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GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



Sunflowers at Rotherwick Pumpkin Patch

Absolutely Agnes...

As Agnes sits down to write, the Commonwealth Games have drawn to a close, and the magnificently victorious Lionesses are no longer swinging their bras in the breeze.

Speaking of breezes.... What, oh what has become of our climate? There is not a breeze to be had, and all around the green & pleasant lands of Rotherwick & beyond, now resemble a parched Sahara-like desert.

According to Sara Coleridge's nature poem (1802-1852)

'August brings the sheaves of corn, then the harvest home is borne'

Well, the fields that surround the cottage have now been harvested, but Agnes can't help but feel concerned for the farmers & others whose livelihoods depend on the weather...If you're not already recycling your gin bottles & preserving your waters dear friends, then I do urge you to do so. Still, Autumn is a mere hosepipe ban away...'To snitch or not to snitch' that is the question? We're apparently being encouraged to inform the authorities when neighbours are flouting the rules & dousing their daisies without a care....What do you make of that? Agnes has always quite fancied the idea of being an undercover agent...but 'snitching feels a step too far for our yellow bonneted sleuth.

September always reminds Agnes of that 'Back to School' feeling...a sense of apprehension, new stationery & itchy jumpers...and crumble, always plenty of crumble!

But for now, Agnes is off to see if she can spot any camel trains looming across the horizon from Hook & possibly finish another bottle of gin ready for the recycling on Tuesday.

Chin, chin everyone!

Agnes



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

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Get Gardening



Going away during a heatwave was not the ideal time to leave the garden. Some plants haven't recovered despite many waterings and the broccoli I nurtured has flowered before we had time to try it! The brussels look a bit sad as the caterpillars have had a good munch. This

has meant they are still covered in netting (has anyone ever found black or green insect netting?). The blueberries have shrivelled in the heat and the French beans have been 'topped' by something (probably deer). I'm beginning to wonder if growing vegetables is worth the effort! I know it can be satisfying but I need to rethink how to get the best out of the space I have. However, the parsley has done well (I often put flat leaved parsley in salad)



A rather large courgette!

and I do have a few peppers and squashes coming but the tomatoes seem a bit late.

Nevertheless, we've had a couple of meals from the peas and kale and there have been lettuce and courgettes galore! I'm not quite sure why I grew courgettes as they seem to grow too quickly and everyone seems to have an excess of them but they do have some health benefits believe it or not. They are said to improve digestion, slow down aging, lower blood sugar levels, support healthy circulation and a healthy heart, improve eye health, boost energy, improve thyroid and adrenal functions, protect against oxidation and inflammation. Quite impressive!

I've had more success with some of the flower seeds, such as dwarf lavatera, mallows and echinops have done really well. Although the hydrangeas I bought for my new beds have suffered in the heat. I also put in some dahlias, which although the colour is not quite the colour I imagined they would be, seem to like the hot weather. I recently read that dahlia's tubers are edible and originally classified as vegetables, somehow I don't think I will be trying them!



Dwarf lavatera

I'm also going to transfer the hydrangeas to pots and see if I can get them to recover. I have a shady 'hospital' area in the garden which has been quite successful when reviving plants. Hydrangeas like morning sun and afternoon shade so in hindsight planting them in full sun probably wasn't the best idea. I'll then give them a prune by about a quarter in the autumn. I've learnt my lesson pruning hydrangeas, take too much off and it can take several years for them to flower again! Look after them and they can apparently last up to 50 years.

Catherine

Make Your Own Blackberry Liqueur

If you're still hankering after the EU, you may wish to refer to this as Crème de Mure! A great alternative to Crème de Cassis, it will give your Kir or Kir Royale the edge.

Whatever the name it's an alternative way to use those glossy berries you've foraged in the hedgerows around the village. Hope there are still some lurking by the time you read this as everything is ripening so early this year!

It's so easy to make and gets better as it ages. It will keep for up to a year if stored in sterilised bottles, so would make a great Christmas present if you have any left by then!

There are a few different ways to make this tasty treat, but I find this the easiest and most successful.

- . 700g washed blackberries
- . 1 bottle medium bodied red wine
- . 300g sugar
- . 120ml vodka or gin

Method

Pour the wine over the blackberries in a large bowl. Mash the berries to release the juice.



Cover and leave in a cool place for 2 days (give the berries an occasional mash)

Strain through a very fine sieve or muslin to get all the seeds and bits out. Tip the juice into a pan with the sugar. Heat gently until the sugar is dissolved then bring to the boil and gently simmer for 5 minutes.

Leave to cool then stir in the gin or vodka.

Once completely cool, pour into clean or sterilised bottles and seal. Store in a cool dark place.

Enjoy in the aforementioned cocktails, straight or just topped up with soda water and a little something to garnish.

Marion Robak

(Sounds delicious—will definitely be trying it!)



Rotherwick's Very Sunny Sunflowers



Thank you to all of those who continue to support Rotherwick Pumpkin Patch. The sunflowers this year have proven to be hugely successful, raising a smile on the faces of all those who have visited, walked or driven past the patch daily.

With the record-breaking temperatures this summer and the drought conditions the sunflowers have come into bloom approximately two weeks earlier than expected, catching us rather off guard. However, it appears no one can resist the urge to visit the patch and this year we anticipate that we welcomed around 3,500 people. We are also thrilled to have raised over £500 for the Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal through the hire of secateurs and many generous donations – thank you! An apt charity to raise money for as the national flower of Ukraine are sunflowers.

Not only has the patch bloomed early, but harvest has also started in earnest. You may have noticed Henry and his team have been combining earlier than normal, fingers crossed that we have no hiccups before the final load is safely gathered in.

The Pumpkin Patch will open from the 15th October, so please stay tuned for updates on our social media channels @rotherwickpumpkins.

Lynette Steel

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

Matt Shepherd describes his entry into the 2022 Red Bull Soap Box Race earlier this year. Some of you may have seen his Starfighter at the village hall at the Summer Fair last month.



...I'm stood on a stage outside Alexandra Palace, in front of 18,000 people. I'm dressed as a Star Wars Storm Trooper. Waiting for the jaunty young tv presenter to give me the signal to get inside our home made 'soapbox go-cart' and hurtle 400 metres down a hill, over 4 jumps at speeds up to 30mph hopefully safely landing the final metre tall jump into hay bales. But no signal is coming... Why can't we go..?

I've not slept the night before after walking the course with my co-pilot as part of the pre-race preparations. Seeing the narrow course, the water jump, the final ramp, the hill in real life and imagining me sat in our beautiful cart hurtling down it with only control over the brakes, wanting to be brave enough to resist using them too much, yet balancing that with not getting boo'd by the crowd for being too cautious. And now, this extra wait.. what's going on..?

"You What?!.. the cart before us CRASHED...and the delay is due to the cart FLIPPING OVER, one of the passengers is currently.. UNCONSCIOUS!"... "oh shhi.... what.. you're ready.. we're going..?"

It's moments like this I question whether the choices I have been making are as well considered as perhaps they should be..

It began with an idle conversation with my friend Matt Claughton in early 2018. We'd both been watching the Red Bull Soap box races and somehow decided it would be fun to try and build one and see if we could get entered. We chose an X-wing fighter from Star Wars because.. well why wouldn't you..!? They're cool! We thought it would look pretty amazing, imagine a scale model flying down the hill, leaping over the jumps.. yeah.. imagination is so safe, unreal and lovely isn't it?!

We spent a few months of occasional evenings and odd weekends building our cart, all based around a toy model my son had. When built to scale the wings made it much too wide, however we didn't want to compromise, so put a hinge on them and raced with them pinned up.

We entered a few local soapbox events in the Summer of 2018 including

Odiham, Upton Grey and Burghfield. Sadly there was no Red Bull event in 2018 so after crashing down from a jump in Burghfield and losing a wheel we stood down the x-wing and retired it to Matt's dad's shed.

We missed the application for the 2019 London Red Bull event, then 2020 happened.. then no Red Bull events until this year. We entered, and good lord, we got accepted!

As part of the Red Bull entry you have to agree to construct your cart to a maximum width, length and weight. We had already built ours, so we just entered "whatever" in all the boxes.. yes, yes, tick, tick, blah, blah.. It's only when we got accepted did we realise.. umm.. we were too wide, too long and most annoyingly, too heavy. Maximum weight was 80kilos, we were 120! So a couple of months was spent stripping the cart back, changing wood for polystyrene, repainting upgrading some of the bits that we felt could be improved from previous runs.

We enlisted the help of my neighbour, Martin to help with some of the design aspects, repainting our spacecraft to look like it had been battling dark forces across the galaxy, and Matt's wife Hayley who helped plan the 'required' dance/performance before the run begins.

We didn't just build "any old x-wing".. for any Star Wars aficionado (and believe me, there are plenty out there, and wowzers.. do they love the details!) This is a 'modified T70 Starfighter' known as "Black One", as flown by Poe Dameron in 'The Force Awakens' ...obviously!

Our outfits matched this film, Storm Trooper with blood on the helmet, Kylo Ren (not Darth Vader!), Rey, BB8, etc.. I'm sure it's not important, but those who know... know!

Many of the 70 entries were the expected cardboard/papier mache/ polystyrene that barely make it off the trailers without losing bits, however there were some extraordinary creations, real works of engineering art that clearly the builders had taken every bit as long as we had to create. Look out for the Delorian and the Mr Men, and probably my favourite; a severed foot, which is actually a lot sweeter than it may appear.. as both the builders met through an amputee group and both lost a foot from motorbike accidents. One of their sons raced it down the hill.



Saturday was spent getting our cart approved to race by the RedBull scrutineers and making any final adjustments before the race on the Sunday. We also chatted with other racers, ALL of whom were 'lovely' and 'friendly'.. but some, between you and me, I might describe as... 'Stark raving utter lunatics'.. 'Asterix & Obelix' omg, such a nice lad, but seriously, you are going to stand on that chariot with no shirt on, belly out, and fly over all those jumps?!? 'Snoopy' - you are going to sit on top of that kennel and do the same?!?! and 'Wolverine' you are going down whilst laying on your front on a skateboard, using your hands on the road to steer??

The Sunday morning was lovely. We got interviewed by loads of people with cameras, including ITV, a Japanese news team with interpreters and a social media superstar that due to my middle age I had no clue who she was. The standard question we were always asked was "how long did it take to build" to which throughout the day for our own amusement we increased the answer from 200 hours, to 300 hours and I was glad to be wearing a full face Storm Trooper helmet when I heard Martin answer the same question toward the end of the day with an impressive.. "oh yes.. it took 600 hours to build!" truth is, we have no idea..

Another great answer to a repetitive question was given by Matt when asked "why did you build an x-wing?" to which he answered, completely off the cuff, yet ON brand.."... well.. we thought 'Red Bull gives you Wings'.. so.... what has lots of wings and everybody loves.. well an x-wing of course!" Genius!

The claxon sounds, we've done our silly dance, and we're off. Matt slides into the front, straddling the steering column, we built his cabin around him and it is basically a tight coffin. I climb into the back, helmet on, gum shield in, wings velcro'd up, bit of CO2 gas sprayed underneath for effect and we are off.

On our course walk the day before Matt had noticed the first ramp was the worst. Red Bull want entertainment and that means getting those carts wrecked before they get too far down the hill. The first ramp goes up, curves down into a pool of water, then kicks up. We had decided if we can get through that without incident then the others were not going to be a problem, so we had planned that I should give the brakes a little squeeze before the first, then it's over to Matt. Job done, we made it through the first. Matt's cabin hatch pops up, but we made it through. This may be ok. I slap the hatch down and put my faith in Matt to steer us home. The next jump was easy. I'm feeling ok about this. Matt steers beautifully, no dramas, the velcro'd wings drop (as planned!) and we lose one on a hay bale as we weave through the obstacles. Third jump easier than the second, things are looking good. As we approach the final, highest jump, I do wonder if Matt may steer around it as this was mentioned earlier in the day. Matt is laying flat and we were concerned the impact from a big jump with

him landing flat on his back may not agree with his back which is prone to slipped discs. We've come too far not to take that final leap though, and I'm thrilled we did. That final ramp we hit at 29mph.

We leap into the air and in that airborne moment we became immortalised in a photo that I will treasure forever. Proof that we actually flew an x-wing. Maybe not far, but we flew! I love the faces in the crowd, I love the silhouette under us, a perfect shadow in the shape of the model we built our soapbox around.

Then we land. Matt gracefully brings the nose to the road,

I unfortunately get a rougher ride, the landing of the front of the cart encourages the back to follow at speed like a mousetrap. On landing I actually



hear my neck CRUNCH as I get thrown back, the metal floor underneath me ripping away from the frame, we then crash into a pile of Hay Bales. We did it. I hurt a bit, touch of whip-lash, but.. legs move, head

moves, fingers, toes, back, I'm good. I climb out and hear Matt asks me if I'm ok, yes, I'm good... I'm better than good,.. I'm EUPHORIC!

We walk back a pair of heroes, high fiving anyone who looks in our direction, we did it! I find Helen who I haven't seen for the past hour. She had watched the awful crash before our run and I think had found the whole thing even more traumatic than I had. She made me promise not to do this again. I'm fairly sure I agreed. I'm pretty sure I think I probably did?

In the Red Bull event you get points for your course time but also for your dance/performance as well as points for creativity of the design. Out of 70 we were delighted to have come 5th. room for improvement perhaps...?

They make no guarantees you'll be on the actual broadcast, but I would hope 5th place should get us on. If you are interested, it should be on 'Dave' on the August Bank Holiday at the end of the month.

*(What an amazing thing to have done... and survived!
Has the adrenalin subsided yet? Crazy!!!)*

Lyde Green Farm

Hi everyone, we are the Johnstone Family who have recently made the move to Lyde Green Farm. We also have the amazing Jaymee and Ollie



who live here on the farm and help us keep everything running smoothly. We were very kindly given the opportunity to take on this farm by Josie Palmer and her team at Hampshire County Farms, without them we wouldn't be able to be living out our dream!

We have had a steep learning curve moving into the farm, but we have loved every minute. Our day to day involves lots of persuading cows to go the direction you would like them to go, dodging any poo, lots of hard work and a little bit of sleep deprivation. Our day starts at 4:30am when the cows come in to be milked then the rest of our day is filled with the never-ending list of jobs until we start milking again at 3pm. We would highly recommend any earlier risers to take a walk across our footpaths to spot the cows walking in. That time in the morning is breath taking with all the wildlife stirring and the sun coming up. This is one of the reasons we feel lucky to be able to say this is not only our home but also our job.

We run a herd of Jersey Cross cows, a small breed of cow but they make up for it with their big personalities (and yes most of our cows and calves have names)! One thing that makes us different is that we keep the calves on their mums, we do this for a few reasons but one of our main reasons is we think it results in happier healthier cows. We plan to keep them out on grass as long as the fields and British weather will allow!



We are planning to set up the milk vending machine in the same place it previously was just outside the farm gates. We hope this will allow the community to get an insight into our farm, and ultimately be able to get our great tasting milk but with none of the food miles that you get when you buy milk at the supermarket.

We are always more than happy to answer any questions as to why we do or don't do certain things, there is lots to learn with Dairy Farming.

We are running an opening event for the vending machine on Monday 29th August, with lots of bits to do for all of the family so please pop down to say hello! For any updates on the vending machine please follow The Lyde Larder Facebook page.

Annual Appeal for Donations

Dear Reader,

You may remember last year we appealed for donations and the response was so generous from so many of you allowing us to keep printing the monthly magazine. However, we find ourselves in the same position again with the funds dwindling. We have applied for the grants available to the magazine and I am delighted to report that once again HCC has kindly agreed to the Councillor grant we applied for but if you are able to donate it will once again augment funds and the magazine can keep going for (hopefully) another year.

This will be an annual appeal since we have a very limited income from the advertisers but it doesn't begin to cover the printing costs for all the articles we hope you enjoy.

THANK YOU

The Editors,

Amanda , Jenny and Sue

For donations with a suggested amount of £12, the Rotherwick News bank details are:

Acc No. 43394811. Sort Code 090666

Acc name is, The Rotherwick News

The Bank is Santander.

The Street/Wedmans Lane Crossroads

Discussions continue with Cllr J Glenn.

Hampshire County Council state there have been no recorded accidents at this junction, I have been told that there have been but they may have not been recordable, if you have had an accident or are aware of any please let me know.

05th Aug I received the following:-

"On Thursday at around 12.00 pm K was driving towards Hook. She is a very cautious driver so on approaching the crossroads she stopped before the junction and edged cautiously forward. The hedges weren't blocking her view but even so it was difficult to see traffic coming down The Street into Cowfolds Lane.

Edging out very slowly she thought it was safe to cross the junction when suddenly a Transit van shot in front of her. Thankfully she was being ultra cautious so no collision occurred but she was very shaken."

If you have concerns or have similar experiences please let me know by e-mail. So far 15 families have expressed concerns and they will be kept informed of progress, if any!!

Tony Merricks anthony@merricks.me.uk

Sunday 11th September 10.30 a.m.
Special outdoor service in
Mattingley.



On Sunday 11th September our service will be held outdoors at
West End Farm, Mattingley RG27 8LJ
by invitation of Eric Denton.

The service will be held alongside the Thames Valley Ploughing Match.

Come along and join our short service as we celebrate the farming community; enjoy watching the tractors at work; and see the vintage machinery on display.

Please note that this replaces our usual morning service in Rotherwick.

Lisa's Recipe of the Month...



Stickiest BBQ ribs ever with chive dip

Slow cook these American-style pork ribs so they're really tender then coat in an irresistibly sweet, sticky sauce.

Prep - 10 mins

Cook - 3 hrs - 4 hrs

Plus marinating

Serves 4 or 8 with other BBQ food

- 2 racks baby back pork ribs
- 2 cans cola
- 2 tsp toasted sesame seed (optional)

For the sauce

- 8 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 8 tbsp soft brown sugar
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
- 1 tsp paprika

For the chive dip

- 300ml pot half-fat soured cream
- 2 tbsp salad cream
- Small bunch chive, snipped
- 6 spring onions, sliced

1. Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3 and snugly fit the ribs into a roasting tin. Pour over the cola and enough water to cover the ribs, then cover the tin tightly with foil. Roast for 2-3 hrs, turning halfway through, until the ribs are really tender but not falling apart.

2. Meanwhile, put all the sauce ingredients in a small saucepan. Gently heat, then bubble for about 2 mins, stirring.

3. When the ribs are done, carefully lift each out of the tin and sit on kitchen paper to dry. Tip away the liquid and wipe out the tin. Put the dry ribs back in the tin and coat all over with the sticky sauce. Cover and chill for at least 1 hr to marinate, but better still up to 24 hrs. Can be frozen at this stage.

4. Mix the dip ingredients together and chill until ready to serve.

5. Heat the barbecue and wait for the flames to die down, or heat oven to 220C/200C/gas 7. Add the ribs (in a roasting tin, if using the oven) and cook for 20 mins, turning occasionally, and basting often with remaining sauce. When ribs are sticky, hot through and crisping on the outside, slice to serve. Scatter with sesame seeds, if you like, and plate up with any remaining sticky sauce, warmed, and the chive dip.

Tips.

Remember to remove the membrane before cooking.

Why not try this recipe with Dinosaur Ribs (beef ribs) - increase cooking time in cola/water accordingly.

Enjoy 😊

From BBC Good Food



I was on the other side of the world! It was December 2019 and I couldn't believe that I'd been asked to present on Blockchain at a conference in Perth, Western Australia. Within hours of stepping off the plane I was running along the Swan River in amazing weather and beautiful surroundings. This was early prep for London 2020 training that would start in earnest in the new year.

I had signed up to run and raise money for Shooting Star Children's hospice. The furthest I'd run had been a half marathon but this hospice had been so amazing for my brother and his family when they discovered that my nephew Oliver had Krabbe disease, it felt the least I could do was to push myself a little while raising funds for them.

And so we moved into 2020 and the dark and cold evening training started. Little did we know what was about to unfold over the coming months...

I had already decided not to do the Fleet half when they eventually called it off. And then the inevitable happened, the London Marathon 2020 was also cancelled. Of course this was largely inconsequential to what was going on around us. One unfortunate outcome was that sadly Shooting Star had to close one of their hospices during depths of the pandemic due to the lack of continued funding, reducing the care that they were able to provide.

For the marathon, we were given a good range of options and this included deferral for one, two or three years. It also included taking part in the first ever 'virtual' London Marathon which I jumped at; I couldn't let the enthusiasm and training go to waste so in October on a very wet morning I ran my first marathon around the roads of Hook and Rotherwick. A nice surprise was that I became a Guinness World Record Holder as a result.

And so after a long wait, here we are in 2022, the deferral year that I chose and on Sunday 2nd October 2022 I am privileged to be taking part in my first proper London Marathon. I am now about half way through the training plan and up to about 15 or 16 miles on Sunday mornings. If you see me out running at any time during the week please do shout hi. Thankfully Shooting Star have reopened their hospice but they are still in



desperate need for funds. So if you'd like to contribute, please go to my Just Giving page where you can also find more on Oliver's story.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/iPoggy>

If you'd like to run and raise funds yourself I think there might still be places left. Just go to www.shootingstar.org.uk/ or I'd be happy to put you directly in touch with their fundraising team.

See you out there.

Gary , Wedmans Lane

(Good luck with your run and fund raising Gary).

Monthly Update from Jonathan Glen HCC member for Odiham and Hook and the Western Parishes

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>



When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

20mph Speed Limit Consultation

Hampshire County Council are consulting on the introduction of 20mph speed limits more widely.

There's been a vocal campaign over the last year to introduce a blanket 20mph limit in all built up and residential areas.

Tell us what you think by taking part in our survey, which will help shape future policy across Hampshire.

There's certainly an argument to do so in many of our local villages and in the residential areas of our towns. However, the challenge in doing so would be enforcement. The police struggle to provide enforcement of the speed limits we have in place now, so there would be an enormous challenge for us to ensure 20mph limits were adhered to.

However, in my opinion, because something is difficult isn't a reason not to do it. What do you think?

Read more about it, and fill in the survey online here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../20mph-speed-limits-consultation>

It shouldn't take any more than about 15 minutes to complete and it will be open until 12 September 2022. We want to hear from as many people as possible.

Green Flag Awards for all of Hampshire County Council's Country Parks

Well done to all the teams and volunteers at all five of our Country Parks for each securing a coveted Green Flag today – this rates them amongst the best in the world!

Lepe Country Park, Royal Victoria Country Park, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, River Hamble Country Park and Staunton Country Park have all once again gained the accolade in recognition of their excellent facilities and high quality maintenance. Staunton Country Park and Royal Victoria Country Park have also once again scooped Green Heritage Accreditation for taking top care of these sites' unique historic features.



Hampshire's Country Parks have been upgraded in recent years with fantastic new facilities including a recently opened pizza restaurant at Royal Victoria, The Barn café at River Hamble and The Lookout at Lepe (pictured).

Jonathan Glen



Quiz of the Month

August Questions

1. Who captained the Lionesses during their recent tournament victory at Euro 2022?
2. Gunpowder is a form of which drink?
3. In which century was the Spanish Inquisition established?
4. First released in 2008 which board game, based on the premise that four diseases have broken out over the World, is one of the most successful co-operative board games?
5. Which 3 numbers have the same answer whether they're added or multiplied together?
6. The notorious rotten borough of Old Sarum was in which county?
7. Which is the only part of the UK where dog licences are still required?
8. Which book of the Bible is a collection of 150 songs and poems?
9. What was the name of the fictional fire station used in the TV series 'London's Burning'?
10. Released in 1969, what was the name of the Beatles penultimate studio album?

'Quizinquisitor'

Answers to last month's quiz are on page 22



Village Lunch



Following an excellent lunch at the "Falcon" in July where Lee's staff provided, amongst other dishes Steak and Skinny Fries perfectly cooked. Jenny and her team at "The Coach and Horses" excelled with Baked salmon with broccoli spears, sauté potatoes in a white wine sauce, Pork Schnitzel and the traditional Ham Eggs and Chips, rounded off with a

zingy Lemon Meringue Tart.

The next Lunch is at the "Falcon" on the 1st September, make a note in your diary and please let me know if you'd like to come.

Tony Merricks





Many thanks to all those who visited and supported our annual Open Garden, we actually had an increased attendance from last year by 1, and whilst we are not back to pre covid levels of visitors, the weather was quite hot and did put people off coming, we have had a number of cards and emails expressing regret.

The tea and cake as always did amazingly well and we sent £300 to St Michael's hospice in this respect, with the NGS receiving the entrance fees and plant sales.



Many thanks again,

Sue and Richard Whistler



We're Blowing our own Trumpet

Lords, ladies, gentlemen of Rotherwick. Due to our popularity, The Rotherwick News is putting a recycling shout out to everyone.

We are going to place a box in the village library where you can donate your pre read copies.

Some of our readers would love to have a second or even a third copy. Some want them to send onto friends and family who don't actually live in our wonderful little village. I for one often send my copy on to Derbyshire where it gets passed around and read and re read by a different crowd as they believe our little village magazine is far more interesting than their own.



So if you would be happy with donating your own copy after you have read it cover to cover, you can be reassured that anyone who would like a second copy can then just help themselves on a first come first served basis. Just remember to digest any village notices in the magazine along with the gardening section, recipes, topical stories from our very own locals and of course check out what Absolutely Agnes has been up to, before you pass your thumbed and much loved copy on to another deserving soul.

Now those with a keen eye might have noticed it's not actually a trumpet that's being blown. It is in fact a Coaching Horn. They were used across the country during the 19th Century on mail coaches. Signifying their imminent arrival as well as their departure.



I'm sure there's plenty of public houses and private residences that have them adorning their walls, or possible the smaller hunting horn.

My question to you is this, do you have one? If you do my next question is can you play it? We would love to hear from you if you answered yes to either question.

Now we purchased ours at the weekend whilst we were in Winchester. We went to visit this fantastic Hampshire city of ours as we often do, as it happens on the 1st Sunday of the month there is a car boot and an antiques market.

I must admit it was an impulse buy and not planned at all and it even had a NO from mum. But she was out numbered so it's now ours. We usually religiously go along with mum as it keeps everything harmonious but this

was different, this is a coaching horn and we don't have any brass instruments in the house, so we are now the proud owners of a tube of copper and brass. The plus side is, we can make tunes with it. Sorry I spelt noise wrong there.

Our bargain hunting in Winchester didn't stop there, oh no we also bought two lamps £3.00 and an old blow torch £8.00 some Ladybird books £5.00 and a cushion. But you only need to know about the lamps, well one lamp actually as we had bought them to take to bits to then utilise the parts.

So with the lamp in bits it was then a case of a few small adjustments and a little bit of fiddling and fixing, add a new LED light bulb and hey presto, we now have a new, old, recycled, re used, repurposed cool lamp. For those of you that are good at maths, not including the light bulb it cost £9.50, what do you think?



Whilst in Winchester we also bought a couple of books from the Oxfam book shop in Parchment Street. The Buildings of England by Nikolaus Pevsner. These are fantastic books, each book is on an individual county, so there's lots to collect. Originally out in the fifties, they have been revised several times, and they are all about buildings of note. So in our Hampshire one, you can read what he thought about Rotherwick church and Tylney Hall.

Parchment Street is a lovely little street, not far from the ever popular High Street, full of little different independent shops, oh and a fantastic tea room called Frieda's Tea Room. Eggs Benedict and a coffee and then were off looking at the collectables, antiques and everything else Winchester has to offer. Steeped in history from King Alfred the Great to maintaining it has the oldest pubs in the country the Royal Oak. Although I'm sure every other old town and city would argue this.



If you are looking to escape the heat for a day, you couldn't make a better choice. Home to kings from Athelstan to Alfred, Canute to William the Conqueror they've all ruled here, some are buried here and some were crowned here. The Domesday book used to live here, West gate museum is a must along with Winchester Cathedral and the City Museum.

The River Itchen runs along the east of the city, which ,by the way, is a fantastic walk with some lovely hosteliies nearby.

The Romans have lived here and the Saxons and my grandad was born here. As you traverse yourself around Winchester there are what we call King Alfred Plaques every now and then. These have lots of information about the particular building they are attached too, so you can easily read about where the local gaol was or a royal mint for instance.

We love Winchester for absolutely everything it has to offer. Not one to blow our own trumpet but it is quite a special place for plenty of reasons. Go visit, you won't be disappointed.

Ramblings of Rotherwick

JULY Answers

1. Iga Swiatek was the ladies number 1 seed at Wimbledon. What is her nationality? **POLISH**
2. How many US States start with the word New? **FOUR (New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico & New York)**
3. On a standard UK Monopoly board, what is the first station after Go? **KING'S CROSS**
4. Singer Kate Bush returned to the top of the UK singles charts with one of her songs undergoing a resurgence thanks to its use in Netflix series Stranger Things. But which track is it? **RUNNING UP THAT HILL**
5. The 1980s novels by Colin Dann called *In The Grip Of Winter* and *Fox's Feud* are set in which "Wood"? **FARTHING WOOD**
6. Who won the 2022 US Open golf championship?
MATTHEW FITZPATRICK
7. Built in the 1990s, the auditorium in Glasgow that was originally known as the Clyde Auditorium soon became known as what? **(THE SEC) ARMADILLO**
8. The distance from the Earth to the Sun is one AU, what does AU stand for? **ASTRONOMICAL UNIT**
9. Which film starring Brad Pitt was based on a 1922 short story of the same name written by F. Scott Fitzgerald?
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON
10. What was the name of Henry VIII's flagship sunk in the Solent in 1545? **THE MARY ROSE**

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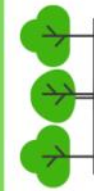
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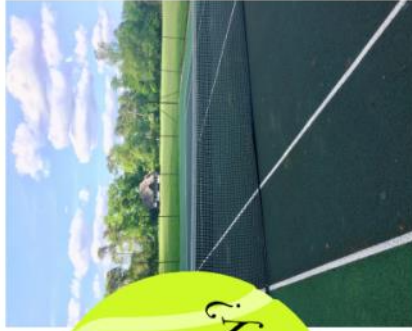


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NHS Campaign Know your Numbers (Blood pressure)

You can lower your blood pressure by changing your lifestyle. Everyone can lower their blood pressure by making a few simple lifestyle changes.

- Try to eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day.
- Don't forget that frozen, canned and dried varieties count too.
- These are the best source of potassium in the diet, which helps to lower blood pressure,
- Eating too much **salt** raises your blood pressure.
- An adult should eat less than 6g of salt a day
- [75% of the salt we eat is "hidden" in our foods, so make sure you check food labels for salt content.]

Think about what you are **drinking**.

- You should drink no more than 14 units of alcohol a week for **BOTH men and women**.
- Lose weight if you need to -if you are overweight then your blood pressure is likely to be higher than if you were the correct weight for your height. If you lose excess weight you will probably find that your blood pressure reduces.

Be active

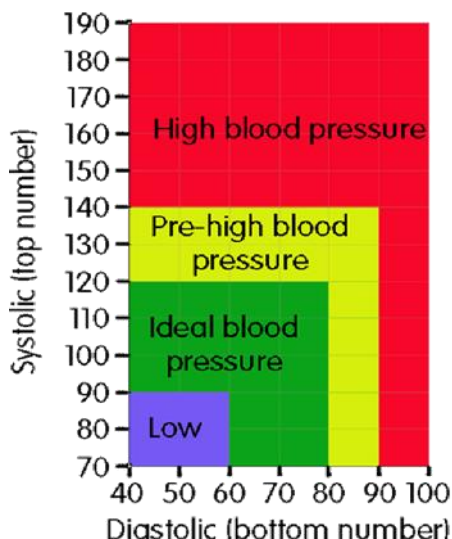
- Aim for half an hour of exercise on five days of the week. The exercise needs to make you breathe faster and warm you up. How about a lunchtime walk or some energetic gardening? You don't have to go to the gym to be doing yourself some good.

Medication

Some people will also need to take medication prescribed by their doctor to lower their blood pressure. Today's blood pressure tablets are very effective in lowering blood pressure and reducing long-term risk of stroke and heart attack.

Can I check my blood pressure at home?

A proper diagnosis of high blood pressure can only be given by a doctor, but many people find it useful to keep an eye on their blood pressure by checking at home with a digital home blood pressure monitor. There are many on the market, but Blood Pressure UK advises that you should use one that has been clinically validated. The website www.bloodpressureuk.org has a list of validated monitors.



The telephone system is being re-engineered with our current supplier and commenced in July. The queuing system will be simplified to 4 options. We are hoping this will make a difference and will be reviewed.

The practice has now recruited 3 senior reception supervisors. Receptionists are still getting verbal and racist abuse from patients which has caused 2 of them to resign. It is currently fully staffed clinically (from August)

Extended opening hours will be coming back in October so the practice will be open until 20.00 one evening a week. A site in Festival Place is being made ready for appointments on Saturdays 09.00-17.00.

The practice website is also gradually being rebuilt and will be mobile friendly. Look out for the changes.

The new appointment system started at the beginning of August. The current system is obviously not working so changes needed to be made. This will be reviewed with staff and patients' feedback.

- New appointments will only be available on the day
- Nurse appointments and follow up appointments will remain the same
- Duty team will remain the same for urgent on the day appointments.

There is a new prescription box at Hartley Wintney.

"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, Dan Pearce and Catherine Bolt 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 rotherwick-news@yahoo.co.uk by 10th of the month. What could be easier?

ROTHERWICK ITW CRICKET CLUB



Five games were played in the Midweek League plus a twice re-arranged cup match.

Wednesday 6th July v **Odiham & Greywell** (at Stratton Park, Basingstoke)

Odiham & Greywell 211 runs for 5 wickets from 20 overs, Rotherwick ITW 132 for 3 from 20 overs.

Rotherwick ITW lost by 79 runs



Steaming in!

Wednesday 13th July v **Sherfield-on-Loddon** (at Sherfield-on-Loddon)

Rotherwick ITW 171 for 6 from 20 overs (Gregg Cloete 50 n.o.), Sherfield-on-Loddon 174 for 9 from 19.1 overs, (Richard Williams 4 for 43).

Rotherwick ITW lost by 1 wicket.

Thursday 14 July v **Aldermaston Rugby** (at May's Bounty, Basingstoke)

Cyril Thompson Cup match.

Aldermaston Rugby 232 for 3 from 20 overs, Rotherwick ITW 130 for 8 from 20 overs.

Rotherwick ITW lost by 102 runs.



Mid innings break

Wednesday 20 July v **Development Group** (at Stratton Park, Basingstoke)
Rotherwick ITW 149 for 4 from 20 overs (Gregg Cloete 50 n.o.), Development
Group 151 for 2 from 19.4 overs. Rotherwick ITW lost by 7 wickets.

Wednesday 27 July v **Herriard** (at Herriard)
Rotherwick ITW 131 for 5 from 20 overs (Kyle Frost 25), Herriard 132 for 8 from
17.5 overs, (Tim Culver 4 for 10) Rotherwick ITW lost by 2 wickets.

Wednesday 3 August v **Stratfield Turgis & Hartley Wespall** (at Stratfield Turgis)
Rotherwick ITW 104 for 9 from 18 overs (Ali Brown 19), Stratfield Turgis & Hart-
ley Wespall 105 for 2 from 11.2 overs, (Richard Williams 1 for 7)
Rotherwick ITW lost by 8 wickets.

This game completed our season and left the club in 6th place (out of 7 in the
league) with 2 wins from 12 games, with 2 of those cancelled. 90 points were ac-
crued at an average of 9 points per game.

On a brighter note, the new artificial wicket has now been installed and thanks,
among others, are due to Hampshire County Council (via local Councillor Jona-
than Glen) and to the Parish Council for their financial assistance in this project.

'Twelfth Man'



Thank you from Ukrainians in Rotherwick

Myself and my daughter arrived from Ukraine just over 2 months ago.
I would like to write to thank everyone in Rotherwick who has wel-
comed us into the village. We have been overwhelmed with generosi-
ty from the village residents who have helped with everything from
school uniforms to bicycles.

I also write this to wonder if there is anyone in the village who could
accommodate my parents who now find themselves in a very precari-
ous position in Ukraine. I appreciate this is big request but as I have
learnt in my short time in England, if you do not ask you do not get.

Should there be any questions or should you need any further infor-
mation please email me at elenasavon70@gmail.com

We thank you again for everything.

Best Regards

Elena and Maria



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Crispy jalapenos , blue cheese dip	£4.5
Beef burger , cheddar & fries <i>add bacon £1</i>	£11
Cajun chicken burger , slaw, BBQ sauce, cheese and chips	£11
Vegetarian 'haggis wellington' , hassle back potato, carrot, kale	£10
Chicken Breast filled with garlic cream cheese, wrapped in bacon served with baby jackets, white wine bbq sauce, grilled mushrooms and tomatoes	£14
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
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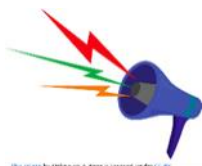
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Let's give a shout to...



Huge shout out of thanks to the prompt response of Hampshire Fire & Rescue to the almost instantaneous stubble fire behind our house. Noble neighbours rallied round with brooms and hoses soaking borders. Could've been nasty; all the leaves on the trees along our fence melted!

Sharon Glen



A big Rotherwick welcome to the Steel family recently moved into the village. We're used to seeing you farming the fields all around us so it is great to have you living in the village.

Marion Robak

A warm hello too to the new farmers at Lyde Green Farm.: Lucy, Adam, Jay-mee and Ollie.

Welcome to Rotherwick!



Looking Ahead



Upcoming dates

September 1st—Village Lunch at the Falcon

September 11th— Special Outdoor Service at Mattingley Church see page 12

October 5th —Village Hall AGM see below

November 5th—Fireworks at the village hall

December 7th—Christmas Wreath making at the village hall

NOTICE

ROTHERWICK VILLAGE HALL



The management committee of Rotherwick Village Hall (RVH) being charity trustees do hereby give notice of an Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm at the Hall.

All residents of the village are invited to attend to receive a report from the management committee for the past year following which the committee retire all together. Those present at the meeting aged 18 or over can then vote to elect and/or re-elect the members of the RVH Management Committee.

Notice dated 12th August 2022

If anyone would like to put their name forward for election to the management committee to help run your Hall, please notify either the Secretary, Sue Whistler at secretary@rvh.org.uk , or any member of the present committee. There will be wine and nibbles to savour during the meeting and the chance to chat to the present committee about what is involved if you are thinking of joining.

A message from Rachel Johnson - Parish Councillor

As the Parish Councillor who attends the quarterly policing priorities Meetings, I am keen for Rotherwick residents to inform me of any concerns they have or questions they wish me to ask, on their behalf, at these meetings. It is our opportunity to have a direct link with the Hart Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Email Rachel Johnson on rachel.johnson@rotherwick.org.uk