

The Rotherwick News

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Do you recognise this flower?



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PARLEZ-VOUS EV?

(a three year lookback on ownership of an electric car)

An EV newbie in 2021, it is time to share our experience with a Tesla Model 3 LR after 3 years.

- A total 32,985 miles covered included 7 trips to southern France (including Corsica and the Pyrenees), and trips to Norway, Amsterdam, Cornwall and Northumberland!
- Total energy 7,916 kWh was used by the car (over 4.1 ml/kWh). My charging record indicates 9,321 kWh was actually delivered to the car including charging losses, rounding on billing, etc. Total cost £2,380(around 7.2p/ml).
- Public charging included 120 Tesla supercharger sessions in 8 countries, of which 92 sessions outside the UK with 72 in France. We experienced 1 faulty stall (in France) and only had to queue once (in Gateshead!). Slower 'fast' chargers were less reliable.
- On the motorway, we typically drive around 2 ½ hours between supercharger stops of about 25 minutes (say 45kWh charge), ideal for a comfort break and a coffee. Off the main routes we aim to charge when parked at places we want to visit (say 22kWh in a couple of hours).
- We had a great example of the benefits of regeneration. In Norway we descended 16km from the Dalsnibba viewing point at 1500m to Geiranger at sea level barely using the brakes. Around 6kWh was added to the battery as the car predicted.
- A major issue at 18,000 miles dictated warranty replacement of the steering rack and harness. Luckily the issue occurred near the service centre at Aix-en-Provence, who took us in hand and gave us a loan car. Tesla France really delivered for us, fixing our rhd car within 10 days in the post-Brexit era!
- Regular servicing comprised a 2-year service at Reading service centre and two tyre rotations to maintain the service record. Total cost £295.

It is easy to forget that Internal Combustion Engine cars and their refuelling infrastructure have evolved over more than a century, whilst widespread use of EVs has only emerged in the last 10 years.

In the context of climate emergency, we felt our actions should speak louder than words. Whilst it takes a while to adapt to an EV and its vocabulary, this was a positive transition for us and we feel confident in an EV as part of our life.

Get Gardening



This has been a strange year for the garden. It is already the middle of July and my tomato plants are still in flower and have yet to even start to look as though they are going to produce fruit, my runner beans have yet to fully grow, my sweet peas are only a few inches above the ground and yet I have an abundance of rhubarb, chard, lettuce and radishes the size of turnips! We have regular visits from muntjacs (one with the tiniest muntjac I've ever seen—so small I thought it was a small dog); a heron, which is a lot bigger close up and didn't look too comfortable sitting on a nearby branch; and a fox that appears at 6.30 every evening! How we can get rid of the fox I'm not sure, although I looked on one website and it suggests male urine is a deterrent!

Not only do squirrels dig up the lawn but the rooks as well. I refer to them as rooks, but I've since discovered they are in fact crows. I've always had difficulty distinguishing between the two corvids. However, I found the British Trust for Ornithology website that clearly explains all (www.bto.org). I've also discovered what I thought were hooded crows are jackdaws! Hooded crows are pale in colour with a darker head whilst jackdaws have a pale ruff and pale eyes. Most of the black birds in our garden (except for the lovely blackbird) it seems are crows, thankfully, as rooks have slightly shaggy plumage and are a lot noisier. Another website with good pictures for reference (see below) is www.wildlifewatch.org.



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I've seen several crows go after a red kite by taking it in turns to chase and sometimes tease it into following them. It was fascinating to watch, the crows certainly live up to their reputation as being intelligent. Apparently they can make tools, solve problems and recognise faces in a positive and negative way i.e. they can hold a grudge! (www.livescience.com)

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Catherine



The Rotherwick Griffin: Part 2

By Wilfie Beauchamp (age 9)



The Rotherwick News had just arrived! I couldn't wait to read all the interesting facts! I read it cover to cover and on the last page saw something unusual. It was a picture of a man called Joe Walker, wearing normal clothes apart from something little, something I wouldn't have noticed if I hadn't seen it before. It was a logo of a skull and crossbones. I racked my brain, I knew I'd seen it before. Then, it came to me. The assistant! He was carrying a sack of money, it had to be the Griffin's money! I had to get him. But how? Now the Griffin's powers could come in handy!

I had to track Joe down before he freed his criminal master from jail. How do I use my powers, though? I'd never used them before. I would lose control if I got it wrong. I had no other option, I had to try! I set off the next day, wasting no time to get out of the house. I slowly took-off, and then flew to the first place I could think to go, The Falcon, to meet the Rotherwick Griffin.

"Where do I go to find Joe Walker?" I asked the Griffin.

"He lives in Rotherwick but I don't have a map of where his house is."

"So how do I get there?"

"You've got to find the way yourself this time."

"OK!"

I flew to the Rotherwick Church graveyard to find the the Griffin's family.

I spotted the Griffin's grave easily with my increased vision. I signalled for them to come out by shouting "The Rotherwick Griffin!" and they came tumbling out of the grave headfirst. The biggest and eldest griffin stepped towards me. "How do I get to Joe's house?" I asked. "Follow us and we will show you something!" they replied in a chorus of shrieks.

I cautiously walked behind them as they led me into a forest. We climbed down a windy path towards an Aztec temple. Sitting on a majestic throne was a giant, wise man. "This is Prophecyrus, he knows and sees everything," the griffins cried, "Ask him any two questions and he will answer, but then you must leave." Suddenly, the griffins disappeared.

"Who are you?" Prophecyrus thundered.

"I'm Wilfie!"

"What are your questions?"

"Where exactly is Joe Walker's house?"

"It's where the X on this map is." Prophecyrus passed me a scroll.

"Ok. How do I stop Joe from rescuing his master?"

"Take the treasure from his house and give it to the Rotherwick Griffin because Joe needs it to free his master and escape. Now leave or you'll feel the wrath of Prophecyrus!"

I flew away and unravelled the scroll. I shot up as high as possible and then dive-bombed where the X on my map is. The Rotherwick cricket pavilion! I crept inside and scouted for the treasure. I couldn't see it anywhere. Then out of the corner of my eye I glimpsed something dazzling. The treasure!

I grabbed the bag, sprinted outside and accidentally pulled the door off its hinges with my increased strength. Next, I flew to the Rotherwick Griffin who split the money equally between all the villagers. The villagers held a huge carnival at the Village Hall and celebrated the magical Rotherwick Griffin!

The End

Thanks Wilfie. It's great to read these adventures happening in Rotherwick.



Quiz of the Month

July Questions

- 1. Tributes have been paid to which former rugby league player after he died from motor neurone disease aged just 41?**
- 2. In the movie "Oppenheimer" released in 2023, who played the part of Albert Einstein?**
- 3. Which letter is the Roman numeral for 500?**
- 4. By what name is Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony known?**
- 5. In which Dickens novel does Mr Micawber appear?**
- 6. Which Minister of Transport introduced the breath test and made permanent the 70-mph speed limit on British roads?**
- 7. The slogan "don't leave home without it" featured in a long-running advertising campaign for which credit card?**
- 8. In baseball, how many sides does the slab of rubber have that is known as the home plate and is the final base that a player must touch to score?**
- 9. Of the five Normandy invasion beaches, which was the middle one?**
- 10. In the comic strip 'Marmaduke', what breed of dog is Marmaduke?**

'Quizinquisitor'

Answers to last month's quiz are on page 16.



David Dibben has given the editors this old newspaper special about Rotherwick. We will be reproducing some of the articles to share this historic record with you.



Cuttings from the 1996 newspaper.

Trees are sacrificed

AT the outbreak of the First-World War, most of the 480 acres of majestic trees around Rotherwick were felled to make thousands of pit props for the trenches in France.

Growing slowly

THE population has barely increased in nearly 200 years. In 1801 it was 354 men, women and children. In 1996 the electoral roll, which excludes the under 18s, stood at 399.

Rejoicing by radio

IN THE days before TV and when few village homes had a "wireless", a radio was installed in Rotherwick church in 1935 so that villagers could flock to hear the jubilee celebrations taking place for King George V.

Work for children

WOMEN and children were paid sixpence a day in the early 1800s to clear stones from the roads of Rotherwick and cut brushwood to fill in the ruts and muddy stretches.

THE BELLS, THE BELLS ...!!

No, for those of you who might be wondering, this is not an article about the fictional story of the Hunchback of Notre Dame !



I read, with interest, Stephen Moulton's article "Bell Sunday" in last month's RN regarding the Rotherwick Church Bells. His mention of Rotherwick's largest bell which weighed in at 9 cwt reminded me of an article I'd read during one of my research efforts a while back. The article gave some more interesting details regarding that particular bell.

The bell is a tenor bell, made by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank of Whitechapel, London and, was reported as weighing "about 10 cwt".

On Saturday, 17th July 1909 a service had been held at Rotherwick with the Rector officiating. The lesson was read by the Rev. J. Gordon Crowdy, the Rector of Sherfield-on-Loddon and Dean of Silchester.

Dr. Fearon, the Venerable Archdeacon of Winchester, dedicated the new bell in the vestry, beneath the belfry. After the chanting of psalms, a touch of 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung before the sermon, taking about 5 minutes in all. Whilst the bells were being rung a collection had taken place for the Winchester Cathedral Restoration Fund (raising £8.14s.1½d).

The news article went on to report that Dr. Fearon had given a "stirring address" which had been based on the "Laudate Dominum in sanctum ejus" which translates as "Praise God in his Holy things".

Mr. Reginald Goss-Custard, the then organist of St. Margaret's, Westminster, gave a recital. Then later, during the evening the bell ringers had gone into action once more, ringing various touches of Grandsire Doubles, 120 Steadman Doubles, and 720 Bob Minor. You may be wondering what these are - as was I - but, with a quick check on the internet I found several "You-Tube" links which, if you are interested you will be able to find quite easily by searching on Grandsire doubles, etc..



A few years ago, whilst on a trip to Perth in Australia we visited the Swan Bell Centre (a bell tower) at Barrack Square. I'm sure you already know that bell towers are tall buildings where the bells are used to signal various things, such as to summon the people together, or proclaim certain events such as celebrations, announcements, and even deaths.

When we first entered the upstairs floor of Swan Bell Centre we came across a very large, old bell on display in a lobby area, with a plaque giving its details. Coincidentally, and much to our surprise, it had originally come from nearby Upton Grey Church in Hampshire, not far from Rotherwick!

It was cast around 1550 and had been one of four that rang out from the tower of Upton Grey's parish church. It carries a simple dedication to St. Blaise, an Armenian Bishop who suffered martyrdom in the 4th century, plus the initials "I.S.". It is now the oldest bell in Australia.

Eight or ten of the bells in the Swan Bell Centre tower, which were rung every day, had mainly originated at St. Martins in London. The others had been purchased from elsewhere in the UK. I don't quite know how they came by them (Exchange & Mart?) but usually bells are recast when they are no longer of use, such as cracked, etc., as was the Upton Grey one..



After our short tour, we then had a "go" along with a handful of other tourists, and had great fun being taught how to hold the rope, and pull and then release it for a "ring" just as it was becoming taut. There is a knack, and most of us seemed to grasp it. My "partner in crime" had the 2nd heaviest bell of those that we were using, and a young lass from Manchester had the heaviest! I was somewhere about 5th with a nice chiming bell, mid-range (I'm sure it has a technical name!). It takes a bit of a pull, using only shoulder power to get the rope to pull and allow it to go back (without actually letting it go). Then you start to make shorter moves, to get the clapper to hit the side of the bell.

Later, I also had a go at the heaviest bell, managing to ring it; my husband's group of three men had by then been moved to **the** heaviest bell of all the 18 now installed, but couldn't quite get coordinated enough to make it ring. With all the effort and stretching, I'm sure it must be a great way to keep fit!

Lin

[History of the Perth Bell Tower and the Swan Bells \(thebelltower.com.au\)](http://thebelltower.com.au)

Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick Church Services

You are very welcome to join us in August 2024



Sunday

4th August
11am

HECKFIELD
Holy Communion

11th August
8.30am
11am
6.30pm

ROTHERWICK
Holy Communion
Morning Worship
Evensong

18th August
8.30am
11am

MATTINGLEY
Holy Communion
Matins

25th August
8.30am

HECKFIELD
Holy Communion
No service due to it being a Bank Holiday weekend

www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk
*Details of all our activities and services are on our website.
Download our Notice Sheet from the front page.*



Events at the Hall



You could be forgiven for thinking that the hall is only available for wedding hire as over recent years it has become a very popular venue for those wanting a village hall wedding reception. But did you know that lots of other events are held there each year too?

Regular activities include

Mother and Toddler
Zumba
Badminton
The Choir Effect
Ballroom dancing
Children's dance classes
Parish Council Meetings

Other activities at the hall this year

The North Hants Repair Café
Birthday parties
Lowdefest Jazz night
Burns Night supper and Ceilidh

If you would like to hire the hall for your event, please contact our booking secretary, email: bookingsecretary@rvh.org.uk

You can also visit our website at www.rvh.org.uk to see availability and hire rates (reduced rates available for villagers and regular users—email the booking secretary to find out more about these rates).

Feel free to come and organise an event, after all, the village hall belongs to all the villagers. The management team: Ray, Amanda, Jenny and Sue, would love to hear your ideas.

Did you recognise the flower on the front cover?

Well it's clearly not wheat or maize or anything else I recognise so what is this purple flower adorning the fields around Rotherwick?

I didn't know so I asked someone who would - Lynette Steel. This is what she said.



Although the sun is struggling to bring any sunshine, it hasn't stopped the fields bursting into flowers around the village. For the first time this year, we have planted a legume fallow mix as part of an environmental scheme that we have implemented on the farm. This crop will help us bring benefits to the soil health while providing food for farmland wildlife, birds and pollinators.

We have a mix of six plant species which will flower now throughout the summer including common vetch, crimson clover, bird's foot trefoil. We will then establish a winter wheat crop in the fields this autumn and the legume fallow will rotate to other fields on the farm. You may have also noticed a buffer strip around the fields, these will be planted with a multi species cover crops in Autumn, which will provide food for wildlife throughout winter.

Elsewhere on the farm, down near the Lyde and Loddon rivers, lambing finished 6 weeks ago and we will soon separate the lambs from their mothers so that they can go on their summer holiday's (all be it only to Newnham). The ewes (mothers) have also recently been shorn and we will sell their wool to make carpets and roofing insulation via the British Wool Board.

Harvest is now just around the corner and let's hope summer makes an appearance so that we aren't dodging the showers like last year. Henry and Owen will be busy in the fields so please make sure you are vigilant of heavy machinery moving around the farm while you're out enjoying the beautiful countryside we are fortunate to have on our doorstep.

Lynette Steel



Thanks Lynette, it is really interesting to find out more about what we see around the village. It's so good to read about the benefits too for the wildlife.

Wishing Henry and Owen good weather to help them with the harvest.



Patient Participation Group

August Update 2024

Every Mind Matters

Every Mind Matters is a national NHS campaign designed to empower people to look after their mental wellbeing and support that of others. It aims to focus on the four most commonly reported mental health concerns:

anxiety, low mood, stress, trouble sleeping.

There are little things we can all do to lift our mood or ease our anxiety - we need to find what works for us. This could be as simple as taking a walk, prioritising our sleep or opening up to a friend. Our little thing, if we keep doing it, will make a big difference to how we feel. Search **Every Mind Matters** to find a host of mental wellbeing tips and advice.



Practice Update

In conjunction with other local practices in the Whitewater Loddon Primary Care Network (PCN), the Practice recently organised a **General Practice Community Mental Health Day** which was held in Hook in early June. Patients were invited to drop in to talk with healthcare professionals, GPs and representatives from many local support services. The event was extremely well attended and received very positive feedback. The PCN is hoping to organise another event very soon.

The PPG has recently compiled a list of mental health resources for young people and their families. It brings together links to a range of relevant organisations, with a particular focus on young people. Click on the Self Referral > Mental Health Advice tabs on the Practice website at whitewaterhealth.nhs.uk

Inclusion EB8 is a new government funded local supportive employment hub which is designed to support young people facing mental health challenges in their next steps to employment. Open to 18-25 year olds living in the Hart area, the service offers mental health support, job coaching, employability skills and supported work placements.

For more information and how to apply please email:
EB8@inclusioncollege.org.uk

Did you know that the Practice has a Health Coach? The Health Coach can help support and motivate you in your goals towards creating a healthier you, including your mental wellbeing. Health coaching is a service offered to help create lasting change. It helps increase motivation, introduce healthy behaviours and develop ways of living a healthier life in a way that works for you.

PPG Contact Details

Email: Whitewaterppg@gmail.com

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ALL IS NOT LOST, UNTIL IT IS LOST...

Do YOU have reels and reels of home movies tucked away in the attic, or boxes of home videos from years past? Or perhaps you have a treasure trove of old crumbling photos (some of which might even go back to the “old days” in Rotherwick). If so, you may be concerned that they might not last for much longer.

Well, worry no more - Hampshire Archives in Winchester have a brilliant department full of various machines to cope with all sorts of media including Super8 and Betamax (the only one it seems they can't do is 35mm cine film). Their charges are quite reasonable too.

So don't wait until it's too late - call the archives and arrange to visit with your “stash” and check it out.

Lin

June Quiz Answers

1. Venice recently became the first major city in the world to charge day trippers an entrance fee. How much is this fee?

FIVE EUROS

2. The Collegiate Church of Saint Peter in London is better known as what? **WESTMINSTER ABBEY**

3. Which country won the 2024 Eurovision Song Contest?

SWITZERLAND

4. Who was the special guest who took part in the 200th edition of "A Question of Sport" to help give it its highest ever viewing figures of over 19 million? **PRINCESS ANNE**

5. Percy Spencer invented which time saving kitchen appliance?

MICROWAVE

6. Which Apollo 11 astronaut didn't step on the moon?

MICHAEL COLLINS

7. In which English city would you find the following?

International Slavery Museum; Museum of Popular Music; Walker Art Gallery. **LIVERPOOL**

8. Which part of the British Isles was finally liberated from the Germans some days after VE Day? **CHANNEL ISLANDS**

9. Of the ten most common surnames in England, which is the only one that begins with a vowel? **EVANS**

10. What poisonous chemical compound has a name that comes from a Greek word meaning "dark blue"? **CYANIDE**



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Looking Ahead



Upcoming dates

1st August - Village lunch at the Coach & Horses. To book, please contact Tony Merricks anthony@merricks.me.uk

That would be good to go in the Rotherwick News!"

Thank you.... to the people who have contributed to this month's magazine.

Please keep your articles and photos coming—they bring the magazine to life and it is so interesting to see and read about people we all know and love.

As always you can send photos and articles to rotherwicknews@yahoo.co.uk by 10th of the month. What could be easier?



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