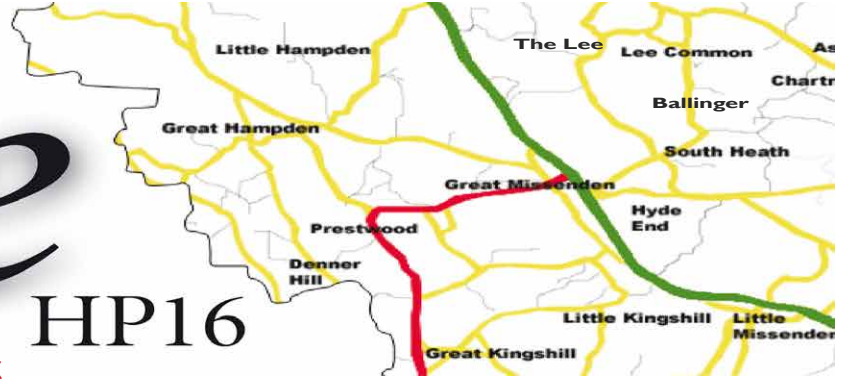


A safe but merry Christmas and a hope filled New Year to all our readers!

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Festival of Christmas Trees

Evergreens at midwinter festivals have been traditional since the ancient world, signifying the victory of life and light over death and darkness. Later, in the 15th Century in Germany, the 'Paradise Tree' was decorated for Adam and Eve's feast day, 24 December. However the decorated Christmas Tree was made popular across the world when, in 1848, Queen Victoria published a picture of her family gathered around a decorated fir tree.

St Peter & St Paul Church, Great Missenden, holds its annual Christmas Tree Festival in the church at the top of Church Lane, on Saturday 2 December (10am - 5pm) and Sunday 3 December (11.30am - 3.30pm). The trees and the festival, decorated by church and community groups will be raising money to support



St Peter and St Paul's Church Christmas Tree Festival

the Wycombe Refugee Partnership and the church.

Brunch and refreshments will be available; activities for children; various stalls; bell ringing and live music; and the luxury hamper raffle. More details from the Parish Office: 01494 862352 or office@missendenchurch.org.uk



Christmas tree lights on Great Missenden High Street

The festive lights go on

The iconic Christmas trees are up once again in Great Missenden High Street and Station Approach. Local handyman Bryan Tomes checked the flag holders and Sam from Sam'wich put the trees up. Thanks to all.

Sam will be going to the wholesale veg market in the week running up to Christmas. He will be selling fresh fruit and veg from the front of the shop from Monday 18 December right through to Sunday, Christmas Eve.

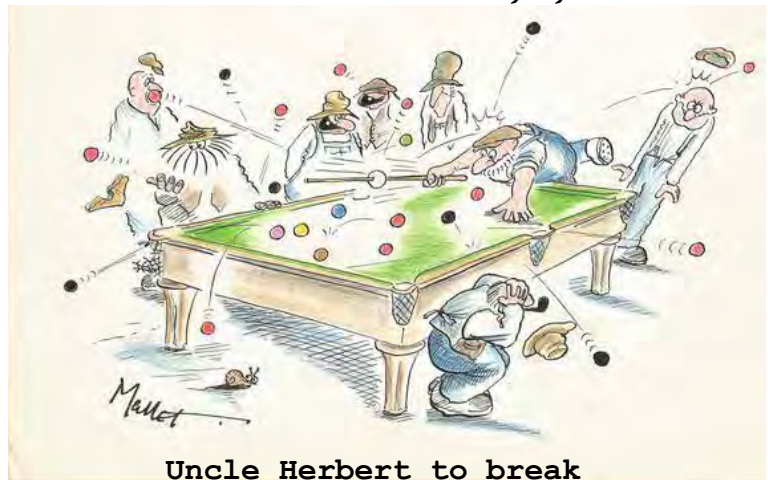
Free Christmas parking

The free parking dates for the Buryfield, Link Road and Prestwood High Street car parks are:-

Saturday 2 December	Saturday 16 December
Saturday 9 December	Saturday 23 December

The Source Cartoon

by Lyndon Mallet



Uncle Herbert to break
more from Uncle Herbert on page 3

Best Thai restaurant in the UK

Sukhothai restaurant at 50 High Street, Great Missenden has been named Best Thai Restaurant in the UK at the EuroAsia Awards 2023.

Owner Foysoh Ahmed attended the ceremony in Romford on 15 November where awards were given to Indian, Chinese, Thai and Turkish restaurants from all over the UK. Last year Sukhothai won Best Thai Restaurant in Bucks; this year they walked away with the top prize.

Mr Ahmed explained that to win they had to meet many criteria. Anonymous judges visited the restaurant to sample the food which had to be excellent and very well presented, plus the business had to have a proven, solid reputation. Only restaurants which have been in business for 10 years and have had an unbroken 5-star food hygiene rating from the start are considered. Sukhothai scored particularly highly on its takeaway meals in comparison with other Thai restaurants. In addition, their freshly cooked food attracts many repeat customers.

(see page 11 for more of this story)



Foysoh Ahmed at Sukhothai

Deadline for submissions and advertisements for our next edition, Issue 82, is Friday 2 February, 2024

Rotary Christmas Sleigh - rounds and request

As much as Rotarians love the Christmas Sleigh, it is a sad fact that the membership is ageing and diminishing and it is getting harder each year to find sufficient members to marshal and run the event. The time is coming when we may lose this much-loved tradition. Already there is a reliance on generous, non-Rotarian drivers to tow the sleigh but if you want to see this continue in the future, please do think about volunteering to help organise or participate in the nightly outings. If you are interested please email the GM Rotary President:

carolaperry@icloud.com

DATE	START TIME AND MEETING POINT	ROUTE
Fri 08 Dec	1700 at Chequers Tree Prestwood	Chequers Lane - Moat Lane - Pankridge Drive - High Street - Rosetree Close - Peters Close - Maybush Close
Sat 09 Dec	Santa will be at the Prestwood Shopping Parade between 0900 and 1200	
Tue 12 Dec	1700 at Sibley's Rise South Heath	Sibley's Rise - Kings Lane - Lappefts Lane - Ballinger Road - Marriotts Avenue
Wed 13 Dec	1700 at Hyde Heath Shop	Brays Lane - Brays Green Lane - Brays Meadow - Brays Green Lane - Walnut Way Westfield - Harvest Bank - Walnut Way
Fri 15 Dec	1700 at Full Moon PH Little Kingshill	Hare Lane - New Road - Nags Head Lane - Wychwood Rise - Windsor Lane - Reyners Green - Longfield - Hare Lane
Sat 16 Dec	Santa will be on Great Missenden High Street between 0900 and 1200	
Tue 19 Dec	1700 at Limmers Mead Great Kingshill	Limmers Mead - Pipers Lane - Cockpit Road - Oak View - Lime Tree Close - Cockpit Close - Heath End Road - St Margarets Grove - Stag Lane - Common Road
Wed 20 Dec	1700 at Link Rd Car Park Great Missenden	High Street - Church Street - High Street - Whitefield Lane - Back Ln - Wrights Yd - Misbourne Drive - Hobbshill Road - Trafford Rd - Trafford Close - Elmtree Green
Thu 21 Dec	1700 at Chequers Tree Prestwood	Honor End Lane - Honorwood Close - Kiln Road - Moaf Lane - Chequers Lane The Glebe
Fri 22 Dec	1700 at Green Man PH Prestwood	Salmons Lane - New Road - Green Lane - Nairdwood Lane - Nairdwood Close - Lodge Lane Stocklands Way - Tulkers Close
Sat 23 Dec	1700 at Chequers Tree Prestwood	Clarendon Road - Wycombe Road - Sixty Acres Road - Hildreth Road - Lodge Lane Wren Road - Peppard Meadow - Strawberry Close - Stevens Close
Sun 24 Dec	1700 at Chequers Tree Prestwood	Giles Gate - Clare Road - Blacksmith Lane - Orchard Lane - Honor Road - Grimms Dyke Honor Road Fairacres - Wrights Lane

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Missendens Community Board November 2023



The Missendens Community Board (MCB) has had a really exciting Autumn. Here are just a few of the things the team has been up to ...

The board was delighted to host 60 local women and girls on free self-defence classes. The response and



Emma and self-defence instructors from Bucks Pro Mai

feedback was excellent; please keep an eye open for more sessions in the new year. On 7 November MCB was pleased to welcome Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Barber to the Missendens for a speeding event. Thank you to everyone who attended – the board is looking forward to supporting the growth of local Community Speed Watch schemes. Community Board funding was also recently awarded to Hyde Heath Cricket Club for its improvement works and to Fed Up, who supported men's mental health at a food event at Road Farm.

MCB has lots planned for 2024 including bringing the Dementia Bus



Kerry, Emma and our local PCSO Chris to the Missendens. Information can always be found on the Facebook page.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 23 January 6.30pm on Microsoft Teams

Please do get in touch with your views and ideas about how the area can be improved.

Email: missendenscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or visit: www.facebook.com/MissendensCB

TV Police and Crime Commissioner at the Community Speedwatch presentation

There was a good turnout at the Community Speedwatch presentation on Tuesday, 7 November at Great Missenden Memorial Centre.

Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, had been invited to discuss his 'Crimefighters' strategy to strengthen Neighbourhood Policing and improve public contact. He addressed first the continued poor reputation of 101 reporting. Partly this is because on average it takes 16 minutes to gather full details of a crime by phone. For non-urgent 101 calls, phoning at different times of the day or reporting online are options. Technology and digital solutions are being explored but security must be paramount. There are more police than ever in Thames Valley Police (5,034 at last year-end), and numbers of Neighbourhood Police officers are planned to double through 2024. Through intelligence, the police seek to embed crime prevention by patrolling crime hotspots. Members of the public should therefore always report incidents so that the police can build up a picture and target patrols where needed.

PC Lee Turnham, TVP lead on Community Speedwatch presented the relaunched scheme. There are currently nearly 2,000 recorded volunteers in the TVP Force area across 270 schemes, though fewer than 100 were active last month. Volunteers measure traffic speeds and log offenders into the database. PC Turnham stressed that it is an educational tool, with no powers of prosecution. All offenders are sent a letter. Nearly 50,000 letters were sent out last year; with 95% not having had to receive a second letter, the system does seem to be effective as a deterrent. If a person gets three letters they are visited by a police officer who begins the 'intervention process' (a talk and videos). The data is now collated as part of a national system so repeat offenders can be tracked.

Paul Egan who is in charge of the Prestwood and Great Missenden Speedwatch group was on hand to answer practical



Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber at the Community Speedwatch presentation

questions. He said anyone could set up a group on their road, subject to having sufficient volunteers and approved locations. PC Turnham emphasised that for any new groups that set up he would provide the necessary equipment (Bushnell speed gun, high visibility vests, etc.) on permanent loan. Use the link below to find out more, either to join an existing group or to start a new one. There is also information on the brief training required.

Robert Gibson, who runs the Chilterns and South Bucks Policing Issues Forum (www.csb-forum.org), briefly explained how residents' concerns are shared with Neighbourhood Police via a cycle of surveys and meetings. This meeting had been prompted by Missendens residents voting speeding their #1 concern for the past 2 years. He asked residents to participate in the surveys, and also recommended the quarterly Neighbourhood Policing newsletters which can be found on the Forum website.

Local Sergeant Darren Walsh was also in attendance and the meeting was chaired by Cllr Peter Martin.

How to volunteer with Community Speedwatch:
www.csb-forum.org/community-speedwatch-getting-involved/

Update on open spaces and play areas

Prestwood Recreation Ground

The additional path on the recreation side will be started in Spring 2024, and the parish council is also considering additional play equipment.

Great Missenden

The suggested path around the Buryfield will be started in Spring 2024 and the old multiplay equipment in the adventure playground (fitted in 1993) will be replaced early 2024.

The parish council will keep you posted on progress in *The Source* and its website.



Prestwood's Repair Cafe



The Repair Cafe has now been running in Prestwood for 21 meetings over 22 months and a wide variety of things have been repaired - from electrical to wooden, garden equipment and even a dog treat dispenser. The sewing ladies are always

busy mending. The café has a talented lot of repairers and bakers who cannot wait to meet you.

If you don't have anything to repair - no problem. Come along and have a chat and slice of cake washed down with a cuppa. This is a Community based project and is funded by your generous donations. Thank you for your continued support.

The team is taking December off, but look forward to seeing you on 20 January 2024 at Prestwood Community Centre 10am onwards.

If you feel you would like to join the team and use your skills then please email [the repaircafe@greatmissendenpc.co.uk](mailto:repaircafe@greatmissendenpc.co.uk)

Return journey on the 41 Bus

The 41 bus with its new route to Amersham is a godsend but there's some confusion about the return journey.

The problem is that the 41 bus uses the same stop, on the same side of the road at Oakfield Corner (Stop C, near Metro Lounge on Hill Avenue) whether it's coming back to Great Missenden or metamorphosing into the 106/107 and going on to Gerrards Cross and Slough.

To get back to Great Missenden/Prestwood, it is best to use the bus stop at Amersham Station (Stop J, outside Carrol's hardware shop). The 41 bus that stops there will be coming back this way.

The scheduled time is 25 minutes past the hour (but differs slightly in the morning and at school times).

You can catch the bus at Oakfield Corner



The 41 Bus on Great Missenden High Street

but if you're not sure, check the timetable and walk down the hill to Stop J.

Not easy. But those who use public transport regularly are used to a challenge.



Parish allotment awards

On Monday 13 November the parish council hosted the annual allotment presentations at the Great Missenden Memorial Centre. The evening was well attended and everyone enjoyed the refreshments supplied.

First prize winners from each of the allotments

- Ballinger- Mr & Mrs Chester
- Chequers Lane - Debra Colman
- Greenlands Lane - John Deans
- Nairdwood Lane - Barry Dickerson
- Spurlands End Road - Barry Street

Overall winner of the Hildreth Cup was awarded to John Deans for his immaculate plot.

The parish council is very grateful to Hildreth's Home and Garden Centre for supplying the prizes.



John Deans (right) and Cliff Neighbour (left)

Uncle Herbert's unique potato *(sent in by Lyndon Mallett)*

'This is unique,' Uncle Herbert insisted, brandishing a fine-looking potato over his head. 'I won't say very unique because that don't make sense - a potato is either unique or it isn't. We acknowledged Uncle H's grammatical guidance, but pressed for more:

'What's so special about that particular spud? Millions like it have been around for 10,000 years, originally in South America, then brought over here in the late 1500s by the Spanish, for commercial purposes, or by Sir Walter Raleigh, to impress Good Queen Bess, depending on who's version you prefer.'

Uncle H wasn't having any of it. 'This one's better. It's the only one out of all them millions and billions to be grown by me and dug up by me on my allotment, at ten past ten this morning. It came out of my patch, not out of a bag, and if you don't believe me, try growing your own.'

Next time, Uncle Herbert's Multi-Talented Onion. Or something else.

Prestwood Fridge

Our community food sharing project is proving to be popular! We are reaching out to more donating stores so the Fridge can deliver more affordable food to Prestwood.



Do you have a car and some spare time?
Do you want to reduce food waste and help your community?

Come join our friendly team to collect food from local donating stores and bring it back to the Prestwood Fridge, ready for redistribution. There are also other volunteer roles; shop staff or evening food sorting staff.

If you are interested email: prestwoodcommunityfridge@gmail.com or visit the shop to find out more.

The fridge is behind crossroads garage, Prestwood High Street, HP16 9EG.

Saturdays 9:00 to 12

Wednesdays 9:30 to 12

The Fridge is open to everyone, £3 for one bag of affordable food.

Food Donations always welcome!



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Prestwood players

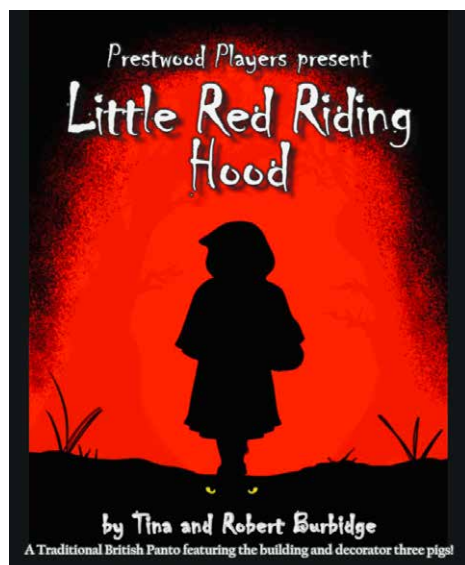
Many congratulations to the cast and crew of A Midsummer Night's Dream. A fantastic performance in the wonderful setting of Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood. Audience comments included:

"This is the best performance of the play I have ever seen."

"I sat there with a smile on my face, a tear in my eye, and I liked it so much I'm coming back tomorrow night."

A Shakespeare devotee who came all the way from Birmingham declared that it was, "well worth the trip".

The Players next production will be this year's panto of Little Red Riding Hood by Tina and Robert Burbidge. Come along and be entertained by all the usual characters plus three pigs who fancy themselves as builders and interior designers!



PP are always looking for new faces either to tread the boards, work backstage, or in costumes, lights and sounds. It really is great fun!

Performance are 26, 27 January, then 2, 3 February. Friday 7:30pm. Saturday 2:30pm; 6:30pm. Tickets: £12.00 (adult) £7.00 (child under 16). Details: prestwoodplayers@gmail.com

Christmas Concert for Lighthouse

The Heatherton Singers' Christmas Concert on Monday, 18 December (7.30pm) will again be in aid of Lighthouse Great Missenden. But whereas previous Christmas concerts have been held in Great Missenden, this year's event will be in St Mary's Church Amersham. The choir will again be joined by The Lamphouse Singers and the concert will include special guests Quintessential Brass.

Tickets are £10 (£7.50 for concessions) and can be obtained from david@cooks.me.uk or on the door. Refreshments will also be available.

Conductors David Cook and Alison Watts say, "this will be an exciting concert and a great way to start Christmas week. There will be individual items

from both choirs and from our guests as well as readings and traditional carols for everyone to join in. Come along, get in the Christmas spirit and help to raise money that will support young children at Lighthouse Great Missenden 2024".



Animals at the Library

Great Missenden Community Library opened its doors on Monday afternoon in half term to over 30 children and their parents for an animal encounter with Ranger Stu followed by a Craft Event.

The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting all sorts of animals, including an Armadillo, Tenrec, Python, Tortoise, Scorpion and



Meeting the animals at the Library

Tarantula; they were very brave and apart from the Scorpion and Tarantula they were allowed to touch the animals. Stu also gave everyone lots of interesting information about the animals and both children and parents learnt something new.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up with Halloween craft activities – the children had an opportunity to make a skeleton and face masks and paint a wooden Halloween decoration to take home. Parents made some lovely comments about both the animal event and the variety of crafts available.



Hallowe'en at the Library

Volunteers needed

The Library is still looking for two volunteers to run Bounce and Rhyme and Story Time. If you are able to help, please drop into Great Missenden Library.

Great Missenden library

Opening hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am–5pm;
Saturday 10am–1pm;
Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Public holidays–closed.

Activities

Tuesday. Learn My Way. 11am. 1-2-1 Basic computer skills tuition with Library volunteer. Book at the library.

Wednesday. Scrabble. 10am–12 noon. Book Club. 2.30–3.30pm.

Friday. Bounce & Rhyme for pre-schoolers (term-time only) 10am. Craft and Create. 2.30–4.30pm.

Contact: 01296 382415 Scan the QR code or visit: www.tinyurl.com/mvpzehba or www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/libraries/find-a-library/great-missenden/



Great Missenden Choral Society's Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert of Great Missenden Choral Society (GMCS), at 7.30pm on Saturday 9 December at St Peter & St Paul, will open with Part I of Handel's greatest masterpiece Messiah. The glorious music first sets prophecies of the coming of Christ, associated with the season of Advent, and then the familiar events of the Christmas story, complete with shepherds and choirs of angels.



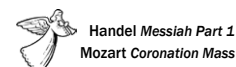
To mark the end of this coronation year, the programme also features Mozart's sublimely beautiful Coronation Mass, which was famously performed at the coronation of the last Holy Roman Emperor,

Francis II, in 1792.

GMCS will be joined by brilliant young soloists from the Royal College of Music and accompanied by the St John's Chamber Orchestra.

The audience will be invited to join the choir to sing some traditional carols to close the evening.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Handel Messiah Part 1
Mozart Coronation Mass

Tickets £17.50, (students and children £10.00) will be available from Wye Country, 36B High Street, Great Missenden or via www.gmcsonline.co.uk

Firth Singers festive weekend

The festive season kicks off in style for local choir The Firth Singers with a packed weekend of performances.

On Friday, 1 December members of the choir will be singing carols at the Old Amersham Christmas Festival, which takes place on the Broadway between 4pm and 8pm. They will also be performing in Great Missenden's Cooper's Market on Sunday, 3 December, held between 10am and 3pm on the High Street. Both events provide an opportunity to hear the choir and support local businesses at the same time.

Saturday 2 December sees the choir's popular Christmas concert, A Christmas Fantasia. This will take place in Great



The Firth Singers in Malvern



Missenden Baptist Church from 6.30pm and will feature a wonderful selection of seasonal choral classics including Vaughan Williams, Poulenc, Rutter, Stopford and Walton, as well as festive readings and of course carols for everyone to join in. Concert tickets are priced at £15 (£5 students, u18s go free) and can be obtained by emailing thefirthsingers@gmail.com. Subject to availability tickets will also be available on the door on the evening from 6pm.

Full details of forthcoming events and how to audition for the choir (new members are always welcome) are available at: www.thefirthsingers.com.

Ras Barker and 'Coral and the Glis Glis'

Following in the footsteps of Irvine Welsh and children's author Matt Brown, actor and author, Ras Barker performed a reading of his children's book, Coral and the Glis Glis, to a private audience at Real Magic Books in Wendover on Sunday 26 November. This was made an even more special event as Great Missenden resident, Ras, shared the reading of his book with his daughter, Coral, the inspiration for the story. Ras and Coral were available to 'meet and greet', sign copies of the book after the reading and make sure no-one went home empty handed.

This was the first public reading of Coral and the Glis Glis, previous events having been cancelled due to covid.

Real Magic Books is a wonderful family owned and run Bookshop on Wendover High Street. There are plans to do another reading of Coral and the Glis Glis in the new year. For further details of this and all future events check out the Real Magic Website at www.realmagicbooks.com or contact them on 07727 304 346

Coral and the Glis Glis is a charming picture-book about a lonely little girl moving



Local author Ras Barker in Wendover

to the country, after living in the city all her life, and leaving her friends. Surely she's going to be super bored? Is she heck!

Coral and the Glis Glis is aimed at pre-school children but has been very popular with older children who may struggle to deal with changes in their life. A perfect stocking filler!

Real Magic books still have Coral and the Glis Glis in stock and all copies sold include a free goody bag while stocks last.

Misbourne developments for year 7

As their first term at The Misbourne draws to a close, the school is reflecting on the major new initiatives that have been implemented for the Year 7 students. There have been three significant developments to Year 7 this year. One, the biggest-ever cohort of students - 210 - in response to Buckinghamshire Council's request to take a bulge class. Having seven forms in the year, instead of six, has provided more opportunities for inter-form competitions and the students have settled well, making the most of the chance to make many new friends.

The second significant adjustment, new for September 2023, was the introduction of blended learning to The Misbourne, every Year 7 student having their own Chromebook. This combines traditional in-person teaching with the use of digital technologies. The benefits include increased collaboration between students, enhanced communication opportunities, and also promoting creative approaches to learning. The school wants students to be prepared for life after they leave full-time education; teaching with technology helps to provide valuable transferrable workplace skills.

Having their own devices facilitates student access to electronic resources made available by teachers via Google Classroom or on their newly developed curriculum area websites. Electronic textbooks and other online resources, such as interactive tours in History and online educational quizzes, can be accessed. The students' response to having their own Chromebooks has been excellent, treating them responsibly, remembering to bring



Year 7 residential with humanities teacher Mr Monis

Celebrating the Spirit of Christmas in Great Missenden: A village-wide art trail

Approaching the festive time of the year, Gateway School is proud to be hosting a heartwarming community project that all can enjoy.

In collaboration with twelve of the village's shops, the school's Art and Design Technology Department has embarked on an enchanting journey to bring the magic of 'The 12 Days of Christmas' to life. Over the past few weeks, talented pupils from across the school have poured their creative energies into crafting unique artworks, each one dedicated to a particular verse of the popular Christmas song.

Starting on the day of Gateway School's Christmas Fair, Saturday 25 November, Great Missenden will be adorned with these artworks, displayed in shop windows that have been so gracious in their participation.



them to every lesson, every day, and using them to enhance their learning.

The Chromebook initiative will be rolled out to each new year group on an annual basis, with this year's current Year 7 acting as the role models for future year groups. The school team are excited to follow their progress with their blended learning as they move up the school.



Alton Towers for Year 7 treat

The third new development - and possibly the most exciting from the students' perspective - was the introduction of a Year 7 residential. During the week of 2nd October, all Year 7 students had the opportunity to travel to the Peak District for a three-day residential in the splendid setting of YHA Castleton Losehill Hall. There, they spent a memorable time undertaking a hike along part of the Losehill Circular Walk, enjoying stunning views and a real sense of achievement. They participated in a range of team games in the beautiful grounds of the youth hostel. However, without doubt the most memorable day of the trip was a visit to Alton Towers, where there was free rein to explore the theme park and enjoy their choice of rides.

Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive; they greatly enjoyed the chance to make new friends and great memories, outside the school setting. We hope this proves the first of many opportunities they will have to create life-long memories during their time at The Misbourne.



Guitar tuition with Little Strummers



Piano lesson with Little Strummers

Little Strummers inspiring a new generation of musicians

Little Strummers is passionate about providing a quality music education, encouraging students to develop their musical skills and discover their love for music. The aim is to inspire students with the positive power of music, sharing this passion by providing affordable quality tuition for everyone who comes to learn.

Helen Sumner said, "Little Strummers began in 2009 in our living room with just a couple of students. We now teach in 14 schools and have over 600 students learning guitar, ukulele, piano, singing, and musical theatre. We are having fun with our newly formed children's choir and in the New Year, we will also be starting an adult choir and ukulele strumming group."

If you would like to learn, there is a range of lesson and group options to choose from, please get in touch – Helen would love to meet you!

Either email helen@littlestrummers.co.uk or call on 07941 282311.

Great Missenden apple juice as Food for Life

As part of Food for Life projects in school the children at Great Missenden CofE Combined School have produced their own apple juice! Families donated their windfall apples and the school was able to press its own delicious Great Missenden apple juice for the children to enjoy. The children also took part in a competition to design the label for the juice. Huge congratulations to Lucy in Year 1 and Alice in Year 3 who won bottles with their winning designs that look fantastic.

Great Missenden School will be holding an Open Day for prospective parents on Monday 8 January at 9.30am. If you are looking for a school or pre-school place for your child, please contact the school.



Lucy and Alice with their apple juice bottles

Prestwood Infants create wreaths for Remembrance

Prestwood Infant School are extremely proud of the school counsellors who represented the school by laying the

wreaths at the memorial. Each Year Group worked collaboratively to create their very own wreath as a mark of respect.



Prestwood Infant School counsellors with the year group remembrance wreaths

HS2 update

Cllr Mike Johnstone (GMPC) HS2 lead

Two significant changes to the HS2 Project but work in our North Chiltern Area continues and ... the two TBMs are now in the parish and ... another ground movement - sinkhole!

Christmas Shutdown

Majority of HS2 works will finish on Friday 22nd December. Security staff will be working throughout Christmas and New Year All staff back on Tuesday 2nd January 2024

- Government changes to the HS2 project
- Re-scoping of the Main Works Civil Contractors ALIGN and EKB

- ### Construction
- Chiltern Tunnel – tunnel progress and another sinkhole!
 - North Portal
 - Wendover Dean Viaduct (WDV)
 - Small Dean Viaduct (SDV)
 - Further roadworks and Information events

Government changes to the HS2 project

On the 4 October 2023, the Prime Minister announced the cancellation of HS2's Phase 2 – which includes the Phase 2a route north of Birmingham to Crewe and Phase 2b from Crewe to Manchester as part of a 'long term decision for a Brighter Future'. The intended final link into Euston had already been 'paused' but will now be completed, not by HS2 but as part of a Euston Development Zone.

Some of the implications of the cancellation are far from clear. It is unlikely that the construction specification for Phase

One will change with speeds continuing up to 224mph, but the number of trains will be reduced to possibly 7/8 an hour each way which in turn would mean that not all the 54 high-speed trains on contract to Alstom/Hitachi would be needed.

The savings from cancelling the route will amount to £36bn which it is alleged will go towards funding "hundreds of new transport projects" in the North and the Midlands; the so-called 'Network North' programme we shall see!

Re-scoping of the Main Works Civil Contractors ALIGN and EKB

HS2 Ltd has decided to extend ALIGN's contract in two areas. Area one, from the North Portal of the Chiltern Tunnel through to and including Leather Lane.

Area two, for Wendover Green Tunnel from roughly the roundabout where London Road branches off the A413 into Wendover, up to the main EKFB site access off of the Wendover bypass.

ALIGN is to review the delivery of new

responsibilities and engage with local stakeholders by the end of 2023. The aim is for them to be on site along the South Heath cutting to Leather Lane in Q1 2024 and on site for the Wendover Green tunnel dig in Q4 2024.

We are looking forward to stakeholders' discussions with the contractors to progress issues with the landscape design around the North Portal and Leather Lane.

Construction

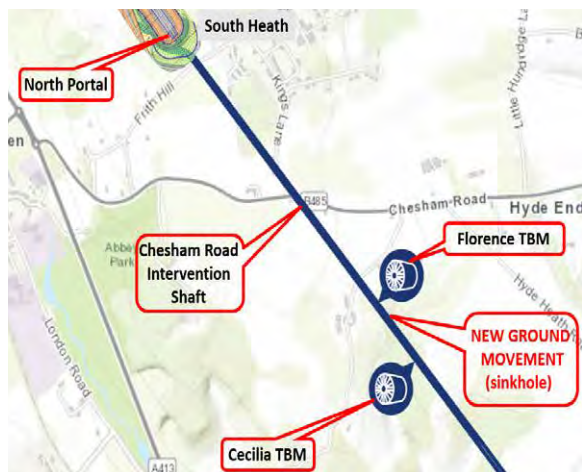
Chiltern Tunnel – TBM progress and another sinkhole!

The two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) are now in the Great Missenden Parish

The Tunnel Boring Machine Florence has travelled 14.4km and Cecilia 14.1km so between 89% and 87% complete with around 1.6km and 1.9km respectively to go to the North Portal.



Ground Movement – sinkhole!



Florence TBM encountered a dissolution feature at a known geological fault near Hyde Farm and by Hedgemoor Wood where the TBM's route is less than 20m below the ground level. Ground movement was detected, and a sinkhole created across a bridleway/footpath with no damage. Ongoing security is present; the area is fenced off and tunnelling operations are continuing. Further instances of ground movement are expected, and Cecilia TBM is following!

North Portal

More concrete at the north portal being pumped to the bottom of the cutting; about 18m below ground level to make a platform. This will require continuous concrete pours and extended working hours from 7am to 10pm, Monday to Saturday.

14 concrete slabs in total are being built in front of the headwall to provide the platform on which the TBMs will stop in February 2024 to be dismantled and provide the base for the porous portals.

The construction compound near Mulberry Park has been decommissioned ready for the construction of footpath GMI/12. In addition, the ground investigation work around Grim's Ditch has been completed.



The platform for the arrival of the TBMs

The cradle for Cecilia



Viaducts

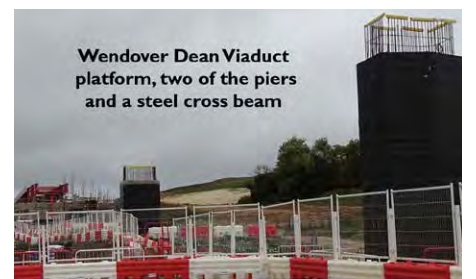
Wendover Dean Viaduct (WDV)

Pier construction is on-going. Some of the cross beams have already been delivered; the delivery of the 'hammerheads' along the A413 and installation on the top of the piers, are awaited.

Small Dean Viaduct (SDV)

Eight piers are being constructed to take the viaduct over the A413, the Chiltern Railway line and Small Dean Lane. The construction is close to the A413 which needs to be re-routed in three phases and is next to the Chiltern Railway line.

The deepest pier is 49m.



Wendover Dean Viaduct platform, two of the piers and a steel cross beam



Further roadworks and Information events

Bucks and parish councils have pushed for wider communication of A413 road closures around the construction work at the Small Dean Viaduct at Wendover. Drivers were using the smaller roads rather than the official diversion leading to long traffic jams and bottlenecks. Variable Message Signs (VMS) will be deployed further out to give more warning. There are a number of overnight road closures planned for the A413 in the area.

Date	Location	Works	Traffic Management
11 – 16 Dec, 18 – 21 Dec & 8 – 13 Jan 2024	A413 London Road	Phase 1 realignment works	Overnight road closures (8.30pm – 5.30am)
4-9 December, Jan/Feb 2024	Ellesborough Road	Utility works and final realignment tie-ins	Road closure

South Central Ambulance Service highlighted among other matters an apparent lack of timely information around road closures; dissatisfaction around last minute changes sometimes uncommunicated and are taking steps to reduce the devastating impact all of this is having on blue light services.

Road closures are subject to change and could potentially be withdrawn or moved to later in the year. To stay informed of works and to keep up to date, you can register for email updates on the HS2 website or visit the community website at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area or contact the Helpdesk Team on 08081 434 434

Information events:

Wednesday 6 December 6.30pm: HS2 Align

- Chiltern Tunnel and Colne Valley Viaduct construction Webinar.

Join HS2 & Align staff for a free visual tour of the works completed to date on England's longest viaduct and tunnel and Q&A session. <https://HS2-C1-update2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

Thursday 7th December: an information drop-in session will be held in the Great Missenden Memorial Hall from 3 to 7pm so please DROP-IN!

Holding HS2 to account Email a complaint with a title containing the word 'COMPLAINT' to: HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, with copies to clerk@greatmissendenpc.co.uk so that we can raise it direct with the contractor concerned and send a copy to the Bucks Council HS2 team at EWRANDHS2enquiries@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Working together with Nature

Prestwood Nature celebrates 20 years of conservation in the local area

On Monday 6 November members of Prestwood Nature (PN) gathered to reflect on 20 years of nature conservation in HP16. Volunteers, young and old, heard about the formation of the charity - created by interested locals kraaled at an 'Environmental Fair' in Prestwood in 2002 - and its progress since. "Many hundreds of volunteer hours have gone into developing PN's sites, including Boug's Meadow, Kiln Common Orchard and the Pollinator-Friendly Garden at Kiln Common Allotments" explained Helen Matthews, Chair of the charity. All have become excellent resources for the community and nature, supporting local biodiversity and in the case of Kiln Common Orchard helping to conserve local varieties of stone fruits, such as the

Prestwood Black Cherry. "Local people are encouraged to pick ripe fruit from the Orchard, including apples, damsons and cherries. Prestwood Community Fridge has also benefited from this year's harvest" site leader Karen van Oostrum noted.

In Great Missenden, Boug's Meadow supports a wide variety of wildflowers each summer (50 species have been recorded across several years) and locals are invited to enjoy the tranquillity of this nature site in the heart of the village, year-round. But



Kiln Common Orchard in 2017

twenty years ago it was a dumping ground for litter, with nettle and hogweed crowding out other flowering plants. Not only did the site have to be cleared of rubbish and these 'plant bullies' but heavy machinery was brought in, to scrape off the topsoil. "This was done to help to reduce the unnatural fertility of the site, altered by its former use as a pasture. It was a necessary step



Kiln Common Orchard in 2021

before it could be re-seeded with grasses and flowers to create the habitat we value today" explained PN's site leader at Boug's Meadow, Paul Heath.



Cutting the anniversary cake, two of Prestwood Nature's founders, Tony Marshall and Helen Matthews.

Find out more about how to get involved in the next 20 years of nature conservation in our local area online:
 Facebook Group: facebook.com/groups/prestwoodnature/ Instagram @PrestwoodNature Web www.prestwoodnature.org

Simply Walk



Simply Walk group

Every Tuesday a group of walkers gathers outside the Memorial Centre in Great Missenden at 10am to 'Simply Walk'. The

day *The Source* joined them they walked to the Black Horse, under the railway tunnel and back along the Rignall Road, a walk of about one hour. Then it was coffee, biscuits and more conversation at the Age UK Coffee in the Memorial Centre.

The walk was led by trained volunteer Julia Hamilton with Richard Hawkins acting as backmarker to ensure no one gets left behind. About 10 walkers set off that day, a friendly, chatty, sociable crew.

Mavis, who walks down from Prestwood, said, "It gets you out. I'm retired now, I've given up the car and I'm re-setting my life. I don't want to spend any day on my own and I've always enjoyed walking. Simply Walk

gets you out, gives you some exercise, and then there's the coffee afterwards."

Ann said, "It's a very friendly group, everyone mixes up and talks with different people. If you feel fed up, and tell yourself to make the effort, you always come back feeling that bit better".

John said simply, "If you don't do it, you'll lose it!".

Simply Walk is a health walks scheme run by Bucks Council to encourage people of all ages and abilities to take part in regular walks. Great Missenden is registered as a weekly walk at Level 1 - 2 (level 1 means flat ground with no styles, up to 45 minutes and level 2 includes occasional styles and



Walking in the local area

gradient, 60 - 90 minutes). It is difficult to bring variety in local walks without the occasional gradient.

It is free to join and there is no need to book. Just turn up outside Great Missenden Memorial Centre a bit before 10am any Tuesday.

Local workers *In Their Own Words*

The Chalk, Cherries and Chairs project is proud to present *In Their Own Words*, a series of personal stories presented in videos and a book, describing work in traditional Chilterns' industries of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The stories are researched and presented by volunteers working for the Woodlanders' Lives and

Landscapes community social history project. The source was three important collections of oral history interviews recorded on reel-to-reel and cassette tape between



Examples of the traditional Chiltern workers in the CCC videos

1950 and the 1980s which had largely remained hidden in public and private archives. It is rare to find ordinary working people's accounts of what it was like in the



past, and these 'oral history' interviews capture people's personal experiences, giving us an eyewitness account of events, places and people. The Woodlanders volunteers present their findings from the recorded interviews.

The videos can be seen on the website at www.chilternsaonb.org/chalkcherrieschairs/our-work/heritage/in-their-own-words/ You can buy your own copy of the book on the Chilterns Stories page of the website, or scan the QR code here.



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Age Concern lunch drivers

Age Concern Great Missenden Thursday Lunch Club had to cancel its lunch on 2 November due to a lack of drivers.

Could you volunteer to drive once a month?

The weekly Lunch Club usually attracts fifty or so older residents from the local area who were bitterly disappointed.

The Lunch Club has been looking for some time for

drivers to join their team of volunteers. Could you commit to driving for them just once a month? Drivers collect residents in a minibus and drive them to Great Missenden where

they enjoy the weekly Lunch Club on Thursdays in the Baptist Church Hall. Good driving skills and a current, clean licence are essential. Could you join the monthly rota and help with this very important community service? They are looking for drivers who are flexible, friendly and enjoy interaction with older people.

If you are interested in joining this very friendly team, please call Julie Needle on 07719 594 305

Members of Prestwood WI trip down memory lane



Prestwood Evening WI at Milestones Living History Museum

Members of Prestwood Evening WI explored the cobblestones of Milestones Living History Museum in Hampshire, stepping back in time and browsing walk-in shops and buildings spanning the Victorian era through to post-war Britain. Prestwood Evening WI welcomes visitors and prospective new members at their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in Prestwood Village Hall. Please contact jennystreet44@gmail.com for more information.

Chilterns Neuro Centre 'out of hours service'

The Chilterns Neuro Centre has just launched its new out-of-hours service to better support the needs of people with MS, Parkinson's and stroke survivors who are in work but may still require support.

A diagnosis of MS or Parkinson's, or even a stroke can occur for people still working. In fact, MS is often diagnosed in the thirties age group and for Parkinson's many are in their 50s and 60s. The out-of-hours classes are designed to accommodate the busy schedules of these working people, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to prioritise their health and wellbeing.

"Our vision is to help people with neurological conditions to live life to the full and for many of our members that means staying in work," said Jody Barber, Head of Integrated Clinical Services. "We want to do all we can and our new out-of-hours service is another step towards

achieving that."

"Exercise helps maintain independence, strength and function for people with neuro conditions," said Joe Harman, Exercise Lead and Musculoskeletal Therapist. It helps our members to positively manage and cope with the progression of their condition."

Initially the out-of-hours service is accessed live online before or after work, but the Centre will review this and could expand further depending on demand.

If you have MS, Parkinson's or experienced a stroke and feel you would benefit from these services, or you know someone who would, please get in touch. 01296 696133 or email: info@chilternsneurocentre.org



CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP

Chameleon has two special outdoor events in the run up to Christmas and hopefully with good weather. Firstly, a day trip to Salisbury and then on the solstice an early morning sunrise walk and breakfast. The group is set for Christmas with a dinner and dance at High Wycombe Town Hall.

If you are single, 40-60's, looking for a great social life and new friends then Chameleon Singles Group might work for you. The group welcomes people from Prestwood, Great Missenden and surrounding areas. To find out more call

Terrie on 01494 445816

Trevor on 01494 529067

or e-mail: info@chameleonsingles.org.uk.

- **Friday 8 December** - Christmas Lunch Club at The Spindle & Thread. Meet at 1pm for a light lunch at this popular High Wycombe pub.
- **Thursday 14 December** - Zoom social evening. Join us from 7.30pm and catch up with other members.
- **Thursday 21 December** - Christmas Party at Wycombe Town Hall NOTE: This event is for pre-booked members only.
- **Friday 22 December** - Winter Solstice Walk. Join us for a short early morning walk followed by breakfast. Meet at Hazlemere by the library at 7.45am.
- **Thursday 28 December** - Pub Night at The Crown, Hazlemere. Meet at 7.15pm. Food may be available.

Visit www.chameleonsingles.org.uk or search Facebook

Open day at the crematorium



Chiltern Crematorium is hosting an event at a time that can be challenging for many, in the hope that they can provide a space for the local community during this difficult time.

Whether you have attended the crematorium before or not, the chapel will be open to the community, between 12 - 3pm on Sunday 10 December. This is a free event. There will be an hour of craft

for families and children before the service starts and music from a local choir.

A visual tribute will be played of loved ones who are being commemorated, whether they were lost to us recently or many years ago - this can be done with a photo or a name. There will be readings and songs for those who wish to join in. Notes to loved ones can be hung on a tree.

Refreshments will be provided and there will be fundraising for The Hospice of St Francis. For more information and to submit a name or photo for the visual tribute, please contact the office.

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www.chilternscrematorium.co.uk

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County success for Ballinger Girls U-15 cricket

As the damp summer turned into a wet autumn, cricketers reminisce about the season just passed and for Ballinger Waggoners Cricket Club, thoughts turn to the success of their U-15 girls team.

This year, Ballinger's 4th place in the League entitled them to fight it out for the Bucks Cup over 20 overs in semi-final and final play-offs. The Ballinger girls, mainly U-13s and U-14s and therefore

playing against teams often 1 or 2 years older, were drawn in their semi-final away to Beaconsfield.

Ballinger batted first, posting a challenging total of 133 from their 20 overs, Tegan Stockdale reaching 50 (and therefore having to retire) in 40 balls, supported by Rachael Irons, Martha Carroll and Jess Carr.

In response, Beaconsfield's top 4 saw them to 126 after 19.3 overs

with Caitlin Macken bowling the final over. 3 balls left, 8 required to win. Anybody's game. The whole match was decided in the next 2 balls, Caitlin Macken's nerveless accuracy resulting in an lbw and a run out in successive balls and only 1 scored. A 6 required off the last for a tie. It went for 3 and Ballinger were home by 3 runs!

The final against the league's top team, Chenies and Latimer

(C&L), was sedate in comparison. Ballinger reached an unassailable 144 - Tegan Stockdale again retiring on 50 not out and Rachael

Irons run out on 49. BWCC then bowled out C&L in 14 overs, winning by 77 runs to claim the Buckinghamshire Cup.



Ballinger Girls U-15 cricket team

Girls and boys of all ages are welcome to join Ballinger CC for the 2024 season. Indoor training starts at the Misbourne School in January. Please see bw-cc.co.uk for more details.



Winners and Runners Up at the Club Championship



Macmillan coffee morning

Champions and charity at Great Missenden Lawn Tennis Club

The end of the summer season saw two important events at Great Missenden Lawn Tennis Club.

The club's Championship saw over 100 of its members competing over ten different formats to find this year's best tennis players at the club. With the initial rounds taking place over the summer, the competition culminated on a final sunny Saturday in September. The 'Super Saturday' event was enjoyed by players, family and friends, with volunteers running the café to keep everybody fed and watered.

Andy Fyfe, the event organiser, was thrilled by the turnout and level of tennis. "It's so fantastic to run this tournament every year and see the high level of competition and friendly rivalry. As the

event is open to all of the members it has a very inclusive feel, which reflects the club as a whole."

The week after the finals, the club got together again for a very different reason. Coffee and cake were served up for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Over £775 was raised for charity by the members of the club. The club's charity fundraisers are now looking forward to supporting more local causes in the run up to Christmas with its annual quiz in support of WheelPower in Stoke Mandeville and participating in the St Peter & St Paul Church Christmas Tree Festival.

If you would like to find out more about the WheelPower charity check out its website www.wheelpower.org.uk.

Prestwood Gym & Fitness centre celebrate 20th anniversary

The centre was built in 2003 by the Prestwood Sports & Leisure Association with funding from local residents, Sport England and Chiltern Council. It is a community led facility operated in partnership with GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited www.gll.org/b2b) and is not linked to Bucks Council.

Over the last 20 years the centre has gone from strength to strength with many improvements, including a new car park

in 2016 and refurbished changing rooms in 2017. The whole centre was refurbished in 2022, transforming it with new equipment, dedicated fitness zones and expanded class studio helping to secure the centre's status as the wellbeing hub for the local community.

The 2023 User Survey of 200+ facilities nationally ranked Prestwood 3rd for Overall Improvement and Top 10 in every category including service, cleanliness and customer service.

Celebratory offer: Prestwood Gym and Fitness Centre (formerly known as Sprinters) is welcoming all new and returning customers with a free pay as you go card entitling use of the facilities for just £5 per visit to support people as they start or return to their fitness journeys (includes gym & fitness classes). Card expires 31 January 2024.

GLL are proudly celebrating their 30th anniversary

Over 30 years GLL (a charitable social enterprise and workers cooperative) has seen itself as being at the heart of community health and wellbeing, working to tackle inequality and protect and modernise essential public services. By prioritising expanding accessible public leisure and cultural facilities, GLL return all surpluses to improving local communities.

In addition to celebrating 30 years of GLL, this year also marked 15 years since the GLL Sport Foundation was established (the largest independent athlete support programme in the UK) and 10 years since GLL began running public libraries. A representative said "We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of our journey."

Trophy-winning Prestwood Tennis Club now with possibly the 'best clay courts in Bucks'

Buckinghamshire tennis players no longer need to spend big money to enjoy top-quality artificial clay courts, with one of the most affordable clubs now boasting three of the best such courts in the county - if not the country.

Prestwood Tennis Club made the switch in September, working in partnership with ETC Sports Surfaces. "We made sure everything was top quality, from the carpet to the sand, both shipped over specially from Europe," said club chairman Lee Widra. "In fact, one of the team who installed the courts told me that it was the best-quality sand he has ever laid, and he has worked on dozens of courts! I reckon these are the best clay courts in Bucks."

The new surface is also highly resistant to adverse weather. So, rain or shine, social play or competitive matches, the courts are always in a playable condition.

The community-focused club celebrated with a tournament to help bed the courts



New clay courts at Prestwood Tennis Club

in, while its award-winning coach Janko Gajdos has provided free sessions to help players get used to the new surface.

"It's great for the joints, great for movement, and great for developing players' technique," said Janko.

And his advice is clearly working, with the club defying the odds to beat Halton Tennis Centre in the prestigious Aylesbury & District Bronze Knockout Cup in the summer.

Membership costs just £150 per year, and that means if you join in December that it will cost you a mere £50 for membership until renewal in April. That gives anyone a remarkably affordable way to not only join one of Buckinghamshire's most thriving tennis clubs, but to have the chance to play on clay for the first time.

Visit www.prestwoodtennisclub.co.uk or simply call Janko on 07817 660 660. Each prospective new member gets a free week's trial (including access to the club's social sessions) and a free 30-minute one-on-one session with Janko, so why wait?



Winners of the Aylesbury & District Bronze Knockout Cup



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School history presentation given by Paula Kitching

Paula Kitching is a freelance historian, author and consultant on education, and member of the Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (FoGMPC) committee. She was invited by the Friends to give a talk on the history of

Great Missenden Church School. It proved to be both excellent and fascinating, taking place in the Oldham Hall, the original village school, built in 1822 by James Oldham Oldham (yes, that was his name), owner of Missenden Abbey.

Pictures of the original School Registers were shown of Belgian evacuees in WW1; of many children leaving the school during the late 1920's depression as parents were forced to find work elsewhere; and Polish children admitted in 1947 from the Misbourne estate. This is one of the few schools in England still retaining registers from the 1870 Education Act.

The afternoon tea and a raffle which followed raised £800. In September, FoGMPC gave grants of nearly £5,900 for the church boiler repair and £4,700 for final repairs to the church tower and buttresses. Warmest thanks to all generous supporters.



Christmas Day invitation



The annual Christmas Day lunch will, unsurprisingly, be held on Monday 25 December in Great Missenden Baptist Church Hall from 12.30 – 3.20pm.

An excellent Christmas Dinner will be enjoyed by helpers and guests, followed by entertainment, carols, and the King's Speech. There will be free raffle prizes at the end. Transport is available locally.



- Booking is essential so please contact:**
maryspooner127@hotmail.com or 01494 862431
- Helpers are needed for various jobs, and much appreciated:-
- 1. On Christmas Eve, which is a Sunday, to help by preparing vegetables, and decorating the tables from 2pm – 4pm**
 - 2. Volunteer drivers for Christmas Day to transport guests to and from the meal**
 - 3. Helpers on Christmas day to assist with allocated jobs, e.g. loading dishwasher, washing up saucepans, serving meals, taking meals to guests, serving sherry beforehand, and tea at the end, tidying the hall at the end, and helping guests with coats**
 - 4. Raffle prizes**
 - 5. Drivers to take meals out to the housebound, at approx. 12.45pm**
- If you are able to help with any of these jobs, please contact Mary Spooner (details above)

Cornerstone building project Little Kingshill

Work continues on Kingshill Baptist Church's building project, Cornerstone. This will result in a brand new hub for the community, featuring a hall (for use by classes, clubs and the church) and will be a new home for Kingshill Kitchen, the popular, professionally run coffee shop, hosted by the church.

Foundations have been laid, walls (both exterior and interior) are built, and the roof is in the process of going on. Next steps include windows, doors, and the installation of solar panels and a heat pump.

Obviously, with any building work comes a level of disruption, and the contractors, coffee shop staff and the church are doing what they can to minimise this disruption, but if you are visiting the church or Kingshill Kitchen please note there is greatly reduced car parking on site. Please park considerately - away from residential properties if at all possible.

Kingshill Kitchen is still open Mon-Sat - with access via the footpath to the left of the church hall site. Alternative step-free access is also available.

If you'd like to make a donation to the project, either keep an eye on the church facebook page and website kingshillbaptist.co.uk or email treasurer@kingshillbaptist.org.uk



Progress of the Cornerstone project (rear view above, front view below)

The church would love to hear how you, the local community, would like to use this space; please do email cornerstone@kingshillbaptist.org.uk

Successful Prestwood Charities Bazaar

A very successful Charities Bazaar was held at Holy Trinity, Prestwood on Saturday, 4 November. The heavy rain cleared to encourage a great turnout and the charities were delighted with the support for their various causes and the opportunity to raise much needed funds. Local group The GillyBillies kept everyone entertained and the superb team of Holy Trinity volunteers made sure all were well catered for with a range of delicious cakes and hot drinks. There were plenty of hand-made crafts

and gifts on offer and lots to do for the children too with a chocolate tombola and crafting activities.

A big thank you to all those who gave up their time to make this wonderful event happen – without fantastic volunteers, generous local businesses, the charities themselves and of course the generosity and goodwill of the local community, events such as these just wouldn't be possible. As well as raising funds for some very worthwhile causes, it also gave local

charities the chance to talk about the good work they do within this area and beyond and all involved are very grateful for your support.



Prestwood Evening WI at the Bazaar



Holy Trinity Prestwood's annual Charities Bazaar



Rotary Great Missenden

Rotary GM has continued with regular meetings including talks from various local charities: Scannappeal Talk Back, Oasis, and Prestwood Lunch Club.



Meetings are held on Mondays at Missenden Abbey, alternating between lunch and dinner, and anyone interested in the activities is most welcome to come along to see how it supports these and other local charities.

With the onset of autumn, thoughts are turning to Christmas. The annual short story competition for primary school age pupils is in full swing and the scripts from budding authors are eagerly anticipated. The shoe-box project will not take place this year in recognition of the tough times that many families are experiencing but it is hoped it will restart next year in a slightly different format.

Of course, the biggest event in the calendar is the Father Christmas Sleigh which will soon be wending its way around local streets and villages. (See page 2 for the route schedule so that you don't miss the man in red). Collections will again be shared between the charities that come out with the sleigh each night.



Rotary Santa rides again

Rennie Grove Peace Hospice

On Saturday 21 October, the Oldham Hall in Great Missenden buzzed with happy conversation and lively music courtesy of the GillyBillies. At the Afternoon Tea, guests enjoyed copious cups of tea and a splendid assortment of sandwiches, scones and cakes. The event was organised by Jill York for Rennie Grove Peace Hospice and raised £1,650. Jill would like to thank all who helped make the event such a success.



Afternoon tea at the Oldham Hall

Sat 2 & Sun 3 December
Christmas Tree Festival. St P&P, GM. Sat 10am-5pm.
Sun 11.30am-5pm. (See p 1)

Sunday 3 December
Advent Communion and hymns followed by seasonal refreshments, St Mary's Ballinger, 9:30am.

Advent Carol Service. HTC, Prestwood. 6pm. From Darkness to Light, join for choir music, hymns and readings.

Advent Carols. St P&P, GM. 6pm.

Saturday 9 December
Advent Craft & Praise. HTC, Prestwood. 3-5pm. Craft, activities, refreshments for all. Book: 01494 863805, kayleigh@htprestwood.org.uk



Sunday 10 December
Christmas Carol Service. Chilterns Crematorium. 12-3pm. (See p8)

Nativity Puppet Show. GMBC. 3pm. Followed by craft activities, buffet tea. Free, donations welcome. Details: Nicki 03795 032432, email gmbc.secr@gmail.com

Thursday 14 December
Toddler Thursday's Christmas Praise! HTC, Prestwood. 10-11:30am. Gather round the crib for a short and special service followed by refreshments.

HP16 Christmas Church events 2023
(abbreviations as on page 13)

Sunday 17 December
Joint Christmas Carol Service. Prestwood Methodist Church joint with the King's Church Prestwood. PVH. 11.00am.

Carol Service. GMBC. 3pm. Followed by buffet tea. Details: Nicki 03795 032432, email gmbc.secr@gmail.com

Nine Lessons and Carols. St P&P, GM. 6pm.

Christmas Carol Service. St Mary Magdalene Church, Great Hampden, HP16 9RD. 6-7.30pm. Christmas music and carols.

Thursday 21 December
Carol Service, Little Hampden Church. 6pm.

Friday 22 December,
Children's Nativity Service including Christingle at 3pm. Details: www.kingshillbaptist.co.uk

Saturday 23 December
Carols by Candlelight, Little Kingshill Baptist Church. 6pm.

Christmas Eve Sun 24 Dec
Service of Lessons and Carols. Prestwood Methodist Church 11am.

Children's Christingle Service. St Mary Magdalene Church, Great Hampden, HP16 9RD. 11.15am-12 noon.



Christmas Eve (contd)

Christingle Service. St Mary's Ballinger. 3pm.

Crib Service and Nativity Play. St P&P, GM. 4pm.

Christmas Eve Eucharist. St Mary's Ballinger. 9pm.

Carols by Candlelight, Little Kingshill Baptist Church. 6pm.

Midnight Mass. St P&P, GM. 11pm

Midnight Communion, Little Kingshill Baptist Church. 11.30pm.

Monday 25 December
Christmas Day

Christmas Praise, Little Kingshill Baptist Church, also on Zoom. 9.30am. Details: www.kingshillbaptist.co.uk

Family Eucharist for Christmas. HTC, Prestwood. 9.30am.

Family Eucharist. St P&P, GM. 10am.

Christmas Day worship for all the family with The King's Church Prestwood at PVH. 10-10.45am

Christmas Day Service. Prestwood Methodist Church. 11am.

Family Communion for Christmas. St Mary Magdalene Church, Great Hampden, HP16 9RD. 11.15am.

Friends of Prestwood Village Schools
Christmas Fair
Sunday 10 December at Prestwood Infant School, Moat Lane from 12 - 3pm

The Friends of the Village Schools promise a fun packed festive time with games and prizes galore. There will be tombolas and a raffle, opportunity to try out crafts. Food and drink will be on sale.

Father Christmas will, of course, be making an appearance. If you would like to book a time slot in the grotto then go to: www.pta-events.co.uk/Prestwood

Facebook: Friends of prestwood village schools/FOPVS
Email: prestwoodvs@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY, PRESTWOOD
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JOURNEY WITH US TO THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

www.htprestwood.org.uk/christmas

Prestmas
SAT 2nd DECEMBER
4pm - late
Prestwood Village Hall

- CRAFT STALLS
- FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK
- LIVE PERFORMANCES
- FUN & GAMES

PLAN-IT PRESTWOOD
PlanItPrestwood@gmail.com

Saturday, December 16
4pm Holy Trinity, Prestwood
Christmas Carol Service
Village Carol Service. Candle-lit, Family Friendly. Sing along to your favourite carols. Mince pies, mulled wine!

Sunday, December 17
9.30am Children's Nativity Play
During the Parish Eucharist. Simple parts for children who turn up on the day.

6pm Great Hampden
Christmas Carol Service
Fine music and carols in the beautiful medieval church by Hampden House, HP16 9RD. Refreshments.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24
3pm
Children's Christingle Service
4.30pm
Children's Christingle Service
For free tickets for these two services call 01494 863805 or email secretary@htprestwood.org.uk

6.00pm
Children's Christingle Service
No tickets required—just turn up!

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
9.30am Family Festival Eucharist

134 Wycombe Road, HP16 0HJ
01494 863805
secretary@htprestwood.org.uk

Events at The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre

The Museum and Shop are open 10am to 4.30pm, Thursday to Sunday. Visitors 5 years old and over £7.95. Tickets include re-entry for a whole year! More information about activities, including times and charges, contact: 01494 892192 website: www.roalddahl.com/museum email: hello@roalddahlmuseum.org

Sat 2 December 10am to 4.30pm
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Celebration
Pop-up Wonka factory*, storytelling*, Christmas crafts*. Homemade Wonka hat, Prize*

Sat 2 December, 11.30am and 2pm
Wonka Walks - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Sat 2 to Sat 30 December
Charlie-themed Trail* and Pop-up factory
Thurs 21 to Sat 23 December and Wed 27 to Sat 30 December
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Storytelling*

Friday 29 December, 11.30am and 2pm
Wonka Walks - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Events marked * are free for Museum visitors. Events take place at the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre. 81-83 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0AL
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HP16 events



December '23 - January - February 2024

Abbreviations

GM - Great Missenden
PN - Prestwood Nature
PVH - Prestwood Village Hall

St P&P, GM - St Peter & St Paul Church, GM
HTC - Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood
GMBC - Great Missenden Baptist Church

Friday 1 December

Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. Board or card games, light refreshment. Free, donations welcome. Details: Barbara 01494 862774.

Saturday 2 December

Men's Breakfast. HTC Hall, Prestwood. 8.30-10am. Full English Breakfast, often with a visiting speaker. All gents are welcome. Book: secretary@htprestwood.org.uk

The Bucks Pottery and Sculpture Society Winter Exhibition. Oldham Hall, GM. 10am-5pm. Free admission. Items for sale, refreshments. <https://buckspotters.com>

Carols for Advent by The Firth Singers. GMBC. 6.30pm. For tickets, email: thefirthsingers@gmail.com. Updates on facebook.com/thefirthsingers (See p4)

Prestmas. Prestwood's Christmas Event. PVH & car park. 4pm-late. Craft stalls, festive food & drink, live performances, fun & games. Contact: planitprestwood@gmail.com (see p12)

Stitch-in-time Sewing/Crafters Group. GMBC. Informal and social. (term time). Contact Sue 07813 989611; Karen 07582 856439. stitchintimeGM19@gmail.com

Sunday 3 December

The Bucks Pottery and Sculpture Society Winter Exhibition. Oldham Hall, GM. 10am-4pm. (See Sat 2 Dec)

Artisan Market, High Street, GM. 10am-3pm. Food, drink stalls, local craft producers. Supporting The Missenden Walled Garden

Missenden Abbey Christmas Market, GM. 12 noon-4pm. HTC, Prestwood Stall: home-made preserves, jams, cakes, hand-crafted Christmas gifts. Come along and support!

Monday 4 December

Film Night. GMBC. 7.30pm. Film: Planes, Trains and Automobiles. Free, donations welcome. Details: Nicki 03795 032432, email gmbc.secr@gmail.com

Wednesday 6 December

Prestwood Afternoon WI. Talk: Ikebana Demonstration with Ruriko Kojima. PVH. 2pm. Tea and biscuits. Visitors are welcome. Details: Jenny 07729 811848.

Thursday 7 December

The Lee Village Walk. 9.30am. Meet on The Green.

Saturday 9 December

GM Choral Society. A Christmas Concert: Handel's Messiah & Mozart's Coronation Mass. St P&P Church, GM. 7.30pm. Tickets £17.50, £10 students. Wye County, GM, www.gmcsonline.co.uk. Contact: helloG-MCS@gmail.com (See p4)

Sunday 10 December

Christmas Fair. Prestwood Infant School. 12-3pm. Come along and enjoy some festive fun, tombola, games, prizes, food, drink and Father Christmas too. (See p12)

Christmas Tea Party, organised by PACT, in conjunction with The King's Church Prestwood 2-4pm at Prestwood Village Hall. To book a place please contact Philippa Wallin 866439

Sun 10 Dec (contd)

Fusion Youth Group. HTC Hall and Annexe, Prestwood. 4-5:30pm. 11-14 years old, table tennis, snacks, activities, chat. Details: kayleigh@htprestwood.org.uk

Fayrfax Consort, Annual Christmas Concert. The Lee Old Church. 7.30pm.

Monday 11 December

Countrymen's Club for Retirees, Countryways, Road Farm, GM. 1.30-3pm. Meet, chat, participate in gentle farm-related tasks. Refreshments, donation. Book: 01494 862413, email: office.rfcountryways@gmail.com, www.roadfarmcountryways.com/countrymen

Prestwood Wine Club. PVH. It's Christmas! 8pm. Tickets must be bought in advance. Contact: carole@vinnovation.co.uk

Tuesday 12 December

Fat Quarters Quilting Group. Memorial Centre, GM. 7-10pm. Christmas Projects - a practical session. New members welcome £5.50 inc refreshments. Details: Gill Howes 07751 196078, fatquartersmissenden@gmail.com

Prestwood Evening WI. Christmas Flower Arrangement. PVH. 7.45pm. Details: jenny.street44@gmail.com

Wednesday 13 December

Prestwood Friendship Club. Mary and John Cadman, illustrated holiday talk. 2-3.15pm. Prestwood Methodist Church, High Street. Tea and biscuits. No charge. All welcome. Details Mary Spooner 01494 862431.

Thursday 14 December

Little Kingshill Friendship Group. Little Kingshill Village Hall. 2pm. Social afternoon. speaker or activities, followed by tea and cake. Small charge. Details: Christine 01494 868552.

Santa to the Lee. 6pm. Followed by carols on The Green.

Prestwood Gardening Society. AGM followed by Followed by The Gnomes of Wroclaw, Speaker: Terry Cann. PVH. 8pm. Non-members £1.

Friday 15 December

Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See Fri 1 Dec)

Monday 18 December

A Christmas Concert for Light-house - The Heatherston Singers, St Mary's Church Amersham. 7.30pm. Supporting Lighthouse GM, Tickets: Adults £10, Concessions £7.50, Children (under 12) £2. Email: david@cooks.me.uk (See p4)

Tuesday 19 December

BBOWT Talk: The Wildlife of the Ridgeway Path by John Tyler. GM Memorial Centre. 7.45pm. Cost: £5 inc. refreshments and a raffle ticket. Doors open at 7pm. Details: events@bbowt.org.uk

Wednesday 20 December

Chequers Folk Christmas Special at The Barn, Cherry Tree Farm, Missenden Road, Great Kingshill, HP15 6ED 8-10pm with The Wick Trimmers and friends. Free entry, donations box. Further details contact philippa.wallin@btinternet.com

Village Carols at the Full Moon Pub, Little Kingshill. 7pm.

Thursday 21 December

Great Missenden WI Talk. Ventriloquist & Magician, Speaker: David Tomkins. GM Memorial Centre. 2.30pm. Visitors welcome £5. Details: 01494 866794.

**Monday 25 December Christmas Day**

Christmas Day Lunch. Entertainment and Carols. Great Missenden Baptist Church Hall. 12.30-3.20 pm. Transport available. Free but donations welcome. To book a place call: 01494 862431.

**Thursday 4 January**

The Lee Village Walk. 9.30am. Meet on The Green.

Friday 5 January

Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See Fri 1 Dec)

Saturday 6 January

Men's Breakfast. HTC Hall, Prestwood. 8:30-10am. (See Sat 2 Dec)

Charity Christmas Tree Collection in Little & Great Kingshill and parts of Prestwood. Details: www.kingshillbaptist.co.uk

Monday 8 January

Countrymen's Club for Retirees, Countryways, Road Farm, GM. 1.30-3pm. (See Mon 11 Dec)

Tuesday 9 January

Fat Quarters Quilting Group. Memorial Centre, GM. 7-10pm. Brief AGM and in-house project - practical session. Visitors very welcome. (See Tues 12 Dec)

Prestwood Evening WI. In the Footsteps of Shackleton, A trip to Antarctica. 7.45pm. (See Tues 12 Dec)

Thursday 11 January

Little Kingshill Friendship Group. Little Kingshill Village Hall. 2pm. (See Thurs 14 Dec)

Monday 15 January

Film Night. GMBC. 7.30pm. Film tbc. Free, donations welcome. Details: Nicki 03795 032432, email gmbc.secr@gmail.com

Tuesday 16 January

BBOWT Talk: All in the day of a local naturalist by Harry Appleyard, (tbc). GM Memorial Centre. 7.45pm. (See Tues 19 Dec)

Wednesday 17 January

Chequers Folk at The Barn, Cherry Tree Farm, Missenden Road, Great Kingshill, HP15 6ED 8-10pm with the welcome return of duo, Dave Ellis & Boo Howard. Tickets on the door - £10 Further details contact philippa.wallin@btinternet.com

Thursday 18 January

Great Missenden WI Talk. Ancestors in my Closet, Speaker: Ian Brearly. GM Memorial Centre. 2.30pm. (See Thurs 21 Dec)

Friday 19 January

Tea and Games. GMBC. 2-4pm. (See Fri 1 Dec)

Friday 26/7 January

Prestwood Players. Little Red Riding Hood. PVH. Friday 7:30pm. Saturday 2:30pm; 6:30pm. Tickets: £12.00 (adult) £7.00 (child under 16). Details: prestwoodplayers@gmail.com (See p4)

Sunday 28 January

Breakfast followed by a half hour service hosted by The King's Church Prestwood 9.30-11.15am at Prestwood Village Hall. All welcome. Contact Philippa Wallin 866439

Wednesday 31 January

PN. Online Talk: What nature you might spot on your winter walks, with nature expert John Tyler. Details: <https://prestwoodnature.org>

Thursday 1 February

The Lee Village Walk. 9.30am. Meet on The Green.

Friday 2/3 February

Prestwood Players. Little Red Riding Hood. See 26-27 January (See p4)

Saturday 3 February

Men's Breakfast. HTC Hall, Prestwood. 8:30-10am. (See Sat 2 Dec)

Stitch-in-time Sewing/Crafters Group. GMBC. (See Sat 2 Dec)

Tuesday 6 February

Prestwood Forget Me Not Club for the over 60s. Sociable afternoon tea with entertainment. PVH. Open 2pm, start 2.15pm. £3. Call: Wendy 07961 164723; Chris 07771 798646

Thursday 8 February

Container growing & Grow a rainbow workshop. Countryways, Road Farm, GM. 5-6.30pm. Free course (12-18-year-olds). Book: office. rfcountryways@gmail.com

Tuesday 12 February

Prestwood Evening WI. From Guns and Roses to Hearts and Flowers. 7.45pm. (See Tues 12 Dec)

Tuesday 13 February

Fat Quarters Quilting Group, Memorial Centre, GM. 7pm-10pm. Bags - led by Gill Howes, a practical session. Visitors very welcome (See 12 Dec)

Wednesday 14 February

Prestwood Friendship Club. Musical afternoon with Colin Veysey and Philippa Wallin. 2-3.15pm. (See Wed 13 Dec)

Thursday 15 February

Great Missenden WI Talk. Downton Abbey, Speaker: Mike Payne. GM Memorial Centre. 2.30pm. (See Thurs 21 Dec)

Saturday 17 February

PN. Volunteer Work Party at the Pollinator Friendly Garden, Greenlands Lane, Prestwood. 10am-12.30pm. No gardening experience necessary, friendly, No booking required. Details: www.prestwoodnature.org

Snowdrop Saturday with a cream tea. St P&P, GM. 2-5pm.

Monday 19 February

Prestwood Wine Club. PVH. tbc. 8pm. (See Mon 11 Dec)

Tuesday 20 February

BBOWT Talk: Mosses and Liverworts of the Chilterns by Dr Oli Pescott. GM Memorial Centre. 7.45pm. (See Tues 19 Dec)

Wednesday 21 February

Chequers Folk at The Barn, Cherry Tree Farm, Missenden Road, Great Kingshill, HP15 6ED 8-10pm with The Wick Trimmers and friends. Free entry, donations box. Further details contact: philippa.wallin@btinternet.com

Thursday 29 February

The Arts Society Ballinger. Talk: Now You See It Now You Don't - The art of visual deception, by Bertie Pearce. Ballinger Village Hall. 7.30pm for 8pm. Members £8 Non-Members £10. Contact: ballinger@theartsociety.org

WEEKLY & FORTNIGHTLY Mondays

Bumps & Babies. The Annexe, HTC, Prestwood. (term time) 9.30-11.30am. welcoming group for babies up to 1yr plus carers. Detail: families@htprestwood.org.uk

Toddlers at GMBC Hall. 10am. Details: 07946 588614,

Monday Meals. GMBC. 3.30pm. (closed 18 Dec restarts 15 Jan) Meal 5pm. Free. Open to all. Booking essential: Val 01494 864834, Nicki 07395 032432.

Prayer Space. GMBC. (Closed 25 Dec, 1 Jan). Weekly 4-6pm for private prayer and quiet reflection. Please feel welcome to come along and use this sanctuary.

Tuesdays

Simply Walk. Gentle 30-45 minute walk. Meet at GM Memorial Hall. 10am. Free. Contact: 01494 475367. Website: chiltern.gov.uk/simply-walk (See p7)

Age UK Coffee Session. Memorial Hall, GM. 9.45am-12 noon. All welcome, especially anyone new to GM. Details: Jen King 01494 865271.

The Wool Gatherers. The Annexe, HTC, Prestwood. 10am-12noon. Bring own knitting, crochet, craft, or join charity project. No charge. Donations for refreshment. Details: secretary@htprestwood.org.uk

Prestwood and Great Kingshill Age Concern Luncheon Club. PVH. 1pm (Not 1st Tuesday of the month). Details: Joan Palmer 01494 863982, Jenny Plewes 01494 713960.

Social Bridge. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, PVH. No partner necessary. 2-4pm. Price on the day £3 for those who don't pay annually. Stella Watts-Moore 01494 863201.

The Firth Singers meet every 2 or 3 weeks. Tuesday evenings in GM. Informal auditions contact: thefirthsingers@gmail.com, 07773 704233. (See p4)

Wednesdays

Bible Study and Prayer. GMBC. Weekly (term time). 10.30-12noon. All welcome. Details: Ernie 01494 864008.

Coffee and Share. St P&P, GM. (term time) 10.30am.

Badminton Group. GMBC Hall. Weekly 10.45-11.45am. Fun badminton for ladies of a certain age. Details: Jackie 01494 766635.

Great Missenden Bridge Club. GM Memorial Centre. 7.30pm. Details: Val Daniel 07778 119094, valdaniel1105@gmail.com

All Voices Aloud Singing Group. GMBC. (term time) 7.30pm. Details: Helen 01494 715336, 07773 581754.

Thursdays

Toddlers. HTC, Prestwood. Weekly (term time) 10-11.30am. Drop-in group for 0-5s with carers. Toys, crafts, snack time, story time, signing and Toddler prayer. Refreshments available. Details: kayleigh@htprestwood.org.uk

The Toy Library. The Annexe, HTC, Prestwood. Weekly (term time) 10.30am-12 noon. Educational and stimulating toys and playsets to borrow free. Details: families@htprestwood.org.uk

GM Age Concern Lunch Club. Over 60s welcome. 11am-2pm. Transport can be provided. Details Julie Needle 01296 612843.

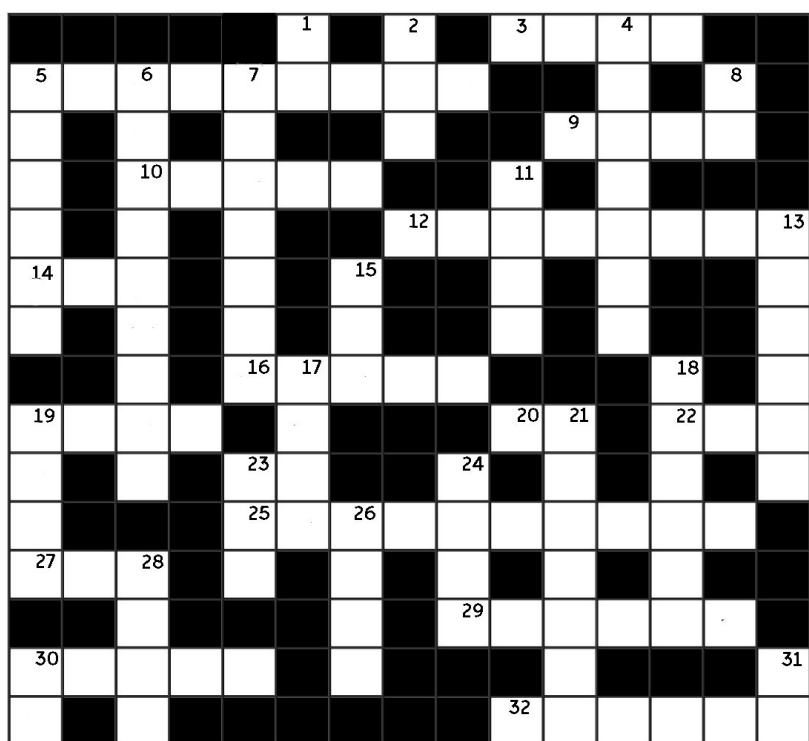
Fridays

Table tennis. GMBC Hall. 2-4pm. (closed 28 July-1 Sept) All ages welcome. Details: Ernie 01494 864008, Nicki 07395 032432

Bounce & Rhyme for pre-schoolers (term-time only) 10am. **and Craft and Create.** 2.30-4.30pm. at GM Library (see p4)

SOURCE CROSSWORD NO. 81

Christmas Carol - by Palabras



Crossword 81 challenge

Can you work out the name of this carol from the answers to the clues?

Across

- 3) Beginning of a fairy tale (4)
- 5) Chair isn't broken we believe (9)
- 9) Dogs turn holy (4)
- 10) He has a small city in Wales (5)
- 12) Good boy goes to a loch for joy (8)
- 14) A letter of the alphabet sounds like this (3)
- 16) Mint, mail or blue (5)
- 19) Monarch (4)
- 20) Short island (2)
- 22) Contained in a small way (3)
- 23) Insect loses direction (2)
- 25) Below Welsh town (10)
- 27) I saw it the other way round (3)
- 29) Teresa, Goose or Hubbard (6)
- 30) In which place ? (5)
- 32) It rocks (6)

Down

- 1) @ (2)
- 2) Tomorrow is another one (3)
- 4) Monarch & teeth can be this (7)
- 5) The Messiah (6)
- 6) Buying back (9)
- 7) Born on Christmas day (7)
- 8) You and me (2)
- 11) Carpenter's wife (4)
- 13) Steady animal home (6)
- 15) First part of a herb (3)
- 17) Headless fox and fowl are farm animals (4)
- 18) Farmers' milk supply (6)
- 19) Does not sound old (4)
- 21) Refuge (7)
- 23) Half a spread ? (3)
- 24) - - - Russia with love _____ here to eternity (4)
- 26) Feathers (4)
- 28) Man cave (4)
- 30) The two of us (2)
- 31) Masculine part of 28 down (2)

♣ ♦ Bridge column ♥ ♠

The Source wants to say a huge thank you to Don for all the work he has put in providing a Bridge Column for a number of years. For those who would like to pursue the game of Bridge.... There are local bridge clubs in Prestwood, Great Missenden, Downley, Naphill, Wendover, Princes Risborough, Chesham and Amersham.

Last time we asked: Where & what is this in HP16?

Thanks for the answers you sent in:

The first answers the question accurately from Tony Lewis.

- The 'Where' is the link road, Great Missenden.
- The 'What' is a gap in the fencing that links Buryfields recreation park with the Link Road footpath. A handy shortcut used only by the brave, those with good knees or Roald Dahl's BFG - as the steps are gigantic!



Then from Nich Lloyd Webb we have an answer that looks below the surface somewhat! From a different perspective:

Now here is a tale or maybe a tail. A tale of three horses or a horse's tail! So here is the question:

What goes from the Black Horse to the black horse and then goes under that black horse to another but not all of it, and it may not be black, who knows? I would love to say it "runs" but not for several months and I, like many others, weep bitter tears for our lost stream, running still, I hope, deep in the chalk and waiting for the rains to run again.

Of course the middle black horse with its tail is the road sign where the stream should dive into a culvert and go under the Link Road and then under Buryfield to the Abbey Lake, which is currently dry.

So it's the Misbourne of course running from the Abbey lake across the fields towards the final horse, The Nag's Head. So only part of a horse and I can't say if it was ever black or brown.

Perhaps one of our readers knows!

please enter your name here: _____ and send entries to: HP16 - THE SOURCE, 6 CHEQUERS LANE, PRESTWOOD. HP16 9DW

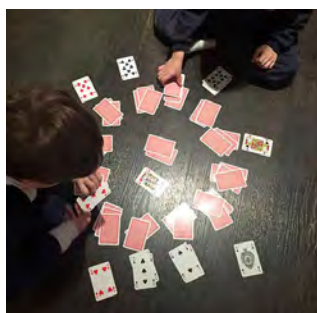
Crossword solution No. 80

The letters in the green squares gave the names of four common contagious air borne diseases or virus infections

- Whooping Cough (8-5)
- Mumps (5) Measles (7)
- Flu (3)



Congratulations to David Hillas for solving the grid and identifying these diseases. We hope everyone stays free from these throughout this Christmas and Winter.



Three old card games for a family Christmas

Clock Patience – One player but great fun to have a competition - Goal is to complete all four-of-a-kind sets before revealing the final King. One deck of 52 cards with jokers removed. Deal out the entire deck, face down, into thirteen equal piles. Each pile will have four cards. Set out 12 stacks in a circle as in a clock face. Place the 13th stack in the centre. Note that each pile corresponds to a number on a clock face, with 12 at the top. Each number card corresponds to its designated number (2 at 2 o'clock, etc.). The face cards are as follows: Jack = 11, Queen = 12, King = 13 (in the centre).

Simple Rummy – 2 or more players; 2 full packs of cards, including 4 jokers. Deal 10 cards to each player and the rest face up on the table. Object is to get rid of one's cards by placing them in sets – 3 or 4 of the same value, or any sequences of 3 or more cards of the same suit. Use a joker in place of any other card to help form sets. Players may add cards to sets which others have placed on the table. Cards left in a player's hand at end of game must be counted against the player. i.e. Ace = 11 points, Joker = 15 points, Court cards = 10 points, "pip" cards = face value. Winner is the player with the lowest score at the end of 3 games.



Pelmanism – 2 or more players; pack of 52 cards; Shuffle; place all cards face-down and spread out. Turn up 2 cards – if they form a pair, e.g. two 5's etc, keep them and turn up a further two cards. If they do not form a pair replace them in their original positions and the next player turns up two cards. Each player collects the pairs of cards they find. The skill of the game lies in remembering the exact position of the cards previously turned up. One point for each pair of cards collected. Winner is the one with the most points.

So where and what is this in HP16?



Please send answers to editor@hp16.org.uk The best (creative, or factual) will be in Issue 82

The Source Youth

Marimba Marimba!

MARIMBA BAND AT ST PETER & ST PAUL, GREAT MISSENDEN

The first rehearsal of the newly established Marimba band at St Peter & St Paul, Great Missenden took place on Monday 6 November. The six enthusiastic founder members managed to learn a short three-part piece during the 45 minute rehearsal. The band will play at the 10am Family Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month during term time.

Marimba bands offer the opportunity to make 'instant music'; participants do not need to be able to read music as all parts are learnt by rote. There is also no requirement for keyboard knowledge as all the notes are labelled.

If your child is interested in joining us, please come along to St Peter & St Paul at 5.30pm on any Monday to find out what it's about, giving them the chance to make an informed decision before committing to the band. We welcome children from Year 3 onwards.

Janet Chalmers is running the band, and should you have any queries, please contact her at chantry.janet@gmail.com

Here is a YouTube link to a marimba band performance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KrGARNpqj4>



Thank you to David Harris for the articles on this page.

**Need something to do over the Christmas break?
We need content!**

Articles written by and for young people about whatever you like! We accept reviews of films and music, interviews with your favourite local bands, sports achievements, creative writing, cartoons and illustrations, favourite recipes, photography... the list goes on!

Writing for The Source Youth is a great thing to have on your CV and can help with university/college/work applications!

Send to hp16thesource@yahoo.co.uk



Spooktacular



St Peter & St Paul's hosted a spectacular Spooktacular Party on 31st October which was enjoyed by lots of local children. The church was transformed with sparkly coloured lights and the children unrecognisable in their costumes and capes. Generous volunteers laid on apple bobbing, pumpkin skittles, spooky jelly, cupcake decorating, doughnuts on strings and yummy hotdogs. It was so good to see a young Ukrainian girl and her mum return having moved out of the area. We were delighted that so many young families turned up on a cold misty evening.



The Source Youth

Dig Diaries - Cookham Anglo-Saxon Monastery



This summer, members of the Young Archaeologists Club (YAC) have been joining excavations across the UK as part of our annual Dig It! competition. A team of archaeologists from the University of Reading conducted an excavation at Cookham Anglo-Saxon Monastery, and they invited the YAC along.

Here we find out all about one of the winners' Dig It! days:

Carla, from Chiltern YAC told us: "I was so excited to find out I was a winner of the Dig It! competition. I really enjoyed my experience at Cookham as I got to do so many things I would never have got the opportunity to do if it wasn't for Dig It!

We had a tour of the site and then got to do some really fun activities to help us learn about archaeology. My favourite was washing a jawbone and reassembling a cracked pot. After lunch we were taken to a trench and worked in a hole that a silver pin had been found in only a few hours before, and were able to do some really hands-on interesting work. We ended up finding lots of bones and even an oyster shell which was really cool!

All staff and students working on the site were really friendly and approachable and happy to answer any questions we had which was really great and the tools I got given were really useful, especially the bag which I took everywhere with me.

Overall I had a really good experience learning what it is like to work at an archaeological site and digging in a trench and I'm very grateful I got to do it!"



The Young Archaeologists' Club is the only UK-wide club where 8-16 year olds can participate in real archaeology! If you want to become an archaeologist or would like a new hobby, YAC is the place for you! Members take part in hands-on activities, such as excavation, working with artefacts, visiting historical sites and experimental archaeology. We explore all eras such as the Romans, Vikings, Ancient Egyptians and Victorians. We also run lots of craft-based activities based on archaeological periods and technology. You can mummify an orange, excavate an archaeological poo or bake Viking bread! Why not have a go at some of the activities at home by visiting our 'Things to Do' page? www.yac-uk.org



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BABY & TODDLER GROUP
PRESTWOOD

DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY **13** 9:30 to 10:45am

PRESTWOOD VILLAGE
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<p>GIFT FROM SANTA ALI'S FESTIVE CRAFT TABLE CHARITY CAKE STALL</p>	<p>TODDLERS DISCO FRUIT BAR TEA AND COFFEE KIDS GOODY BAG</p>
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We wish all of our readers a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Festive Season. In our letter to Father Christmas we asked for lots of articles for the New Year edition!

Now here's a joke:
What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?
Wait, there's myrrh.