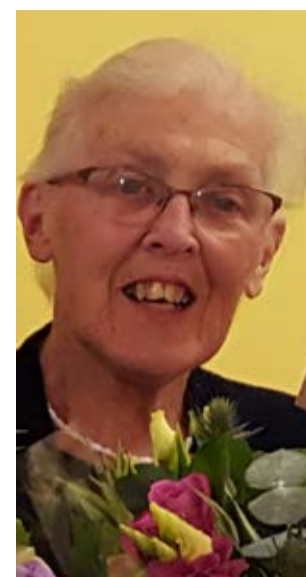
Margaret, with a group of ladies from the offices of Stevens, where she worked, formed the Evening WI for which she was a hard working member, taking on the jobs of President, Secretary and Treasurer many times. She was also a member of the Afternoon WI. No one who attended the annual December WI Carol Party in Prestwood Village Hall will forget her sense of fun and love of life and, over the years raising thousands of pounds for various charities. With her sister, Nancy Hawes she kept up her Girl Guiding as a member of the Trefoil Guild. She also helped at the Forget Me Not club for the over 60s.

In 1985, to raise funds

for the old Prestwood Sports Centre, she and four friends set up the very first Prestwood Fun Run, now the Prestwood 10K. With her husband Colin she socialised puppies for Hearing Dogs and also raised money for Medical Detection Dogs. Both charities will miss her support. Prestwood Village Hall too has lost a valuable trustee, a post she held for over 25 years.

Margaret was born in High Wycombe in 1935. She met her husband Colin when she attended a wedding in Prestwood and returned many times to enjoy the dances at Prestwood Village Hall. In 1957 they married in the United Reform Church in High Wycombe where Margaret was a member, and remained so all her life.

Colin played cricket for Prestwood and soon Margaret took on the job of scorer and became well



Margaret Lewis

known for her collection of coloured pencils. She also supported the men's football club and will be remembered by older folk for the football club revues, for which she wrote scripts, directed and performed with the members and friends of the club.

Colin passed away in November 2017, just a few weeks before their Diamond Wedding, leaving a son, Andrew. Margaret did everything 100 percent. She will be sadly missed by the village but leaves behind a lot of lovely memories.

The Big Lunch in Prestwood

One of The Eden Project's inspirational ideas is The Big Lunch, which they describe as, "The UK's annual get together for neighbours. Every year in June since the idea began in 2009, millions of people stop what they're doing and get together with neighbours in a nationwide act of community and friendship." This year over 200 joined in with our local picnic on Prestwood Common, organised by the Prestwood Events Group. The weather was sunny and

warm, people friendly and positive. Thanks go to all those who provided stalls and the four local bands for their performances. Next

year the event will be on Sunday 2 June, so let's make a date to join in and show the rest of the country how community can be done!



The Big Lunch, Prestwood Common 2018



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New limited edition book by Jill Pateman

Jill Pateman's new book is about Great Missenden during World War I. It is the result of four years' research into the thirty-nine men who are recorded on the village war memorials in the High Street and outside the Parish Church.

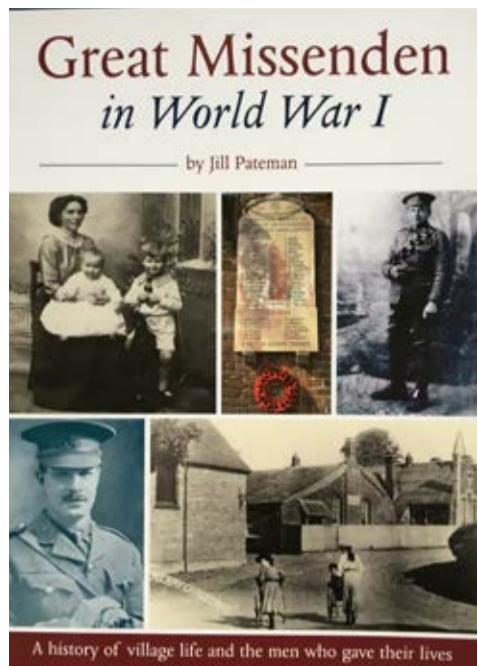
The book contains many old photographs of the village and describes what life was like at the time. Everyday life was hazardous with high infant mortality, no antibiotics, and no emergency ambulance service. The local doctor had to cope with accidents caused by horse-drawn transport, injuries in the home, suicides and even an inquest into a body found on the railway line. About half of the men killed in the war attended the local village school in Church Street when Oldham Hall was the Infants School. The boys would have left by the time they were twelve to go out to work. One thing that has not changed is that the chemist's shop in the High Street is still in the same premises as it was then – and indeed since the 1770s.

There is a biography of each man who

was killed, recording their personal and family lives in Great Missenden before they went to war. Each story was a tragedy for the family left behind, which knew no social boundaries. Of the thirty-nine men killed, eight were officers, living in luxury with servants in large houses. The Victorian villas on London Road, past the Misbourne School, had their fair share of tragedy. Four of the ten houses were lived in by families who lost sons and husbands in the war. At the other end of the social scale, ten of the dead came from Church Street, the poorest road in the village a century ago. Other men came from the High Street, Trafford Road, Twitchell Road, Mobwell Terrace, Potter Row and The Lee.

All proceeds from the book will go to local charities. Some of the funds will pay for the church war memorial to be restored for the centenary of the end of WW1 in November. The book is available in Great Missenden, for a donation of £10, at Alphabet Soup, Focus hair salon,

the Jeweller's Bench, the Library, Samways newsagents, The Pantry at the station and Wye estate agents.



New book by Jill Pateman

Lyndon Mallet wrote in to The Source: **'Something to remember...'**

They didn't think of it as The First World War. No one imagined a second one; and it was supposed to be over by Christmas. H.G. Wells sardonically referred to The War To End All Wars as far back as August 1914, but no one took that seriously.

They went anyway, lads from the towns, farms and villages: lads from Great Missenden. You'll find their names on the Memorial in the High Street. Not much to show, perhaps, for total sacrifice; which is why I'm grateful to Jill Pateman for drawing attention to it in a beautifully produced book that ought to be on every bookshelf for miles around. Well researched and thoughtfully presented, Great Missenden in World War I deserves to be required reading. This one is a keeper. Much appreciated.

Bucks Open Studios 2018

Bucks Open Studios is run by the Visual Images Group, an alliance of over 600 Bucks artists and makers. This year 13 local artists exhibited in HP16 with some other local artists also exhibiting in studios further afield.



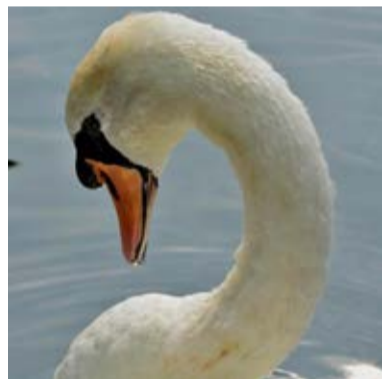
Fin Orrom Carr and Melissa Orrom Swan

Fin seeks to create work which appears to have grown within the environment. She colours clay with oxides using slips and glazes applied over a number of firings creating depth and texture. Hand built and unique the garden work is stoneware and frost proof.

Melissa's work explores many mediums and processes; sculpting for garden and home; print-making, collagraphs and mono prints. She also works her own handmade paper. She is happy to discuss commissions.

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Natalie & Nahrinda Francis

Natalie and her mother Nahrinda work in Prestwood. Natalie works in oil, watercolour and photography producing motivational calligraphy quote cards, bookmarks, watercolour illustrations and colouring books and journals. Nahrinda works to produce unique items aimed at embellishing home decor. She uses mixed media in paper, card, wood and fabric.

Websites: www.facebook.com/nataliekatherineart
www.facebook.com/nahrindascraftybits



Roger Longdin ARPS

Roger specialises in fine art photography, using large format film cameras and producing B&W and colour prints in the dark room adjacent to his gallery. His images are inspired by the local Chiltern Hills, as well as further afield including Western USA, Southern Africa, Iceland. His emphasis is the quality photographic print. All the printing is done using conventional analogue enlargers, using both Cibachrome and Silver Gelatine materials. Email: roger@agripower.co.uk



Sarah Orpin

Sarah creates colourful patchwork quilts, individually designed textile bags as well as knitted socks, baby booties, patchwork cushions, make-up bags, purses and Christmas goodies! All the items are unique, inspired by a love of bright colour combinations and her design background. She takes commissions and loves to help with ideas for that special gift.

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Alex Stewart

Painting for 25 years Alex has exhibited internationally in the USA, India and Sri Lanka. A surreal cross between Indian Miniatures and Illuminated manuscripts, his paintings in watercolour, ink and gold provoke in the viewer a response to invent their own stories, myths and tales. Alex recently moved to HP16 and has begun painting for a major London show in September. This is the first time of showing his work at his new home in Great Missenden.

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Deborah Black

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Asya Dudko - Sculptor

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Catherine Henshaw

Working in colourful glass and hand painted fused glass panels Catherine is inspired by nature to create her work featuring birds, animals and colourful abstract pieces inspired by the local landscape. She creates framed, painted pieces and giftware which can be seen on her website or facebook page. Websites: www.henontheshore.co.uk
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Jillian Blackburn and Sue Hawksley

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Nicky Mansfield

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More nursery hours at Little Kingshill Combined School

Little Kingshill Combined School, rated Outstanding by Ofsted and serving Little Kingshill and neighbouring villages, is delighted to announce that as of September 2018 its nursery school will be extending its opening hours

to 8.45am - 2.45pm, for 5 days a week (Mon-Fri). The nursery is committed to offering flexibility to parents, providing a combination of morning and afternoon sessions subject to availability.

Situated opposite the

main school, the nursery is run by a dedicated team of teaching staff who deliver caring, creative, fun and high quality education for its children. Their experience at nursery is further enhanced by regular interactions with the main school, with nursery children participating in all key school events. This enables nursery children moving onto Reception at Little Kingshill to be fully equipped and adjusted to the main school's environment.

The nursery is accepting government funding of up to 30 hours childcare, and is also happy to welcome privately paying pupils. Please contact the school office on 01494 863744 for further details and to arrange a place from September.



Teacher Carol Lewis outside Little Kingshill nursery

Young and old at Abbeyfield

Intergenerational care, the idea of encouraging interaction between young children and elderly people, is very much in the news and it is happening on our doorstep. Every week a group of children from Great Missenden C of E Combined School visit Abbeyfield House supported housing for older people on the Link Road.

The day *The Source* visited, there was a gentle hubbub of happy conversation in the lounge at Abbeyfield. Eight of the 14 residents had joined in. There was sporadic laughter over a game of Frustration. One boy read aloud from his book about King Arthur to a resident who nodded encouragement. There was much animated conversation. Everyone seemed very much at



Josie and Edna

The children admit to being nervous initially but it is clear there is a bond between young and old. The children seem to enjoy the residents' undivided attention and the residents were smiling, joking and evidently having a good time. As one child wrote, "I did not know being old could ever be so fun!"

The children are always happy to sing and it is a very nurturing environment. At the end of the session one young girl played guitar and sang and then there was a rousing rendition of Lord of the Dance which everyone joined in.

The School returns the favour inviting Abbeyfield residents to attend events at the school - Christmas Carols, Harvest Festival and school productions.

Seeing nine year olds and ninety year olds on first name terms and obviously enjoying each others' company shows that something good must be happening for both age groups.



Snakes and ladders with Ron

home. Sometimes the residents talk of life in the olden days and the children are intrigued by the discussion of how clothes - and nappies in particular - were washed. Edna's stories about Roald Dahl always fascinate. And anyone who can beat Adrian at chess gets five house points!

The project has been going for two years. Six or eight children from Year 4 or Year 5 visit weekly in term time. The aim is that by the end of Key Stage 2 (year groups 4, 5 and 6, ages 8-11) all children will have made two visits.



Schoolchildren singing



Robert Preston

Retirement farewell to Robert Preston

"The Misbourne School is now a totally different place". These are the words of Robert Preston as he plans his retirement after seven years of positive and fruitful work. In 2011 the school was in special measures and at an all time low. The experience of 47 years in teaching and leading seven schools through the process of coming out of special measures meant that Robert was the perfect candidate for the role of turning the school round. He arrived with a 'can do' attitude and high expectations of himself and the school.

He reports that he quickly discovered a willingness and commitment amongst the staff and students to leave the past behind and forge ahead. Within the first few years of his tenure HMI declared The Misbourne to have improved to a greater extent and in a shorter time than any other school in the UK. As a result, the building of the new English and Sixth Form block was granted, and now a state of the art sports centre is on the drawing board. He said, "You will find no better quality of teachers or better and more effective leaders anywhere. Both teaching and learning are of a consistently high quality and the trajectory of the school is really positive".

The governors have appointed a successor Ms Jo Meloni who has been a Deputy Head teacher in Brighton. She will be visiting the school on a number of occasions this term in order to effect a smooth transition in September.

When asked about his retirement Robert recognises that he has not had much opportunity to prepare. He plans to continue to offer some time to education and school improvement, but also, as a committed family man, to spend time travelling with his wife (during term time!) and some in voluntary work. He says, "I am a people person, and will really miss the students, the staff and the community". In this area, we, and many of our young people, have surely been major beneficiaries of Robert's skills, his love and commitment to education and to giving the next generation the best opportunity to succeed.

Educational awards for Great Missenden young people

The Trustees of Great Missenden Schools Charity are able to make small financial grants to young people who require help to pay fees and/or buy books, instruments, tools or special clothing at the start of, or during, Higher Education courses. Awards are also available to anyone preparing to enter a trade or profession after leaving school or university, or to finance educational travel relevant to these courses.

The only restrictions are that applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25

years of age, who have previously attended Great Missenden Church of England Combined School or live in the ecclesiastical Parish of Great Missenden.

Applications by email with personal details, and information regarding the proposed course or profession and where it is proposed this study will be carried out should be sent to Beth Cartwright (Secretary to the trustees) at: gmschool.trustees@gmail.com The closing date is 30 September 2018.

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HS2 update

Cllr Mike Johnstone GMPC HS2 lead

Enabling Road Works due to start in August

HS2 Ltd's Enabling Works Contractor Fusion JV and its subcontractors are planning to start road modifications in Great Missenden this August for two months. The order is road widening on the Link Road, followed by widening and lane markings on the A413, and then road widening on Frith Hill.

Work will take place between 10am and 3pm on weekdays with two-way traffic lanes kept open where possible but closures and traffic lights will be required on

occasion.

The work on the Link Road will include widening the entrance to the Buryfield.

The contractor's detailed plans based on the above have yet to be finalised with the county council. In the meantime, copies of the plan above are available in the parish office; the final approved plans will also be available there later and at the monthly drop-in sessions arranged by HS2 Ltd and Fusion JV in Great Missenden Library – see to the right.



The Link Road plans



The Haul Road plans

Haul Road Construction

The construction compound by the entrance to the Haul Road off the A413 will be in use from August with the main Haul Road works following the road works above. The construction of the Haul Road should be completed by the end of February 2019 to enable UK Power

Networks to access the overhead power cables near the north portal.

The footpath GMI/13 from the A413 to Potter Row will be diverted from the entrance to the Haul Road but will be open to Potter Row until work starts on the main construction of the north portal to the Chiltern tunnel.

Current Preparatory and Investigation Work

Ground Investigation Works - June for eight weeks

These are scheduled for the vent shaft on the Chesham Road B485 by Annie Baileys where road signs are already displayed and at Little Missenden where Traffic Management measures including a lane closure with speed restrictions are in place on the A413.

Tunnel, to better understand the ground conditions and are in addition to the Ground Investigation works already undertaken by HS2.

They anticipate low levels of noise from the equipment used and there will be a very small number of HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicle) movements to set up the site at the beginning of the works and when the equipment is removed.

These Ground Investigation works are to be carried out by Align JV, the HS2 main works contractor for the Chiltern

Boundary Fencing and Archaeological Trial Trenches – end of June for three weeks

This work is to be carried out in the vicinity of the Haul Road (see map). Pictured here is an example of both 'post and wire' and 'newt and reptile' barrier fencing.



Fencing

The barrier fence is designed to prevent newts and reptiles straying into the area of future construction and is buried partly under the ground to prevent them getting under the barrier material. This is in preparation for newts and reptiles being carefully trapped on the land from where construction will take place and relocated under license to local safe habitat sites. The newt trapping will start late August 2018.

Archaeological Trial Trenches

An excavator will dig trial trenches similar to that shown to the right.

The works will provide a better understanding of any significant archaeological remains which are in the area. The work will be carried out under supervision of an experienced archaeologist.

Once the works are finished, the holes will be filled in with the material taken out and as far as possible, returned to the same condition as before work started.



Trenching

HS2 MONTHLY DROP-IN SESSIONS - COMMUNICATIONS

HS2 Ltd are to hold drop-in sessions monthly in Great Missenden Library 2pm to 6pm on Fridays 13 July, 17 August, 14 September, 19 October and 16 November 2018 with representatives from their contractors to answer questions that residents may have about the enabling works on the Link Road, Frith Hill and Haul Road together with any other preparatory work.

Just come along and ask your questions!



Boug's celebrates National Meadow Day

Visitors to Boug's Meadow, alongside the Link Road Car Park in Great Missenden, have enjoyed nature's changing colours as last year's wildflower planting and copse management have come to fruition. Through the work of Prestwood Nature (PN) volunteers and with community support the meadow has been transformed from a neglected wasteland into a peaceful haven with an increasing number of wildflowers. It looks better and better each month.

To celebrate this progress, Boug's Meadow will be open on National Meadow Day, Saturday 7 July from 10 am to 4 pm for all to come and see the progress being made. There is no charge for entry. There will be displays on the rare chalk stream environment of the River Misbourne. Butterfly Conservation will be there and the wildflowers are expected to be putting on a show. Children's activities will include a nature trail and Junior Wildlife Photo Competition workshops. There can be no absolute promise hedgehogs, but you never know! There are now habitat areas for them as well as hibernacula (winter shelters) for more mammals and amphibians. So, come along and take a look! It's getting better all the time, not least because of your help. More information is at <https://prestwoodnature.org>.



Hawthorn in blossom



Orange Tip butterfly on Bluebells in May



Philip Horwood with hedgehog

How to help hedgehogs

In March Prestwood Nature heard an inspiring talk by Phil Horwood about hedgehogs and how we can help these iconic creatures to survive in Prestwood and the surrounding villages.

They are now hoping to set up a local project to improve the safety of the local habitat so that hedgehogs will be able to move around easily to find both food and a friend. To start with Prestwood Nature want to find out where the hedgehogs are – so if you have a hedgehog in your garden or see one regularly please let them know by emailing treasurer@prestwoodnature.org.

The Source Cartoon by Lyndon Mallet



'Have you noticed how green everything is, all of a sudden?'

The Plant Specialist (continued from page 1)

Some years after opening Keith and Sean were able to buy the land and begin investing in the development of a beautiful space more akin to the display gardens we see at Chelsea or Hampton Court. Sean, originally from South Africa, is a garden designer and plantsman with many years of experience. After building the nursery, Keith, who is also a plantsman, has developed a busy maintenance division which incorporates specialist garden maintenance and grounds care for schools and sports clubs. They have decided not to continue with the landscaping division and use contractors where necessary.

Everything is grown in the nursery, and they have chosen to use just one small unheated greenhouse (below) and one large polytunnel. They have specialised in a wide range of herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses, particularly hardy and late season plants. Sean said, "A mistake many make is to focus their planting on early plants which then wither, leaving the garden looking drab for the majority of the year. We aim to help gardens remain colourful and vibrant through the majority of the year."

On their website they say, "The projects we undertake, both locally and further afield, range from small urban gardens to larger country estates. Wherever possible our garden designs and landscapes are predominantly plant led with the hard landscaping playing an important supporting role."

We take a realistic approach to creating beautiful, lasting gardens often developing them in stages over many years and pride ourselves on the quality of our hard and soft landscaping with particular emphasis on thorough preparation thereby ensuring the best results in the long term." Well worth a visit to the Whitefield Lane nursery!



(left to right) Keith Pounder and Sean Walter in their greenhouse Below are two of the flower shows they will be displaying.

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90th anniversary for Prestwood Village Hall

Val Corteen of the WI, and one of Prestwood Village Hall Trustees, began her talk at the AGM of the Prestwood Village Association by asking, "I wonder how many people know how Prestwood Village Hall came to be here?"

In 1924 the ladies of Prestwood formed the Prestwood Women's Institute (WI). After meeting once a month in the Church Hall it became apparent that they needed a venue in the village and a group of ladies formed a Village Hall Committee. One of them, Mrs Stevens, had a husband Cornelius who owned substantial amounts of land in the area and agreed to donate some. The Committee were delighted, but after the next meeting (and it's in the WI records) Mrs Stevens asked him for a little more land as in the future a car park might be needed – how forward looking were the WI ladies in 1924!

The group knocked on every door in Prestwood asking for cash or help. They held coffee mornings, whist drives and



Prestwood Village Hall stall at The Big Lunch, Prestwood

Helping to improve health and social care services



Healthwatch Bucks is an independent organisation that gives Bucks residents a voice to shape and improve local health and social care services. We're here to ensure that local views, ideas, concerns and experiences are heard at all levels of health and social care so that they make a positive difference to the way future services are delivered. We do this by listening to what people tell us about their local services. We then share this feedback with health and social care providers to help them understand what people think of their services. We also use it to help other residents see what people think.

As part of this work, we produce our own evidence-based reports on services, which include recommendations based on the feedback we receive. We use these reports to influence, inform and, if necessary, challenge decisions of health and social care organisations.

Our work has helped improve the patient experience of health and social care services from GP practices and hospital

jumble sales – one of which raised 10 shillings and sixpence.

Planning permission was obtained and building commenced with the donation of a large number of bricks by the husband of Mrs Howard (another of the WI members) who owned the brick fields in Honor End Lane. People then bought bricks and on one occasion a lady claimed specifically that the left hand corner of the hall was hers!

The corner foundation stone was laid by the Countess of Macclesfield on 7 June 1928. The WI then gave the building to a trustee group and a Management Committee on 18 October 1928.

In 1927 the WI, known as 'Fairy Godmothers of the Village Hall', gave the hall an army hut to the rear of the Hall for the use of a club for boys and a village library.

The Hall was used in the war by the school, ARP, voluntary services, and was open on Sunday afternoons for visiting parents of evacuee children. It was a first aid post and the HQ of the Home Guard. Many young couples met at the dances there and later married.

In 1956 an extension was planned, but turned down because of cost, however it was finally extended in 1967. Since then there have been proposals to sell part of the land but each time they have been turned down.

services to care homes. We also have a signposting service where we provide information and advice about local health and social care services such as how to find a care home or get a dentist through the NHS.

As we are very keen to talk to all sections of the community, we spend a lot of our time out and about listening to local residents' views. There are plenty of ways you can tell us about your experiences or views of local health and social care services: by calling us on 0845 260 6216 or emailing us via info@healthwatchbucks.co.uk or by visiting our website www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk To keep up to date with our activities, please subscribe to our newsletter and follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Marie-Louise Morley, Communications & Engagement Lead, Healthwatch Bucks



Gathering information for Healthwatch Bucks

Little Kingshill WI centenary

In the home of Mrs Pilley, over 100 years ago, a group of ladies met weekly to knit, sew and make sandbags during the First World War. In 1918 they decided to affiliate themselves to the comparatively new WI movement and the Little Kingshill WI (LKWI) was born. They were the third WI group to be formed in Bucks and had 22 members. Mrs Pilley, who was also a suffragist, was the first President.

She and the members then started the Memorial fund in support of the

families of the eleven men from the village who had died during the war. She also arranged the purchase of a hall for the WI. Subsequently, in conjunction with Bucks County Council, the Memorial fund was used towards the funding of the current Village Hall.

During the second World War, members were active in knitting for the troops and sewing for repatriated prisoners of war and children of Free Europe. Craft activities still continue today.

From the early years

LKWI has been a benefactor to the village, providing commemorative seats, trees and donating to many local charities. Each year current issues are discussed on a local and national level leading to many successful campaigns. They continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Village Hall. Business is followed by a speaker or entertainment and afternoon tea with an opportunity to socialise. Other activities include croquet in the summer, swimming, lunch club, mini bridge and a walking group. New members are always welcome.

Caring for your rabbit

By Abigail Chung.

It's no surprise that rabbits are amongst the most popular pets in the UK, as they are beautiful and intelligent animals. Rabbits are very curious and owners need to make sure they have an enriched life.

We can help them by:

- Ensuring that their enclosed living area and outside run is large enough to run and jump around in.
- Providing hanging baskets as hay racks that

can encourage rabbits to stretch up to reach the hay.

- Providing places where their natural digging behavior can be expressed, such as giving them grass areas, large litter trays or planters filled with earth.

- Giving them tunnels, which are important because they encourage rabbits to engage in much more active behaviour.

- Making sure they have water in both a water bottle



Hanging rabbit food and a water bowl, as some rabbits can drink more efficiently from a bowl. Its also a good idea because water bottle spouts can jam shut.

- Protecting part of the run from extreme weather conditions (rain, snow, sun etc) with a cover such as tarpaulin.

Diet is equally important as rabbits should be fed a good quality hay that is dry and free from dust and mould. Hay provides them with fibre to help with gut movements and helps their teeth by wearing them down as a result of the natural chewing action.



Rabbits love to dig

For more information on rabbit welfare please check out the website: rabbitwelfare.co.uk

Bridge for fun

The card game bridge owes its origins to the game of whist, which goes back at least to the 16th century. The first Bridge games took place in the 1890s, but now is one of the games played by people of all ages, races, and nationalities.

Prestwood Village Hall Bridge meets every alternate Tuesday afternoon from 2 – 4pm in Prestwood Village Hall. It's informal and friendly - you don't need a partner. The cost is just £3 per session. Contact Stella Watts-Moore for more information on 01494 863201.



Prestwood Bridge Club at The Big Lunch, Prestwood



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Golden jubilee for badminton club



Missenden Badminton in Prestwood Junior School's hall

In July 2008 *The Source* reported on the Missenden Badminton's 40th year. This year they celebrate 50 years in which the club has continued to flourish and provide a local place to enjoy social badminton.

With sessions on a Wednesday in term-time from 8-10pm, the club still meets at Prestwood Junior School in Clare Road HP16 0NR.

The club prides itself on offering a fun evening. Its

doors are open to players of all standards and all ages. Jessie, 14, is its youngest member at the moment. John is in his 70s and still gives everyone else a run for their money.

You can see more on the club's Facebook page. Or come along for a free introductory session. You can also ring Mike on 07799 726231 or email him at mpetkind@hotmail.com



50 years of Missenden Badminton

Prestwood 10K, 5K and Children's Ultim8 Warrior Challenge

Lots of local runners and their families turned up for the 14th Prestwood 10k on Sunday 13 May. This annual event is one of the largest events of the year organised by the Chilterns MS Centre to raise money for local people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). The weather was kind and runners were cheered on by spectators enjoying the spring sunshine. The 10k was won by Charlie May, his third consecutive win!

New for this year was the children's Ultim8 Warrior obstacle course, a 1km course that included spider webs, crawl nets and walls. Lots of children from the local schools took part and had fun, especially when their parents joined in to throw wet sponges at them! Definitely to be repeated next year.

The event was supported by the Rotary Club of Great Missenden who provided the marshalls and marked out the route. Without their support the event could



Climbing the web

not take place and they have continued to support the Chilterns MS Centre for many years. They are currently looking for new members, so if you would consider helping at next year's event, as well as becoming a Rotarian, visit www.greatmissenden-rotary.org.uk

The Chilterns MS Centre also thank their other sponsors. Main sponsor



The start of the race

Malt the Brewery provided well-needed refreshment for some of the runners and spectators. Other sponsors included Kier Homes and JNP Partnership and the Midcounties Co-operative.

The day raised over £6,500, which will go directly towards treatments and support for local people with MS, their families and carers. The Centre, based in Wendover, provides a number of supportive therapies and treatments such as physiotherapy, oxygen treatment, hydrotherapy and acupuncture to local people living in Buckinghamshire and the surrounding counties. It costs over £1 million a year to run the Centre, which relies almost entirely on donations and fundraising.



Bear and runners

The event will be taking place again next year so watch this space! To view all of the photos from this year's event, or to find out more about the work the Centre does, visit www.chilternsmcentre.org.



Lucy Clark scottish dancing team in Prestwood Village Hall

Dancing for fun, fitness and charity

The Lucy Clark Scottish Country Dance Club has had its busiest dancing year to date, packed with many opportunities to dance, socialise and have fun.

The two main events, featuring live music by Ian Robertson and his band, have proved very successful and this year was no exception. For the third consecutive year, tickets were sold out for the Christmas Dance, which has become

a popular event for many dancers from other clubs. The fundraising Spring Charity Dance highlights the Club's commitment to the community and, this year, the profits from this event will benefit two charities, the Chiltern MS Centre, Halton and Lindengate in Wendover.

Providing tuition for all dancers is recognised to be very important so a more formal Beginners' Course

has been introduced to cover the basics, while the more experienced dancers have benefited from two tuition evenings. All this has resulted in an overall improvement in style and confidence. This confidence was translated into action recently when 12 experienced dancers took part in a demonstration for members of The Forget me Not Club in Prestwood. What an enjoyable time - an ideal way to share a love of dancing with the wider community followed by afternoon tea!

Dancing resumes on Thursday 6 September when new dancers will be very welcome.



For further information, please contact: Liz Mitchell (Secretary) 07947 000368 www.lucyclark.org.uk

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Members of Great Missenden 41 Club present a cheque to Nigel Kippax of Missenden Walled Garden

Missenden Walled Garden 1st Birthday

Missenden Walled Garden in the grounds of Missenden Abbey provides a safe and caring horticultural working environment for adults with disabilities. In June it celebrated its first anniversary as an independent charity.

Its latest challenge has been to raise £18,000 to build and equip a new large wooden Chalet. At the celebration, the Great Mis-



Heather and David cut the ribbon for the new Clubhouse Chalet

senden & District 41 Club presented a cheque, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the Clubhouse Chalet, presentation of a football trophy, and visitors were entertained with music and singing. The building will provide social and welfare facilities, and training for new indoor crafts and skills. It is also available for use by the local community during evenings and at weekends.

The cheque was presented by 41 Club Chairman Chris Brooker with past Chairman Chris Wells. The 41 Club supports local charities through fundraising events which last year included a quiz night, dance and the Rotary float at Christmas.

Much has been achieved

at the Walled Garden in one short year. The greenhouses are full of plants for sale and for use in the kitchens, the Meadow has been cleared, there are bee-hives in the Orchard and a growing number of 'Gardeners' have achieved a growing number of skills.

Trustee Chareline Gibbs said, "We are very proud of all that our gardeners, staff and volunteers have achieved in our 1st year as a charity. We are very grateful to all the organisations and individuals in the village and areas around Great Missenden for the marvellous support they have given us. Now for Year 2!"

Visitors welcome Monday - Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Celebrate a decade of the Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge

Local charity Rennie Grove Hospice Care is inviting walkers to sign up to its 10th annual sponsored walk along the Chilterns section of the Ridgeway National Trail on Sunday 9 September 2018.

Last issue *The Source* reported on the team from The Practice who are entering. You can still sponsor them through this code, or



www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emily-peoples

However, you could join in The Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge which has proved to be a popular opportunity for everyone to don their walking boots and enjoy the scenic hills with the whole family. Organised by Rennie Grove Hospice Care to raise funds for their invaluable services.

The Challenge offers a choice of a 7, 11 or 20 mile routes. All can be completed at any pace, allowing time to take in the stunning panoramic views that make up the Chilterns Ridgeway.

All participants will take on the first two peaks, Coombe Hill and Whiteleaf Cross, by tackling the 7 mile route from Princes Risborough to Wendover. Once completed, walkers will be able to enjoy a well-deserved rest and refuel using one of the catering outlets. The 7 mile entrants will then be able to head back to their cars via the buses kindly provided by Arriva, whilst the 11 mile walkers press on to Tring by bus to complete the additional four miles



The Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge

and scale the third peak, Ivinghoe Beacon. For those who are feeling up for the challenge, the 20 mile route is taken entirely on foot, including all three peaks, before catching the bus back to your car and off home for a well-earned rest!

Participants in 2017's walk had nothing but praise for the event and between them raised a whopping £43,000.

For all the information you need visit: www.renniegrove.org/chilterns3peaks



Wedding for a Grand at Holy Trinity

If you are looking for a beautiful church wedding but feel that your budget won't stretch, please visit us at Holy Trinity, Prestwood. Weddings can be expensive so we are delighted to be able to offer a 'Wedding for a Grand' package. For £1,000, you can have a beautiful wedding in our lovingly refurbished church with

exclusive use of the hall and churchyard for your reception. All statutory wedding fees plus hire of the hall for the evening before and the day of the wedding are included.

The Reverend Deiniol Heywood says, "Our church is here for everyone, and anyone who lives in Prestwood has just as much right to be married at Holy Trinity, Prestwood as Prince Harry had to be married at St George's Chapel, Windsor. We stand with Bishop Michael Curry on this. We're here to celebrate with you the power of your love."

To find out more, please email Lesley in the Church Office on marketing@ht-prestwood.org.uk or call 01494 863805.



Charity Cookbook

IGNITE (In God New Ideas To Explore) is a young people's group at St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Great Missenden. Members are aged between 10 and 15.

They have been learning about the work of Abraham's Children in Crisis (ACIC). ACIC is a small charity working in the Holy Land seeking to care for the education, health and welfare of children in crisis situations. Their aim is to help them achieve their full potential. It is apolitical, non-judgmental and gives support regardless of faith or nationality.

IGNITE has already raised money through a cake sale and a Christmas Jumper event. It is now hoping to put together a cookbook of recipes to sell.

Could you contribute one of your favourite recipes for inclusion in the book? All recipes will be considered. It would be great if you would agree that your name be included along with why you like the recipe or where it comes from.

If you are able to help please send your recipe to the Parish Office in Great Missenden or by e-mail to philippamhowells@gmail.com



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Finity bows out gracefully

Finity will cease to operate at the end of July. They set out to make a difference, offering the community the opportunity to think through options and talk about all the issues around end of life care and planning. In 4 years, Finity has spoken directly with over 1,200 people at a multitude of events. One example is that Jo Withers spoke on, "We need to

talk about dying" at the first Cambridge college TEDx conference. Her talk is still available to view on the TED Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zOi6Z_0au8.

The next issue will carry information about the way Finity's work will be carried forward by others, but meanwhile we say a huge thank you for all the hard but fruitful work.



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Whealers Yard is a small cul de sac off Great Missenden High Street where upstairs Michael Lowes has created a spacious modern, colourful office. It is the new home of Activ Business Solutions and a good advert for the office services the company provides.

The company is a 'single source solution for all business products' both physical and digital. So, if you're setting up or revamping your office, the company will not only design the space, organise the electrics, supply the furniture, stationery and business cards but also, with the help of brother Richard and the creative team,



Richard (left) and Michael Lowes at their new office

design your website and advise on digital marketing. Michael plans to be hiring more staff this year.

Michael lives in Little Kingshill and is committed to the local community. Twenty percent of the company's profits will go to Bucks Newlife, the charity for disabled children.

New client centred law firm

Approachable, local and affordable – not words that spring to mind when you think about a law firm. However, Cartmell & Co Solicitors are changing the experience of solicitors and the law and have recently moved into their 3rd office in Bucks, at Wright's House, 102-104 High Street Great Missenden.

Started by Rob Cartmell in 2013, Cartmell & Co are undoubtedly one of the fastest growing law firms in the Home Counties. Rob has always recognised the

need and growing appetite from clients for a fresh and more innovative approach to the way in which legal services were traditionally provided – which places the needs of the client at the core of the services offered.

As a modern, supportive and progressive local practice, Cartmell & Co are genuinely keen to support local community organisations and local charities where they can, and have recently adopted Missenden Walled Garden as a charity for their newest office. Cart-



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Paul Bolton of Cartmell with Nigel Kippax of the Walled Garden

New Off Licence in Station Approach

Wild Kite Bottle Shop has been granted a license to open an off licence at 31 Station Approach, previously occupied by Blue Dragon dry cleaners. According to the owner Adam Spackman, the intention is for the premises to be a 'farm produce store with an off licence and tasting facility. It will be operating as a shop rather than a public house and is intended to be a café atmosphere where custom-

ers may stay for an hour to taste the different products but will mainly buy alcohol to consume at home'.

Permission was given for opening everyday from 11 am to 10 pm. There will be no drinking on the outdoor patio area and no smoking or vaping on the premises. Notices shall be displayed advising patrons to keep noise to a minimum and to be considerate of the occupiers of neighbouring properties.

Top Award for Prestwood Photographer

Janice Nicholson of Photography By Us has just been awarded her Licentiatehip of the Master Photographer Association (LMPA) with a stunning panel of Images of portraits, her speciality.

The judges' comments given to Janice, included words like sheer quality, impact, stunning, outstanding and unique, which explained the strength of the panel.

Licentiatehip of the MPA is the hardest qualification to achieve within the photographic profession as it takes a great deal of time, work and dedication to your art to reach this level. Entering the Association at probationary level and reaching the required high standards of this qualification is a massive achievement.

Not only do you have to submit an extensive panel of photographic images, which are displayed and judged in front of five highly respected Fellows of the industry, but you also must produce an in depth working profile about your work and business practises. This document goes into the Health and Safety elements that must be

understood when dealing with the public including professional insurances.

This is the reason why you should only book a qualified professional to photograph those precious memories in life - wedding, pets, family and children - as it's the only way of knowing you will get the best possible creative photographs and personal service.



Janice Nicholson receives her LMPA certificate

Roald Dahl Museum bad news and good news



Following the flash floods in Great Missenden over the late May Bank Holiday weekend, the Roald Dahl Museum galleries are undergoing extensive work by flood damage agents.

Although flood damage was limited to one end of the site the electrical systems and underfloor heating have been affected and many exhibits will need to be replaced. They will not know the reopening

date until mid-July, which means their autumn school bookings cannot begin until after that. The Museum has insurance that means it will be able to retain all the staff, and they are working hard to turn the problem into opportunities.

The good news is that Roald Dahl's Archive and Writing Hut were untouched, and also that they aim to make the best of a difficult situation. Steve Gardam, the Museum director, is encouraging staff to be creative in partnering with others, for example a showing of Matilda by the Blue Door Cinema,

and working with the local fairs and festivals too. There is a plan to update and improve all the galleries in 2021 and so this situation is enabling the Museum to prepare for that.

The Museum Shop, a treasure-trove of Roald Dahl books, toys, games and gifts remains open as is The Café, which is now managed and run by the Museum, still serving freshly-made lunches and snacks, and a delumptions selection of home-made cookies and cakes. This is a good time for the residents of this area to support an important attraction and source of employment while they weather the storm damage restoration.



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Friday 13 July POTUS hits Prestwood!

'Prestwood's Official Trumped Up Session.' Donald Trump is due to visit the UK.....whatever your view, Malt The Brewery has an alternative 'celebration' in mind.

To celebrate the early success of their new beer TRUMPED UP, Nick and Jenny Watson, owners of Malt The Brewery are throwing a party. Join them on Friday 13th at the brewery in Prestwood from 5pm till late.

Enjoy an American themed BBQ by Smoke Yard

Kitchen, Bluegrass music by The Wick Trimmers and All-American Classics on 'the decks' by Mike 'Wheels of Steel' Fulham....and of course an abundance of Trumped Up. Plus try their latest craft beer....SoCal a delightful West Coast Pale Ale.

Entry is free however you can buy Beer 'n' Cue tokens at Maltthebrewery.shop to guarantee getting some food Y'all. So pull out your Stetsons and Cowboy boots (but leave the guns at home!)



Saturday 14 July - Inside the world of a film & TV extra

Organised by the Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church. This is a talk by Peter Hague, which includes insights into Downton Abbey and Killing Eve, followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

The time 2.30pm and the venue is the Oldham Hall, Church Street and there is free parking on the adjacent school playground. Tickets are £10 from Samways, Great Missenden.

www.missendenchurch.org.uk



Inside the World of a Film & TV Extra

Saturday 14 July - Midsummer Ball

After the success of their New Year's Eve Black Tie Ball, Missenden Abbey are hosting their first ever Midsummer Ball on Saturday 14th July. Tickets cost £60 for a 3 course dinner and

drinks.

If you needed any more encouragement, Dresses Come True in Great Missenden are offering 10% off all evening gowns purchased for the occasion.



Saturday 21 July - The Lee Flower Show

The Lee Flower Show is on 21 July and the excitement is palpable. The committee has been preparing: the posters are on the roadsides, the flags will be flying and the cricket field will be transformed with the largest marquee to be seen in The Lee since last year.

For your part you need to decide on your entries and get those to Ann Ash by 19 July. It's all there in the schedule - a variety of classes for all. (If you've mislaid it, download another copy from the village website - just follow the Flower Show link.)

A small army of helpers is needed to put on the show so thank you to all those who have already enlisted. If you haven't been asked but would really like to help, do please call Jonathan Batten on 01494 837450.

If you can bake a cake for the tea tent then bring it along to the pavilion in the morning - or better still enter it in a cookery class and then donate half to the tea tent.

The Lee Flower Show is at The Lee Manor Park from 1.45pm. There's fun and games for all the family. It's a traditional village flower



show with classes for residents and visitors, side shows, beer tent, dog show and spectacular attractions. And then put on your dancing shoes and get down to the marquee for great night of dancing to The New Things. Tickets at £20 each are still available for the Flower Show Dance from the Shop at The Lee until Saturday 14 July. Thereafter contact Laura Doggett and Neeta Norton by email: leeflowerdance@gmail.com

Thursdays 16, 23, 30 August - Prestwood on Sea

Reserve your place now for this year's visits to Prestwood on Sea, the holiday club for seniors. The dates are Thursdays 16, 23 and 30 August from 11am - 3.15pm in Prestwood Methodist Church, High Street (Church building nearly opposite Co-op).

Come along and enjoy a holiday 'staycation' with coffee and biscuits, quiz activities and companionship, home cooked lunch, followed by entertainment. Tea and cake is served before leaving. Transport can be provided from Prestwood, Great Kingshill and Great

Missenden and special diets catered for if notified in advance.

Book your place by contacting Mary Spooner on 01494 862431. This event is organised by the churches in Prestwood with grateful thanks to Sweet Charity for their financial support.

Tuesday 18 September - The how and why of Breeding

The Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) is the foremost organisation protecting wildlife and enhancing iconic landscapes across our three counties. BBOWT talk by ornithologist Tim Sellar, 'The how and why of Breeding', with illustrations mainly from British birds whose planning must take in the vagaries of our weather and many other

factors, often after a long migration from Africa. Great Missenden Memorial Centre. 7.45pm. entry £3 including refreshments.

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Saturday 30 June

Summer Fair. Prestwood Junior School. 11.30am-2.30pm

Summer Fayre. Little Kingshill School 12noon-3pm

Summer Fete. Great Missenden School. 12 noon -3pm.

singers4all family-friendly concert commemorating the Centenary of the end of WW1. St Mary's Church, Old Amersham. 7pm. Tickets from Samways, or email singers4allpopupchoir@gmail.com or wegotickets.com

Sunday 1 July

St Peter and St Paul Patronal Festival. Choral Evensong. 6pm

Tuesday 3 July

Prestwood Forget Me Not Club for over the 60's. Meet at 2.15pm. Prestwood Village Hall, a sociable afternoon tea and entertainment

Wednesday 4 July

Prestwood Afternoon WI. 3 members tell us about their lives. Prestwood Village Hall 2.15pm. Details 01494 862156

Friday 6 July

Pot Luck Lunch. Holy Trinity Church Hall Prestwood 1.15pm. Bring a dish to share and donation of £2 for church funds for a three course lunch.

Sat 7 and Sun 8 July

Prestwood Steam Fair. Honor End Lane. 10am-5pm. Tickets £7 adults, OAPs £6, Children £1

Saturday 7 July

Prestwood Nature. Boug's Meadow. National Meadow Day. Link Road, Great Missenden. 10am-4pm. Information John Obee 01494 865 564 (see page 7)

Sunday 8 July

Prestwood Nature. Hedgerows in Summer. Family friendly country walk around local hedgerows 2pm to 4pm. Meet outside Prestwood Village Hall. Information Karen van Oostrum 07910 684 339

Tuesday 10 July

Prestwood Evening WI. Open Meeting Burma Forces Welfare Association, Sherry Scott, MBE. Prestwood Village Hall 7.45pm. Guests, all welcome. £4 for visitors. details Chris Plested 01494 890202

Wednesday 11 July

Coffee & Cake. Little Kingshill Baptist Church. 9-11am

Prestwood Friendship Club. with Prestwood Infant School. 2-3.15pm. No charge, donations accepted. Prestwood Methodist church. Mary Spooner 01494 862431

Thursday 12 July

Little Kingshill WI. Andy Harding, what's flying tonight. Little Kingshill Village Hall. 2pm. Visitors and New members are welcome. Christine Taylor 01494 868552

Prestwood Gardening Society. Priestfield Arboretum, Coralie Ramsey. Prestwood Village Hall. 8pm. Contact Edna Little 01494 863454

Saturday 14 July

LinK Café. Little Kingshill Baptist Church. 10am-12noon. Little Kingshill's café- with a difference! Bring your bike for help with repairs and maintenance. Even without a bike.

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church. Talk by actor Peter Hague (see p12). Oldham Hall. 2.30pm. Tickets £10 from Samways. www.missendenchurch.org.uk

Tuesday 17 July

Great Missenden Evening WI. Open meeting The Oregon Trail, Roger Shaw. Oldham Hall Church Street Great Missenden. 7.45pm. New members always welcome. Details 01494 862000

Wednesday 18 July

Chequers Folk. Live folk music at The Barn Cherry Tree Farm Great Kingshill HP15 6ED. With The Wick Trimmers and guest musicians. 8pm. Free entry, Contact Philippa 01494 866439

Saturday 21 July

The Lee Flower Show. The Lee Manor Park. From 1.45pm. Fun and games for all the family.

Saturday 28 July

Parish Council surgery, Prestwood Village Hall, 11am

Wednesday 1 August

Prestwood Afternoon WI. The work of the Magistrate. (See Wed 4 July)

Friday 3 August

Pot Luck Lunch. Holy Trinity Church Hall Prestwood (See Fri 6 July)

Saturday 4 August

The Lighthouse Barn dance in the Marquee on the Buryfield with The Wick Trimmers & caller George Rivas. 6pm. Tickets from Samways, and Costcutter. £12.50 adult, £7.50 for u18s, £30.00 family ticket (2+2) includes supper

Sunday 5 August

Prestwood Nature. Boug's Meadow work party. 9am-12noon. Information John Obee 01494 865 564 (See page 7)

Thursday 9 August

Prestwood Gardening Society. Winter-Growing South African Bulbs, Paul Cumbleton. (See Thurs 12 July)

Tuesday 14 August

Prestwood Evening WI. Caribbean cookery demonstration, Sandra Webb. (See Tues 10 July)

Thursday 16 August

Prestwood on Sea Holiday club for senior citizens. Prestwood Methodist church Hall. 11am-3pm. transport available. Booking Mary Spooner 01494 862431

Thursday 23 August

Prestwood on Sea Holiday club (See Thurs 16 August)

Thursday 30 August

Prestwood on Sea Holiday club (See Thursday 16 August)

Friday 31 August

Prestwood Nature. Creatures of the Night Safari at Boug's Meadow. Link Road car park, Great Missenden. 7.45-9pm. Information Julie Hopton 07931 575 371

Saturday 1 September

Prestwood Nature. Pollinator-Friendly Garden work party. Greenlands Lane Allotments, 10am to 12noon. Information admin@prestwoodnature.org

Prestwood Gardening Society Annual Show. Prestwood Village Hall. 2 pm. Contact: Steve Yates 01494 866172

Sunday 2 September

Cafe Service Informal gathering - multi-media presentation with brunch. King's Church Prestwood at Prestwood Village Hall. 10.30-11.45am. All welcome. Contact Colin Veysey 0788 4176201

Tuesday 4 September

Prestwood Forget Me Not Club for over the 60s. (See Tues 3 July)

Wednesday 5 September

Prestwood Afternoon WI. Harvest lunch and B and B. (Wed 4 July)

Friday 6 September

Pot Luck Lunch. Holy Trinity Church Hall Prestwood (See Fri 6 July)

Tuesday 11 September

Prestwood Evening WI. Craft evening. (See Tues 10 July)

Wednesday 12 Sept

Prestwood Gardening Society Coach Trip - Anglesey Abbey, Cambs. NT. Contact: David Plested 01494 890202

Coffee & Cake. Little Kingshill Baptist Church. 9-11am

Prestwood Friendship Club . Salvation Army Timbrels group. (See Wed 11 July)

Thursday 13 September

Little Kingshill WI. Ms Debbie Brady, a female in civvy street (See Thurs 12 July)

Prestwood Gardening Society. The History of Pinewood Studios, Mike Payne. (See Thurs 12 July)

Saturday 15 September

Little Kingshill WI celebrates 100 years with tea & cake. 11am-4pm. Exhibitions, music and laying up of the old banner. Little Kingshill Village Hall (See page8)

Sunday 16 September

Holy Trinity Church Prestwood. Harvest Festival. 9.30am. Watch out for posters with details of venue etc.

Tuesday 18 September

Great Missenden Evening WI. Remarkable story of the Windsor chair, Stewart Linford AIWSc. (See Tues 17 July)

BBOWT talk ornithologist Tim Sellar, The How and Why of Breeding, Great Missenden Memorial Centre. 7.45pm. entry £3 including refreshments. (See page 12)

Wednesday 19 Sept

Chequers Folk. (See Wed 18 July)

Saturday 22 September

County and District Councilor Surgeries. Great Missenden Library. 11am-12 noon.

Wednesday 26 Sept

Prestwood Friendship Club . Fiona Castle. (See Wed 11 July)

Saturday 29 September

Parish Council surgery, Great Missenden Memorial Centre, 11am.

Prestwood Nature. Harvest of the Hedgerows. Family friendly walk around local hedgerows. Meet outside Prestwood Village Hall. 2pm to 4pm. To book Karen van Oostrum 07910 684 339

Tuesday 2 October

Prestwood Forget Me Not Club for over the 60s. (See Tues 3 July)

Wednesday 3 October

Prestwood Afternoon WI. The Remarkable story of the Windsor Chair. Stewart Linford (See Wed 4 July)

Friday 5 October

Pot Luck Lunch. Holy Trinity Church Hall (See Fri 6 July)

Sunday 7 October

Prestwood Nature. Boug's Meadow work party. 10am- 1pm. Contact John Obee 01494 865 564

WEEKLY, FORTNIGHTLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

Sundays

Cream teas each Sunday

The Lee Old Church during July and August. 3-5pm. All proceeds to church funds.

Great Missenden Parish Church. 3-5pm. Music on 1 July.

Mondays

Mums and Toddlers Group (M&T). Weekly. Great Missenden Baptist Church Hall. 10-11.30am. Details Rev Helen Baker 07795 404387 bakerhj@btinternet.com www.greatmissendenbaptistchurch.com

Daytime Book Group. Meets monthly. Details Val Deane 01494 862596.

Pop-Up Kitchen and garden. Baptist Church Hall, Great Missenden. 3.30pm weekly. (Contact see Mon M&T Group)

Voice Band dynamic children's singing group for ages 7 to 13. Weekly 5pm-6pm Misbourne School, Great Missenden. tel. 0777 370 4233 fiona@singers4all.com -

Tuesdays

Over 60s Leisure Group at the Memorial Hall Great Missenden 9.45-11.45am. Short mat bowls, and short tennis, croquet outside in summer months. No previous knowledge needed. Details Jean Wallwork 01494 863113

Simply Walk. A gentle 30-45 minute morning walk at 10am. Meet at Great Missenden Memorial Hall. Free. Information: 01494 475367 email simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/exploring-the-countryside/simply-walk/

Village Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall, Great Missenden 10am-12 noon. Details Jennifer King 01494 865271.

Exercises for the over 50s at the Memorial Hall, Great Missenden 12noon-1pm. Exercises to music. Details Emma Culmer 07914 845366

Prestwood and Great Kingshill Age Concern Luncheon Club. Prestwood Village Hall. 1pm (Not 1st Tuesday of the month). Joan Palmer 01494 863982.

Bridge Group. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, Prestwood Village Hall. No partner necessary. 2-4pm. Details Stella Watts-Moore 01494 863201.

SATB chamber choir meets every 3 weeks Tuesday evenings in Great Missenden. Informal auditions contact: singers4allpopupchoir@gmail.com 07773 704233

Wednesdays

Throughout August Wicked Wednesday at the library (see Great Missenden Library below)

Coffee in Damian Hall under the Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church Great Missenden each Wednesday at about 10.15am after Mass at 9.30am.

Prestwood baby & toddler group. 9.45-11.15am. Prestwood Village Hall.

Bible Study and Prayer. Fellowship Room, Great Missenden Baptist Church, Term time 10-11.30am. All welcome. (Contact 01494 864008)

Great Missenden Bridge Club every Wednesday. 7.30pm. GM Memorial Hall. Secretary 07778 119094

All Voices Aloud Singing Group. (Term Time) Great Missenden Baptist Church 7.30pm. Details Helen 01494 715336. www.allvoicesaloud.com

The Missendens Badminton Club. Weekly during term time. 8-10pm social badminton. Prestwood Junior School. Details Mike 01494 865325.

Thursdays

Toddler Thursdays, Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood (Term time) 9.30-11.30am. Drop-In for children and carers. All welcome. www.htprestwood.org.uk/toddlers

Weekly lunch club in the Baptist Hall Great Missenden for over 60s. Details: Julie Needle 01296 612843.

Lucy Clark Scottish Country Dance Club meets every Thursday evening. Oldham Hall, Great Missenden. Details Liz Mitchell 07947 000368. www.lucyclark.org.uk

Fridays

1st Friday of the month. New Tricks - lunch club. Great Missenden Baptist Church. 11.30am. Contact 01494 837715. Details: www.greatmissendenbaptist-church.com

Weekly Table Tennis (term time only) All abilities and ages welcome. Great Missenden Baptist Church. 2.30pm. Contact, see New Tricks above.

3rd Friday of the month New Tricks afternoon tea. Tea, cakes and games for the young at heart. Great Missenden Baptist Church. 2.30pm. see New Tricks above

Saturdays

1st Saturday of each month. Coffee morning. Lee Common Methodist Church 10.30am-12 noon

Roald Dahl Museum closed

The Roald Dahl Museum is currently closed until further notice due to flooding. We're working hard to repair the damage, but this may take some time.



Café and Shop open

During the closure, the Museum Shop and Café will be open as usual, Tuesday to Friday. Keep an eye on the Museum Facebook page for occasional weekend Café opening hours.

See facebook.com/roalddahlmuseum for updates

Wicked Wednesdays at the Great Missenden Library

Great Missenden Library will run Wicked Wednesday to tie in with the Library Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 5-11. The theme this year is Mischief Makers inspired by the much-loved children's title Beano which celebrates its 80th anniversary. The Challenge encourages children to read six library books during the summer holiday. They receive rewards each time they finish a book and a certificate for those who complete the Challenge. They can read whatever they like - fiction, fact, joke books, picture books, audio books - as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Exact details are not confirmed but there will be an activity every Wednesday am and pm throughout August. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers. For more details, ask at the Library.

Opening hours

Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30am -5pm;

Friday 9.30am - 6pm;

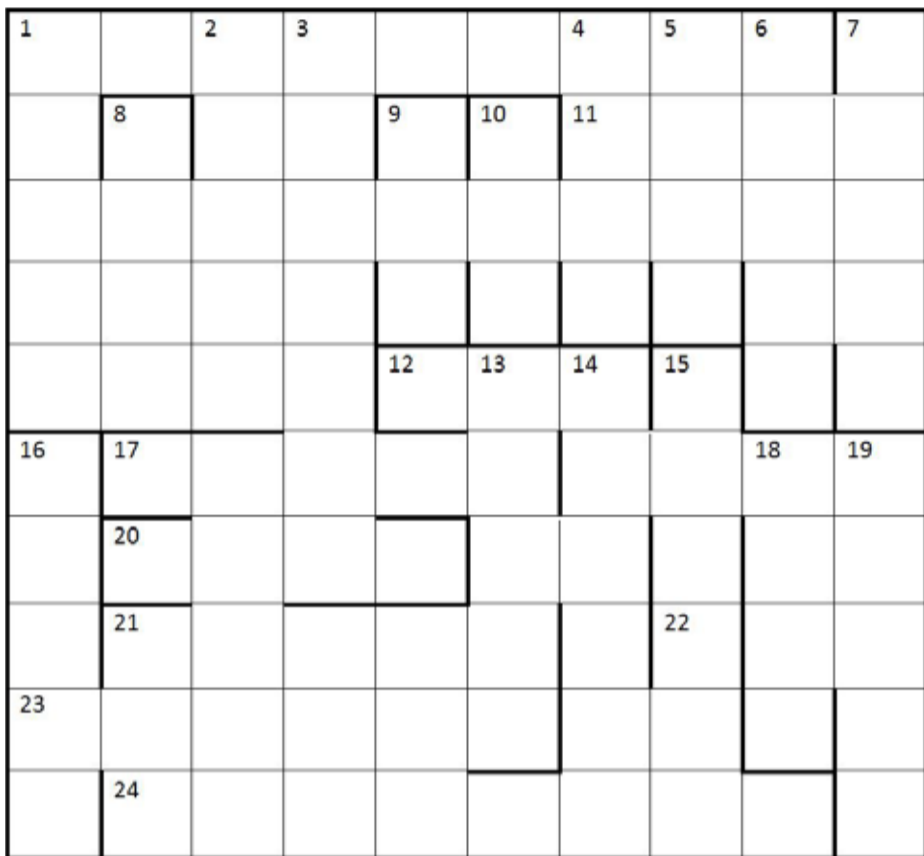
Saturday 9.30am -1pm;

Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Public holidays - closed

SOURCE CROSSWORD NO. 55

“Mixed up area” by the Editor

Apologies to the crossword purists... the Editor hasn't perfected the art of setting crossword puzzles. However maybe a different style will pose a challenge that some will find interesting. The Source wants to say a big thank-you to 'Dialogos', we are very grateful for all creativity and skill in the crosswords over the past 11 years. The variety and consistent quality will be greatly missed by many.



Across

1. The mixed message ends, “Get me a peeled orange!” (9)
11. Just a thought, lose egos and add the pleasure principle to part of each of us! (4)
12. Northern Ireland 50 opponents 0 (3)
17. Post Office has aliens added to be romantic writers. (5)
20. Mayor addressed that his ship is lost, only one penny compensation promised (4)
21. Be an answer to Jack's problem (4)
23. Its origins of the paper (6)
24. Mix up gives all communities rural housing (8)

Down

1. It's a hard case – north to heaven or... (5)
2. Cooking accident leaves large ape with only one eye, we hear (5)
3. Landlord organises to add part of bedding to nativity scene (7)
4. Lance is so heavy, knight can only carry it at an angle (4)

(Down contd.)

5. Garden project, we need about 2 people (4)
6. Get plumbing into Department of Theology initially. (5)
7. Train stoppages included in impact of deluge (5)
8. No way in to small southern influenced dwelling (4)
9. Alternative to a hymn, we hear (3)
10. Covering a sun bronzed guy lost from New York (3)
13. Question - Could it be Susan that's the problem? (5)
14. The attraction is His majesty starts with half truths (6)
15. Shakespeare's wife loses a way to own things (4)
16. Forerunner to Gestapo squashed (5)
18. Part of resplendent offer to help out (4)
19. Almost sugar free available nearby (5)
22. Gardening aspiration goes without peas (3)

On completing the crossword you will find a second puzzle which links the words in the crossword. Combining the words will reveal just how mixed up our local area is!

- 1a+7d : _____
- 17a+20a : _____
- 14d+1d+4d : _____
- 6d+3d : _____
- 21a+2d : _____
- 5d+15d : _____
- 18d+9d+12a : _____
- 8d+22d+10d : _____

When sending completed entries for crossword 55, please enter your name and address here:

send entries to :

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♥ Great Missenden Bridge Club ♠

Issue 55 bridge hand

North
 ♠ K Q 10 7 2
 ♥ 8 4 3
 ♦ Q 9 7 2
 ♣ 10

West
 ♠ A 8
 ♥ Q 9
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ A K Q 9 8 5

East - Dealer
 ♠ 5 3
 ♥ A 5 2
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ J 7 6 4 3 2

South
 ♠ J 9 6 4
 ♥ K J 10 7 6
 ♦ A J 5 3
 ♣ - -

East/West are vulnerable

How would you expect the bidding to go on this board?

I suggest:

	S	W	N	E
				Pass
Pass (1)	1♣	1♠	3♣	
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣	
4♠	5♣	End		

(1) not quite enough points to open

Info from the secretary: 07778119094 www.bridgewebs.com/gtmissenden

North leads the king of spades which is ducked by West. West wins the subsequent spade lead with the ace voiding the suit in both hands to provide a ruff and discard opportunity if another spade is led later. West carefully leads the eight (not the five) of clubs to the 10 and jack. West calls for the 2 of hearts to finesse the queen of hearts. South needs to play the king and lead another heart to West's queen rather than open up diamonds which would allow East's king to win.

West now leads the five of clubs to gain entry to East to enjoy the ace of hearts and ruff the third heart.

Good defense by North/South ensures West cannot make more than nine tricks so the contract is defeated.

At the club, this board was played at 11 tables. The outcome was different at every table showing how tricky this board was. The best score for North/South was 5 spades doubled making 650 points. The best score for East/West was 3 clubs doubled making 870 points.

Crossword 54 solution



Congratulations to all those who succeeded in solving the crossword 54.

Mr David Hillas was the first out of the bag to become our winner.

Last time we asked 'Where & who is this in HP16?'



This lovely smiling face is, of course, on Stag Lane, Heath End. Maybe you guessed from the rather fetching antlers sported by this friendly face. “Ah!” you say, that's not HP16 - and yes, you are right, but he marks the edge of the Great Missenden Parish and since The Source covers HP16 and the Parish, it is to be hoped that friendship, partnership and a smile can continue to be the attitude with which we approach our neighbours. So our thanks to the resident who happily gave us permission to publicise this face on the 'hedge' of our parish.



Where & what is this in HP16?

Send your answers in to The Source, and we'll publish the best! THE SOURCE, 6 CHEQUERS LANE, PRESTWOOD. HP169DW

THE SOURCE YOUTH

Summertime 2018



Orlando Weeks signing books. Photo: HTB 2018

The Source Youth Interviews Maccabees star Orlando Weeks

A few months ago, The Source Youth was lucky enough to meet Orlando Weeks - author, illustrator and perhaps best known for being a member of The Maccabees. The band split in 2016, and after 10 years of huge popular success Orlando has now returned to illustration.

He studied at Brighton University where he was taught by Margaret Huber, she "saved" him by encouraging him to follow a musical pathway and telling him that there was "creativity in music too."

If you've ever worried you needed a Roald Dahl-esque writing hut to invent your best story in and are worrying about your lack of space in your garden shed - don't! Follow in Orlando's footsteps instead: He writes on his mobile phone and goes and sits in 'nice places' where there are lots of people around so that his writing feels less solitary.

We asked how writing stories compared with penning popular music and he said that he is "less precious" about writing stories than music. "There's always some good bits to come (with writing) so it doesn't matter if you get rid of

lines. With music it's harder to edit. When you come up with a good bit, you want to keep it - you don't want to get rid of it as it's harder to create."

Orlando's book *The Gritterman* has been made into a piece of live performance voiced by comedian Paul Whitehouse. "I found Paul great to work with - I thought that he might be doing extra rehearsals secretly as he was so good! I chose him because I'd seen him in the sitcom *Happiness*. His characters always have a sense of melancholy whilst being humorous at the same time and this is the perfect fit for the character of *The Gritterman*."

If you haven't read it yet, do go and buy it from your local bookshop. You can also listen to the soundtrack on Spotify.

With the success of *The Gritterman*, we look forward to seeing more of his illustrations and he said that he "definitely" wants to do more books. In the meantime, you can buy some of his limited edition prints from the Dulwich Picture Gallery where he has collaborated with them for their exhibition on Edward Bawden.

Get Snappy!



The Prestwood Nature Junior Wildlife Photo Competition is running again this year and all entries (16 and under) are welcome at photocomp@prestwoodnature.org

As part of National Meadow Day on 7 July there are two fun photographic workshops to come and enjoy. Minimum of theory and Maximum of practice. These will be held at Boug's Meadow by the Link Road Car Park in Great Missenden and you can come and enjoy whether you intend to enter or not. See you there!

More information:

Paul Heath
membership@prestwoodnature.org
07903 814299

Photo credits clockwise from top:

- 2017 Gold winner Heather Nixey, *Red Kite in Mid-Air*
- 2018 entry L.R, *Bumblebee*,
- 2018 entry Leo Hartley, *Wild*,
- 2017 Bronze winner Hannah Eades, *Expressive Sheep*

<https://prestwoodnature.org/photocomp/>

What could you have in common with a member of The Maccabees?

Well, aside from an extremely successful musical and artistic career, you too could appear in The Source Youth pages!

Let us know what you're doing, promote your band and build up your writing experience.

Email hp16thesource@yahoo.co.uk with stories or to request more info.

Happy (almost) Holidays!

Illustration: T. Stringer



THE SOURCE YOUTH

Summertime 2018

La Première Semaine!

Guess who's back! Yep, I've packed my suitcase, bought a flight ticket and moved abroad again! I'm going to be living here for four months, working as an au pair to two girls aged 7 and 5 and studying French while they are at school.

Moving to France has been a strange experience. I was sat in the airport last week feeling strangely relaxed and I've surprised myself with how much I've taken this whole thing in my stride! The reason it's so strange is because I have only been to Paris once before (unless you count visiting Disneyland four times) and I have a very, very basic level of French!



Family Life

After making the decision that I might want to be an au pair I found AuPairWorld.com and started to speak with a few families about me joining them as their au pair. I eventually came across the Canto-Bruno Family and after a few skype calls, it was decided and I had three weeks to get myself ready to go!

The family has been so welcoming and they have helped me settle in here faster than I have settled in anywhere! The family are well travelled and this week went to the Ivory Coast and brought home fresh mangoes and avocados! The family also lived in Jordan until a year and a half ago so the girls aren't doing too badly either.

Au Pair Life

Everyday I pick the girls up from school at 4:30 except Wednesdays at midday. They come home, have a snack and then I will play games with them and do craft activities with them in English. They also do some sports - on Tuesdays I take them to dance and on Wednesdays they do athletics. Their English is so much better than I was expecting. They are so confident and even speak to each other in English when I am around. Juliette's favourite phrase is "It's soooo cuutee!" (Even when talking about a volcano) and Ella's is "Whyyyy??" (So I have to be ready with some quick answers)

This week we have been to the park twice, made enough shortbread to feed a small village with two of their friends and played Uno more times than I can count.

A few days a week they can watch TV and they



are obsessed with *Miraculous: the tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir*. I'm not a fan but I can't tell them that...

French Student Life

During the day I have lots of free time so I have signed up for French classes at Alliance Française in the centre of Paris. I have three-hour classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings and then in the afternoons they sometimes have cultural activities or I can go to the multimedia centre and study or read books. I have a lot of work to do if I want to come home fluent! It turns out that even with my 10 lessons with a tutor before I left, I'm really not very good at listening to French so I'm hoping for a lightbulb moment when I fully understand the rules of French pronunciation and then I can power on and become a pro!

In my class there are 3 teachers (one qualified and two trainees) so we get lots of attention! There are 11 students from all over the world and I think there is only one other native English speaker so we all try our best to speak French to each other when completing tasks. This week we talked about health and natural medicines and therapies. We also got given chocolate after the break in each class!

Social Life

This is something I struggled with when I was living in Spain because I was so adamant I only wanted native friends to practice my Spanish. This time I'm taking that pressure off myself. I know two people in Paris at the moment and I've also met another au pair called Mallory who lives on my road. On Saturday we went into the city and she took me for a walk around the main sights. Paris is so beautiful and it makes me feel happy on the inside!

I have had a proper conversation in French and I was SO SO proud of myself for being brave!! Once I'm a little bit more comfortable with my French, I'm going to go to an event called Franglish, which is like speed dating without the dating. French and English speakers are partnered up and we'll speak seven minutes in French and seven minutes in English. For now - Au Revoir!

This is an edited version of Anna Mason's blog. You can follow her here:

annalisesadventures.evps.uk

Keep Kids Reading



Prestwood Infant School is raising money for a new library. The current library is very small and is part of a corridor so it's not the most inviting space. The school recently had a library design team in

to draw up designs which mean that the library will be in a bigger space. This will be much better for the students as all children will be able to access the library and the library will be able to house a wider selection of books.

As the refurbishment will be costly, the school has set up a Go Fund Me page which is open to receive donations for the cause.

If you would like to support the new library and help improve access to literacy for 100s of children, follow the link: <https://www.gofund-me.com/prestwood-infant-school-library> to make a donation.

Keep Nature Rocking

As the weather improves, it's time to enjoy decorating your Prestwood rocks again! However, spare a thought for nature who might find your additions give them a stony expression!

- Avoid sticking on foam or plastic items like shiny gems
- Don't use googly eyes because small animals may try to eat them which will make them sick
- Do use paint, pens, and chinks and if you want to stick items onto your rock make sure they are biodegradable and won't cause litter.



You don't have to do anything very complicated to make your rock desirable - in fact, a rock

which had been written on by artist Yoko Ono was taken by a kindly-looking elderly lady in Toronto. Visitors had been invited to hold the rocks which had positive comments written onto them by Yoko Ono as part of an interactive exhibit.

So if you find a rock which is simply inscribed with the words 'Love Yourself' perhaps it is the missing rock! (And worth several thousand dollars!)