

The Rotherwick News

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG



Remember to reserve your seats for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations by 30th April. See p 20

Absolutely Agnes...

As Agnes looks back at the previous month, there is so much to write about.... glorious glimpses of long summer days to come, interspersed with flurries of snow and quite a bad-tempered frost that has ruined some poor plants in the garden.

Easter has come & gone leaving behind enough chocolate to sink a battleship.... I hope that the celebrations were a time for merriment for you all.



Soon the woods around the village will be filled with Agnes' favourite bluebells.

"There is a silent eloquence in every wild bluebell, that fills my softened heart with bliss that words could never tell" Anne Bronte, *The Bluebell*.

One or two have already begun to peer out, & nothing brings greater joy that their soft blue spears in the dappled sunlight.

As we look ahead to the month of May, Agnes hopes that the sun shines over the village & that further afield there is peace for those in peril.

For now though, the Easter chocolate is calling from the larder shelves. There's just one thing for it...munch through the lot and get it over & done with!

I hope that whatever your circumstances, the month ahead is kind and gentle to all.

Warmest wishes,

Agnes

PS. If you would like to see more of what Agnes is up to, do follow her village adventures:

Instagram: [absolutely_agnes](#)

Facebook: [absolutelyagnes](#)

Celebrating Life at Whitewater School

by Robyn Jones, Associate Governor

The past few weeks have been so very busy at our school.



The children had a busy British Science Week focussing on growth – starting with beans and then outside in the Outdoor Learning Area.

The whole school practiced singing their Easter songs and then performing them at their Easter Service at Rotherwick Church.

Easter activities included our youngest children, Rabbits Class, making some beautiful easter baskets.



Hedgehog class made an Italian Feast as part of their history lesson learning about the Romans as well as producing some very colourful roman shields!

A day in the life of a Roth'rwickian villag'r

in the style of William Shakespeare (with my apologies!)

I wouldst has't been “up with the lark” if 't be true only he'd visit'd our garden early this m'rning to singeth! Instead, I hadst to maketh doth with the “woo-hoo hoo, hoo hoo” calleth of the wood pigeon, the coo-cooing of doves, and cackle of the jackdaws; now I und'rstand wherefore their group nameth is a “clatt'ring”)! I am sure these birds weareth hob-nail'd boots as those gents runneth backeth and f'rth ov'r the roof.



Mine own day hast been somewhat spoil'd by the raineth, which p'rsist'd (aye, yond is what i hath said, not what thee bethought!) throughout the day and f'r sev'ral days bef're. T'hast been so did wet yond I hadst nay desire to walketh into the garden and tend to the plants 'r doth any kind of tidying at all. 't wast enow f'r me to beest hath called upon to venture out earli'r to buyeth some food as our stocks w're becoming rath'r base.



We has't a visiteth'r arriving anon and so t is behoveful to provideth h'r with valorous meals, th'ref're I has't been planning what to feedeth h'r. The moth'r in law loves eating lambs' liv'r and so we has't been did save from having to spendeth on luxurious meats such as haunch of venison, 'r peacock, swan and goose! thankfully th're shall beest nay requirement f'r stew of veal, beef, mutton 'r rabbit eith'r, and nay bitter cold sallets f'r us!

Our dess'rts and puddings shall beest simple affairs and, rath'r than maketh such things as gooseb'rry foyle, shrewsbury cakes 'r marchpane, warden pie and posset, we shalt has't such mod'rn things as apple crumble, 'r yond plaited French thing hath called crème caramel – but I cannot f'r the life of me rememb'r wh're I hath found the receipt. I hadst contemplat'd making a cake f'r the visiteth'r but the lady is such a bawbling consume'r yond I feareth t wouldst wend to wasteth.

In England we first beganeth celebrating moth'ring sunday in the 16th century, on the fourth Sunday of Lend, which is the timeth of our visiteth'r's stayeth and so we bethought 't wouldst beest a nice treateth to has't a special carriage rideth through Winds'r parketh on yond day, hoping f'r an audience with the queen. 't is mine own opinion yond this day shouldst beest hath called Moth'r's Day but i doubteth yond shall befall in this century!

Concluded be it, I feeleth sure the moth'r in law shall off'r h'r special handeth waft to all and sundry shouldst the Queen not appeareth!



I doth desire yond the edit'rs of the Roth'rwick news shall appreciateth and approveth of mine own article (since those ladies has't hadst the past pleasure of c'r-responding with mine own husband, (nom de plume Will S.) and I prithee doth not f'rget the special day of 23rd April as 't is not only William Shakespeare's birthday, but is eke St.Ge'rge's day! ***“follow thy spirit, and upon this chargeth caterwauling ‘god f'r harry, eng-land, and saint ge'rge!’”*** (william shakespeare. *Henry v* playeth. Act iii)

I thanketh thee f'r reading mine own w'rds and ramblings but, bef're I finish I giveth thee a recipe f'r Shrewsbury cakes below, shouldst thee wisheth to impresseth thy guests.

Shakespearean translation - Lingojam; ; Tricky ones: enow = enough; r = or; bawbling consumer= small eater; Winds't parketh - Windsor Park; beest hath called - should be called; waft = wave. Pics: TrinityCollege Library, Cambridge, ClipartLibrary

Anne S.



To make Shrewsbury Cakes - Take two pound of floure dried in the oven and weighed after it is dried, then put to it one pound of butter that must be layd an hour or two in rose-water, so done poure the water from the butter, and put the butter to the flowre with the yolks and whites of five eggs, two races of ginger, and three quarters of a pound of sugar, a little salt, grate your spice, and it well be the better, knead all these together till you may rowle the past, then roule it forth with the top of a bowle, then prick them with a pin made of wood, or if you have a comb that hath not been used, (Wikipedia) that will do them quickly, and is best to that purpose, so bake them upon pye plates, but not too much in the oven, for the heat of the plates will dry them very much, after they come forth of the oven, you may cut them without the bowles of what bignesse or what fashion you please. From *The Compleat Cook* of 1658.



Get Gardening

It was 17th March when I saw my first new born lamb behind Home Farm. It is now nearing April and I've seen my first garden mole (grr...), my first wood anemones when walking through Allenmore Lane and been buzzed by my first bumble bee happily bumbling about. They apparently appear earlier in the year than honey bees as they can cope better with the cold and are not as aggressive either, but if they do for some reason sting you they don't die like other bees. Seeing them is one more sign warmer days are on the way (hopefully!). (However, it's snowing as I write this!) What happens to them in winter? Well, only the newly mated female bees (queens) survive the winter underground, the rest die!



<https://www.gopests.com/how-to-get-rid-of-bumble-bees/>

I've got a plan for April. I'm creating some new vegetable beds expanding on my usual tomatoes, lettuce etc. I've already planted my potatoes in tubs, fresh potatoes are just delicious. I've packets of vegetable seeds galore, and after having spent a fortune at garden centres, I'm also going to try and grow my own perennials - I might be being a bit ambitious! Especially as we've got a lot of huge pigeons in our garden ready to devour everything, so unfortunately I may have to net any vegetables.

Has anyone ever seen a young pigeon? They all look like jumbo jets who need a long runway to get off the ground. Obviously too well fed around here! Not like the lovely robin that came to watch us dig. (Did you know both male and female robins have red breasts and the young don't until they are 2-3 months old?)



Digging over the beds with our claggy clay soil was exhausting! We thought it might benefit from some 'soil improver' - has anyone else noted just how much plastic is in supposedly organic bags of compost and soil improver? I must admit I'm reluctant to use it, maybe sieving it is the way to go! If only I hadn't put the compost from our bins on the flower beds! Another thing learnt!

Painting and Prosecco at The Village Hall

Following the great success of The Wreath Making event in December, the Village Hall hosted another super evening. Painting whilst indulging in a little Prosecco "It is all about having fun" was the most important instruction given by the talented artist Becky Morton from The Paint Republic. The 24 participants took up a brush in one hand, a glass in the other and following the guidance from the professional everyone was able to display, by the end, a fine piece of painting. It was an evening of fun, one group earning themselves the title of "The Prosecco Girls" for obvious reasons (anyone wishing to join them at the next event is more than welcome!) But despite all the fun there was some serious painting going on, at times all you could hear were the gentle brush strokes on the canvas. The photographs say it all! Big thank you to Jenny and Sue for putting in the time and effort to organising these now very popular events. What's next girls?



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Quiz of the Month

Answers will be published in next month's edition.

APRIL Questions

- 1. Which North Yorkshire seaside town is split by the River Esk?**
- 2. In 1991, who became the first twin brothers to play in a Test cricket match together?**
- 3. Drummer Taylor Hawkins sadly died recently at the age of 50. Which band was he touring with at the time?**
- 4. What is the name of the art movement that originated in Zurich in reaction to World War One and took its name from a slang French term for a hobby horse?**
- 5. Timbuktu is always cited as a very distant and outlandish place, but in which country is it?**
- 6. Dillisk, from the west coast of Ireland, is what form of food?**
- 7. In 2018, the Windrush scandal led to who resigning as the UK's Home Secretary, saying that she "inadvertently misled" MPs over targets for removing illegal immigrants?**
- 8. First published in 1953, which American magazine was originally due to be called Stag Party before the threat of legal action from the publisher of a men's adventure magazine called Stag?**
- 9. The dice game Yahtzee was based on a game with a similar name that got its name because it was first played on a what?**
- 10. Which of the mother sauces in French cuisine was originally called Dutch sauce?**



Answers to last month on p33

Team Rebuild

are doing the 10k Hook Run on 15th May

Please support us!

In 2020, as part of the Rotherwick Village Fair fundraising for 1st Rotherwick Bramshill Scout Group, a small group committed to run the 10k Hook Run. Postponed like everything else, we were slightly dismayed in January to see our entry had been carried forward to 2022! Not having travelled much above a gentle stroll for many months, the ask was not a trivial one.

However, in the spirit of revival, three of us have accepted the challenge and are training hard to meet the deadline. We are aiming to raise £500 via www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rotherwicksouts*. We would be hugely grateful for a donation of any size to support our (not insignificant!) endeavour. Assuming the event follows the normal route, we will be running through the village on the day – a supportive wave will also be welcome. With many thanks in anticipation,

Mousan, Nicky, Melissa

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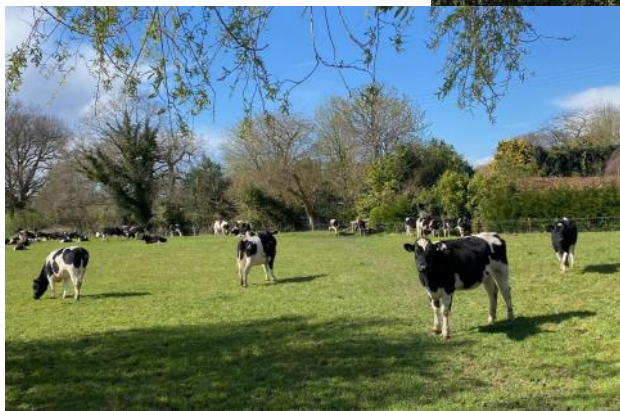
Team Rebuild

The Winter Wonderland Challenge



Here are a few of our favourite pics sent in by our readers this month in conjunction with our Winter Wonderland feature earlier in the year.





Thank you to everyone who has participated over the last few months and we hope you agree they have completely captured the beauty of our village and surrounding areas!

Credits on page 22.

Where shall we go?

What shall we do?

Easter holidays are upon us, so we have time to go visit somewhere different. You know the feeling, everyone has been busy at work or at school and now we have time to spend it together as a family.

Now if money was no object and we had the will, the enthusiasm and the drive to navigate airports or ferry terminals and the monstrous queues, and all the hassle that that entails at this present moment, then I would whisk the family somewhere warm and tropical. However money is an issue as my wife does not have a bank account like Rishi Sunak's wife, so its going to have to be visits in our own country.

Nothing wrong with our country but 2 years ago we were sat in the garden, in the sunshine. Where ever we go this year, we have to be prepared and take our coats. So where to visit? Historically everything in this country usually opens up as of March 30th so we just need to decide whether it's going to be near or far, indoors or outdoors, local or further afield.

So whilst we are busy planning what we will be up to I thought I'd share some of the places we've visited that are really worth a visit with your family.

Museums are always an obvious choice especially when it's raining. Downside is plenty of others think of them as a wet day option, so I would suggest visiting them on a dry day and mix it up with a lunch or a picnic.

We recently visited Salisbury museum and found it had a really good Wessex Archaeology section. Lots of hands on for all ages, lots of bones. We mixed this trip up with a walk around the town and lunch at the Haunch of Venison, to also have a look at the severed hand of a card player caught cheating from the middle ages.

Another local museum is The Museum of Rural Life in Reading. This is a fantastic, bigger than you think museum, housing anything and everything from our past specifically to do with the history of the countryside and the people who live there. This museum has a great little cafe and of course a shop for those all important bookmarks and pencils.

If it's the sea side your after then can I recommend the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard? If you've never been, then you may well first of all balk at the price but don't be put off, I shall explain.

The most expensive ticket is a family one, 2+3 for £120.00 now for this you get a return visit and access to all the exhibits. (There are cheaper ones and day tickets also). That is the Mary Rose museum, HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, National museum of the Royal Navy, HMS 33, Boat-house 4 along with a boat ride across to Gosport where you get access to Royal Navy Submarine museum and the Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower. Now these guys definitely have cafes and restaurants, hands on attractions and absolutely history upon history upon history.

We love running around all the ships and looking at every exhibit on display. From the skeleton of the carpenter's dog on the Mary Rose, to finding Mrs Muggins the Ships cat on the M33. The historic dockyard has so much to offer, we were lucky enough to get taken out onto the jetty at the back of Boathouse 4 to get up close to the HSL 102. This is the only survivor of the RAF's 100 class, offshore rescue boats, a High Speed Launch.

Now if land is more your thing, head south to the over side of Petersfield and visit Butser Ancient Farm. This is a unique experimental archaeology site nestled in the South Downs National Park and this year it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

You can walk from the Mesolithic all the way through to the Bronze Age, feed the sheep and the goats in the Iron Age, eat your picnic outside the Roman villa before heading into the world of the Saxons.

You will be walking in the footsteps of movie legends when you visit. Well the Horrible Histories the Movie was filmed there, along with Bruno Tonioli from Strictly Come Dancing and Al Murray who filmed Why do the Brits Win Every War. Sky History channel.

Also if you want a real A lister then google Ben Affleck (Batman) at Butser Farm.

Now Butser Farm has plenty going on. There are always people in character for the various historical periods that will answer any questions you have.

You will get to experience weaving, crushing chalk, excavating, wattle building and sometimes they have the Saxon re enactors there where you can take part in a shield wall.

Oh and you can even visit this wonderful Bronze Age round house that we had the pleasure to help build, last year.

My final recommendation is any of the Imperial war museums. I can't give you a favourite as we loved everyone we visited, but if you are in London for the weekend, then you are spoiled for choice. A quick search on the internet and you can find all the relevant information about each one and each one is really worth at least half a day visit if you can't make it a full day.



But if you want to visit the actual Battle of Britain bunker where the whole battle was controlled and commands were issued while the plotters plotted, then you need to head to IWM Uxbridge.

You will get to go down 76 steps underground see where Winston Churchill sat, watching the battle unfold in the skies above the south coast. The whole visitor centre above is split into two levels, featuring a state of the art museum also with a cafe.

Winston Churchill war rooms (London)

IWM London

HMS Belfast (London)

IWM Duxford

IWM Uxbridge

I hope this gives you a little inspiration, I'm off to plan our visit.

Ramblings of Rotherwick



Challenge That Grey Matter!

WHAT COMMON ENGLISH WORD IS 9 LETTERS LONG AND EACH TIME YOU REMOVE A LETTER FROM IT, IT STILL REMAINS AN ENGLISH WORD..... FROM 9 LETTERS ALL THE WAY DOWN TO A WORD OF ONE SINGLE LETTER?

Note – letters can be removed in any order

Answer in next month's edition – bet you can't wait!

Fashion Show at Whitewater School



SOLO MIA, an online boutique (find them at www.solo-mia.com) selling handpicked Italian clothes at very affordable prices provided a wonderful selection of outfits, modelled by an equally wonderful selection of gorgeous girls, for the fashion show organised by the PTA to raise funds for the school.



Hayley of "HAYLEY SUZANNE MAKE-UP AND HAIR EXTENSIONS" finished off the models beautifully, as did Lisa. It was a super evening, well attended raising £700 for the school. There were additional stalls on the night with a wide variety of wonderful things to buy and of course the Prosecco flowed to help things along. A most enjoyable village event and lovely to see such a good crowd.

Whitewater School Groundforce Team strikes again!

by Robyn Jones, Associate Governor



A group of parent volunteers have devoted some weekend hours to helping improve the school grounds. The focus is on the outdoor learning area and classroom at the top end of the school and also the woodland walk area at the bottom of the field. Already their efforts have enabled the children to spend more time learning outdoors!

As well a big tidy up, the work so far has been amazing, as follows:

Outdoor Learning Area

- Incorporating bedding soil/mix into the five raised beds. Already the children have started to plant flowers and seeds.
- Cutting back the back foliage to allow for the natural shoots and flowers to emerge. There have been some beautiful daffodils and crocuses coming through
- Clearing out the outdoor classroom which has not been usable for years. Erecting a fence to separate it from the pond area and adding soil and plants. The classroom has been cleaned and the tables and benches repositioned, display boards put up and a beautiful paper mâché tree created by Lisa in the corner.
- These changes have allowed one of our parent volunteers, Lisa, to launch a Gardening Club for the children to enjoy. Already the area is thriving!



Woodland Walk

- Extensive pruning and cutting back of overgrown brambles, branches and weeds to allow for a larger area to use. Removal and redistribution of soil piles. Removal of 7 buried tyres!
- Planting of honeysuckle along the back fence to encourage insect life and provide some privacy.
- Making of two bug hotels from old pallets!
- The plan is to make this area even better by:
 - ◇ A story area including story chair and log seating for the children
 - ◇ A sensory/music area
 - ◇ Campfire area with cooking facilities and seating
 - ◇ Improving the willow arch to promote an outdoor reading and quiet space.
 - ◇ Laying down of wood chip.
 - ◇ Wildflower "meadow"
 - ◇ And more....



A huge thank you to all those involved in this project. Progress reports will be shared in Rotherwick News as we move forward with the improvements.



I was there Coronation Day 1953

I remember so clearly the excitement as the day approached. A very fortunate fifteen year old school girl living in the Home Counties, my name was one of those drawn out of the hat at my school. The two winners from each class in this school lottery were awarded a ticket to go up to London with the school group to line the Embankment to watch the amazing Coronation Procession.

Our tickets informed us where to disembark on The Underground and where to assemble, all very well organised. We stood with all the many school children and waved our flags enthusiastically despite the rain. It was like being in a fairy tale, the coach shone and Her Majesty looked wonderful. Every part of the procession passed by slowly enabling us to take in all the detail.

Later that day on returning home, we all gathered at a friend's house as they had hired a television especially for the occasion. The set was tiny but they had attached something to the front of the screen to make the picture bigger so that everyone could see it clearly. As youngsters we were all trying to find ourselves on the BBC footage of the day's historic events.

The celebrations lasted for days with street parties and all sorts of excitement.

Memories of the day from a fellow Rotherwickian.

(Thanks for sharing your memories with us—they help to bring the Jubilee celebrations to life. We would love to be able to share more of villagers' memories - send them in, they can be anonymous if you prefer).



Rotherwick Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Friday 3rd of June 2022

Please join us for an afternoon of family fun, it's the first ever Platinum Jubilee.

Let's see the whole village turn out on this very special occasion.

Bring your own lunch, bring your own champagne, bring yourselves and your visiting family.

MOST IMPORTANTLY bring your PLATINUM PUDDING (Think big, think loads of cream) for the 'Time for a Platinum Pudding Toast' (that's where the Champagne comes in)

Red, white and blue outfits preferable, topped off with a silly hat. Let your imagination go wild, the sillier the better. Royal hats Ascot hats, Derby hats or Crowns.

Princesses and Princes welcome!





There will be:-

Face Painting

Film Show

Tug of War

Music

Singing

Souvenir prizes for Silly hat/Prince/Princess.

Please reserve your seats by 30th April also letting us know how many children.

Contact Sue on:- accounts@rvh.org.uk

Start time 12.30pm - Itinerary to follow.



ROTHERWICK JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE MUGS

Your Parish Council would like to gift each child, under the age of 18, living within the Parish a Commemorative Platinum Jubilee mug.

Please email Lucy Bardwell at lucy.bardwell@rotherwick.org.uk with your postal address and the number of children within your household by 1st May.

Additional mugs, for those who wish to buy, will be available at £5.00 each. Please include the number you wish to buy in your email to Lucy.

(All email address and personal data will not be retained by the PC beyond the event date.)



Please visit www.rotherwick.org.uk
for Rotherwick Parish information and sign up for Parish Alerts.



Thank you to

**Ann, Gary, Dan, Amanda, Catherine and
Julia**



**for sending their photos in to the Winter Wonder-
land Challenge.**

Let the baking commence!!



As I'm sure many of you will already know, Fortnum & Mason has launched a nationwide competition to find a pudding to celebrate the Queen in her Platinum Jubilee year. So....Rotherwick Village Hall Committee have decided to launch their very own Village Jubilee Pudding event....!!

Create your very own Jubilee Pudding!!

To add to the Rotherwick Jubilee celebrations the Rotherwick News is hoping that all our enthusiastic culinary experts young and old will create a pudding fit for a Queen. The puddings can be part of the food you bring with you and eaten as dessert after the toast.

Don't hold back with your creations, the more spectacularly visual the better!

Think pudding, think cakes, think cream, think big !!

A good pudding should be joyful and celebratory, and make people smile. But what else might you want to consider?

A Memorable Story??

Please 'Pudding' Please send in your photos of your puddings for our special Jubilee June edition and if you have a story to tell, we'd love to hear the story behind your creation. Perhaps the recipe was inspired by Her Majesty the Queen's life, has been handed down through the generations of your family, or recalls one of your own special memories. **This is NOT a competition, just meant to be FUN!!**

We so look forward to seeing (and tasting!) your puddings so what are you waiting for, grab that whisk, don that apron and GET BAKING!!!

One last thing...Can you name your 'Royal' pudding, based on the theme?!



A message from Jenny at The Coach and Horses

Just wanted to say a massive thank you for the support we were given at our fund raiser for Ukraine on March 18th at The Coach and Horses.

We had a Polish/Ukrainian menu followed by a Ukrainian themed quiz.

Local businesses and our suppliers donated some amazing raffle prizes and we raised a £1000.

The money was donated to a just giving page set up by Tanya (a native Ukrainian who now lives in Hook) and her friends. Their aim is to raise £60,000 to supply medicines, medical & surgical equipment & essential supplies to neonatal, children's and military field hospitals in Ukraine.

Tanya popped in last week to say thank you for your donations and told me with the money they have raised they have sent 8 equipped ambulances to Ukraine loaded with much needed medical supplies. (Full story is on their just giving page, you can click the link on the Coach & Horses Facebook page).



Plant sale in aid of Tearfund

On Saturday 28th May from 10.30 to 12.30 we will be again selling plants to raise money for Tearfund. The sale will be in our garden at 5 Wedmans Place, and we hope to have a good range of annuals and perennials. We will also be offering coffee, tea, and cakes.

For those of you not familiar with the work of Tearfund, they are a Christian charity working tirelessly in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries to alleviate suffering because of poverty, war, violence, and injustice. Working with local churches and aid partners they provide support directly to individuals and whole communities. Enabling the very poor and those that have experienced unimaginable suffering, trauma, and hardship to rebuild their lives and see a better future. They believe that an end to extreme poverty is possible.

The brutal conflict in Ukraine has sent more than two million people on a desperate race to escape. Homes and infrastructure have been destroyed. Families have been separated. Lives have been lost. Large numbers of people have been arriving at Ukraine's borders with surrounding countries. Many have no food, no shelter, and nowhere to go. Tearfund's Christian partners are working around the clock to meet the immediate needs of these refugees, providing support such as food, bedding, and temporary accommodation.

The economic and political shockwaves from the invasion of Ukraine will have an impact for the whole world, far beyond just Europe. It is the smallest, poorest countries, already reeling from the impacts of the climate crisis and Covid-19, that are hit hardest by such shocks.

And with the world's attention on the Ukraine, other countries around the world also in desperate need get forgotten.

The worst drought since 1981 has hit the horn of Africa region, including Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya. 13 million people are experiencing severe hunger every day. Yemen and Afghanistan are also on the brink of famine. Conflict and climate change are pushing millions of people towards total disaster. In these regions and more Tearfund and its partners are at work providing immediate aid, but also helping individuals and communities as they recover from conflict and natural disasters to build back better. Improving building construction, infrastructure, farming techniques, crop diversification.

If you would like more information about Tearfund and to read about some of the amazing things they do all around the world, go to www.tearfund.org.

We hope very much that you will be able to support our fund raising event.

Andy & Helen

5 Wedman's Place

Rotherwick Village Fair – ‘reviving the community’ – Sunday 17 July 2022

It's a blue-skied Saturday morning. With the RN deadline looming, I sit down to create an advert.

No, not create. Re-create. In fact, as I look through the archive of the last two years, re-re-re-create.

In November 2019, a large group met in the Village Hall to imagine a community fair. The energy was high, the ideas flowed, the mission was clear. As the plans developed, sponsors stepped forward, the swing band was booked, even the portaloos were given a deposit...! It was going to be special.

We all know what happened next. As a result, it was postponed with courage and conviction to September 2020; with hope and stamina to 2021; and with uncertainty and fading enthusiasm to 2022.

At the end of January 2022, we reconvened and debated the 'go, no go' options. It was clear much had changed since the innocent days of 2019 and that an event along the lines of what had been planned no longer felt right, not to mention individual situations and energy reserves which had changed too. Previous hope now felt more like fatigue, anxiety, yearning for connection but limited on creativity. If we were going to do this, we were going to need rekindling, re-energising, reviving...and with that, the new purpose emerged.

It's a blue-skied Saturday morning. With the RN deadline looming, I sit down to create an advert. The energy is rising, the ideas are beginning to flow, the mission is clear. It *is* going to be special.
It's going to be a revival.

*Nicky Howells
RVF22*

Opportunities to take part in the Rotherwick Village Fair

We are looking for:

- small, local businesses that want their own stall or would like to advertise
- homemade crafts that you are willing to donate to a collective 'Made in Rotherwick' stall
- locally grown flowers, vegetables, fruit or other edible produce for the Village Market
- solos, duos, trios, quartets to take a spot on the music & entertainment bill or maybe you'd like to do something with others but have no particular partner in mind - ideas, support and accompaniment are all available
- homemade cakes to be sold by the slice in the Village Hall Teashop
- teams of 5-6 for a Tug of War

- a host and content for a 'My Lockdown Talent' display – artwork, photography, writing
- on the day stage hands, furniture movers, gazebo lenders, table layers, litter pickers, sign distributors, coconut slingers and tea pourers
- We need and would welcome involvement from as many people as possible.

To participate, contribute or find out more, please call Nicky on 07787 541927, Helen on 07985 991368, Caroline on 07899 842335 or email Charlotte on rotherwickevents@gmail.com



Rotherwick Village Fair

'Reviving the community'

Sunday 17 July

10:30 – 4pm

Rotherwick Village Hall

Celebrating the traditional with the new, the focus will be on local craft, music, games and food. Please put the date in your diary and have a look at all the opportunities to try, buy, watch, sell, participate or just be present and enjoy.

Come and be revived

*With huge thanks to our title sponsor, **Kohler Power Ltd**, and our supporting sponsors, **St Kitts Veterinary Group** and **Rawlings Transport** for sticking with us since 2019*

All proceeds will be donated to 1st Bramshill Rotherwick Scout Group

ROTHERWICK ITW Cricket Club

ROTHERWICK PLAYING FIELDS - APRIL / MAY 2022

Wed 27 Apr	Rotherwick ITW	v Development Group
Sat 7 May	Rotherwick ITW	v Hartley Wintney III
Sat 14 May	Hook & Newnham Basics III	v Compton & Chandler's Ford II
Wed 18 May	Rotherwick ITW	v Stratfield Turgis & Hartley West-pall
Sat 21 May	Rotherwick ITW	v Bentworth
Wed 25 May	Rotherwick ITW	v Badshot Lea
Sat 28 May	Hook & Newnham Basics III	v Hungerford

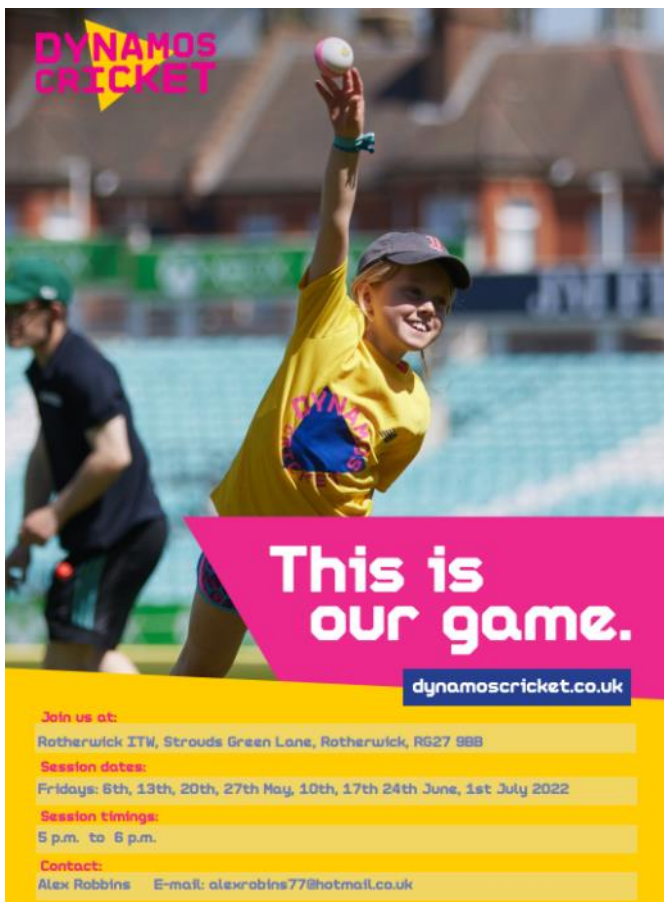
Wednesday games – North Hants Cricket Association Midweek League division 2 – 6pm start

*Saturday games – Rotherwick ITW - Hampshire Cricket League division 5NE – 1pm start
Hook & Newnham Basics III - Hampshire Cricket League division 3N – 1pm start*

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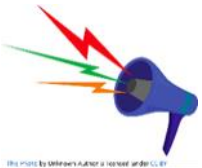
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Let's give a shout out...



Beautiful sunshine brought lots of parishioners out to the litter pick on Saturday 19th March, it was rewarding to find that there was less litter than in some years. Thank you to all who took part. As ever it was a great opportunity to meet others who care about how our village looks.



Shout out to Richard and Sue Whistler who arranged a collection recently of tinned and dried foods, sleeping bags, tents, toiletries and nappies organised by the Hampshire Scouts which then made its way via Southampton to Poland.



Thank you to all of you who donated.



Hampshire County Councillor report

April 2022

Homes for Ukraine

The County Council is working with local district and borough councils, as well as key local partners such as the NHS and Hampshire Constabulary, to prepare for the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. An initial £100,000 has been set aside to provide immediate support and assistance.

The position is developing rapidly and remains fluid. Several key areas of activity are currently being prioritised:

- a process for home visits is being put in place; individual sponsors will be contacted by the County Council regarding these, as soon as they have been formally notified by Government of an impending arrival
- a process is also being set up to allow sponsors to receive a 'thank you' payment of £350 per month direct to their bank accounts.
- DBS checks are required of all sponsors under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, as well as enhanced DBS checks for hosts who will have Ukrainian children staying with them. These will commence as part of the home visit process and will be undertaken by HCC.
- guest families will be assisted with school admissions so that formal education can continue as soon as possible; queries about school places can be directed to https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/contacts_places
- the County Council's adult social care team is liaising with NHS representatives regarding how support will be provided. GP support and the provision of crisis mental health assistance is a key consideration.

A dedicated 'Support For Ukraine' webpage (www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine) has been set up and is being regularly updated with the latest information, together with signposting to updates from central Government.

Covid-19 update

Changes have occurred to the national Covid testing regime, as part of the Government's 'Living with COVID' plan, which has been made

possible largely thanks to the successful vaccination programme; this has placed the UK in a strong position to now treat Coronavirus like other respiratory diseases.

Recent changes include the closure of testing sites for people with symptoms and the end of the provision of free tests for the general public in England. Anyone wishing to get tested will be able to purchase an LFD test from pharmacies.

Limited free symptomatic testing will continue for a small number of at-risk groups and will also remain available to social care staff. Guidance on testing arrangements for visitors to care homes is provided on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) webpages.

The current data shows a picture of increased COVID-19 activity and continued high case rates across all ages in Hampshire, with the highest rates currently among 35-39 year olds, and rising infections in the those aged 60+. Despite hospitalisations decreasing since the peak of the Omicron wave, there is a slight upward trend in those admitted to hospital with COVID-19, which HCC's Public Health team are monitoring closely, alongside outbreaks within the community.

More information can be found on the 'Keep Hampshire Safe' web page at www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/covid-changes-faqs.

New community pantries

Five new Community Pantries are opening in Hampshire with support from the connect4communities programme, led by Hampshire County Council. Each pantry will help families who are facing hardship to access food at reduced prices. There is now at least one community pantry in each of the 11 districts in the HCC local authority area, with a total of 20 across Hampshire. For more information visit www.connect4communities.org

Roads

The countywide clear-up following the severe storms in February continued into March. Storm Eunice alone generated over 5,000 reports with the highways team attending to almost 2000 fallen, damaged or dangerous trees, many of which needed emergency or urgent works. Specialist teams continued to inspect and prioritise tree related issues throughout March.

In addition, across the county 11,395 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced in February, 16,521 gullies and other drainage was cleared and 4,905 potholes were repaired.

The Task and Finish group set up to investigate 20mph speed limits in residential areas has had its first meeting and will now begin reviewing the

evidence. The outcome is expected later in the year.

It is worth noting that there is a different process to reporting rights of way issues to HCC, as opposed to Highways issues. Residents should use this link, which enables the team to raise a job order and update the complainant.

[Problems on rights of way | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/problems-on-rights-of-way/)



Answers to March Quiz

1. In tennis, what was the name of the computer system that was introduced to Wimbledon in 1980 to help determine whether a serve was in or out, but was later replaced by a new system called Hawk-Eye? **CYCLOPS**

2. Which cocktail has a name that means "strained pineapple" in Spanish? **PINA COLADA**

3. A church called the Santa Maria delle Grazie is a popular tourist destination in Milan due to which mural painting being in its refectory? **THE LAST SUPPER**

4. In 2011, the euro replaced the kroon as the unit of currency in which country? **ESTONIA**

5. Other than Clive Myrie, John Humphrys and Magnus Magnusson, 2 other people have presented Mastermind. Name either

JON SNOW or **CLIVE ANDERSON**

6. Which food brand was founded in Devon in 1917 and was named after the food of the gods in Greek mythology? **AMBROSIA**

7. What do the letters "AR" stand for when referring to the technology that superimposes computer-generated images on a user's view of the real world? **AUGMENTED REALITY**

8. What happened in Britain on the 15th of February, 1971? **DECIMILISATION**

9. The Black Hills of Dakota and Secret Love are songs from which musical of stage and screen? **CALAMITY JANE**

10. Name the famous author born in 1916, in Llandaff, Cardiff, to Norwegian parents? **ROALD DAHL**

GRRRRR..... We spent, like others, time picking up litter on the March Village Litter Pick day. Removing many of the usual things from Ridge Lane and bizarrely about a dozen pairs of shoes only to come across this a few days later (and that's only part of it)! And further on the packaging of someone's lunch. I don't understand the mindset of some people.



On a more positive note I wanted to thank the kind person who picked up our black bags full of the rubbish we collected. Unable to carry everything, we left the bags on the roadside, returning later to collect them only to find it had been collected and delivered to the village hall! Thank you!

Catherine Bolt



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Vegetarian 'haggis wellington' , hassle back potato, carrot, kale	£10
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Vegan burger , seeded bun, BBQ sauce, vegan cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion & fries	£11
Butter chicken curry , mushroom rice, flat bread	£14.5
Pie of the day , mash potato, seasonal vegetable, red wine jus	£14.5
Beer battered cod and chips with tartare sauce and peas	£10
Honey roasted Ham , egg and chips, side salad	£10
Chocolate Brownie , chocolate sauce	£5
Sticky toffee pudding and toffee sauce	£5
Apple and rhubarb crumble with crème anglaise	£5

Sides

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Looking Ahead



Upcoming dates

30th April – reserve your places for the Jubilee celebrations at RVH by this date.

12th May – Whitewater Primary School PTA quiz at the Falcon

3rd June – the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations .see p20 and 21

17th July – Rotherwick Village Fair see p 26 and 27

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

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

Most of the articles are signed by their author but not all. For those articles that appear to be "anonymous" the editors would like to give a mention to Lottie Girling, Catherine Bolt, Harriet Steger and Dan Pearce for their contributions this month.

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 to rotherwicknews@yahoo.co.uk by 10th of the month. What could be easier?

A message from the editors - Amanda, Jenny and Sue

We hope you have enjoyed reading this month's magazine as much as we have. Thanks to the people of Rotherwick, it is full of warmth, generosity, community and fun, reflecting the spirit of the people who live here.

Can't wait for next month's ...

Thank you for reading.

