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ANNUAL VILLAGE SPRING **CLEAN** **SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2022**

This year's village spring clean will take place on Saturday 19th March and we would like to invite all residents to join the Parish Council for a few hours litter picking.

We will be meeting at the Church at 12.00 noon, where refreshments and equipment will be provided.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference to your village as well as meet other residents. We hope to see you there!

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Absolutely Agnes...

Well Valentines was a bit of a damp squib as far as Agnes was concerned, nothing but bills through the letterbox & not a knight in any sort of armour in sight.

Speaking of the damp, according to *Sara Coleridge's nature poem (1802-1852)*:

February brings the rain, thaws the frozen lake again.

Well, that's all jolly wonderful, walking Miss Betsy is already like a mission to cross the swamps of outer Mongolia (if indeed they have swamps there), it looks as though the muddy walks & doggy showers shall have to continue for a while longer yet.

Still, we mustn't rush into Spring....'All good things come to those who wait' as my dearest granny was fond of saying.

Far better to sit by the fire with a cup of tea, THINKING about all the jobs that need doing in the garden, than rushing about like a headless chicken in the rain...at least that's Agnes' strategy.

Whether you take to the great outdoors like a duck to water or prefer to bide your time, let's hope that March, when she finally arrives brings such much needed sunshine to Rotherwick & beyond.

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](#)



THINGS ARE LOOKING UP!

Hooray! The days are gradually beginning to get a little lighter, and despite the cold and miserable weather that we've all had to put up with recently, good old Mother Nature seems to think that Spring is on the horizon. So things are looking up!

For a start, here the early flowering daffodils have brought us much cheer; they began to open in early January, brightening up some of the duller days that we've all had to put up with since at least early December.



Apart from plants, though, the garden is currently busy with birds and wildlife – a great time waster for us, as in our house we are constantly stopping at the windows to watch as soon as something catches our attention.

The squirrel family, all four of them, are daily visitors and have been making the most of our several bird feeders. Despite the occasional damage they cause (sometimes labour intensive for us!) they've kept us entertained with their clever "Mission Impossible" tactics for getting food from the feeders. Sadly, a couple of recent missions failed as, their attempts to climb the pole of a multi-feed station ended in them sliding back down to the bottom with a surprised look on their faces!

They then run back and forth at great speed to hide their booty by burying it all around the garden. Apparently squirrels are later able to find most of what they hide – which is a great relief to us since they've recently stolen almost all of the peanuts from our expensive "squirrel-proof" feeders, through a hole they enlarged in the mesh! Despite their planting efforts, though, I doubt that we'll become as famous for peanut farming as was previous USA President, Jimmy Carter! By the way, if you find squirrels eating through your lead flashing, as did we a couple of years back, a coat of something containing cayenne pepper is said to do the trick (as they don't like it, and it apparently won't harm the birds)!



More recently doing their best to cheer us are the said birds, which now appear to be back in full force. Our regular thrushes, blackbirds, and numerous members of the tit family are again visiting our garden, plus wood pigeons, doves, jackdaws, rooks and the occasional crow, and

both the Greater Spotted and Green woodpeckers. The goldcrest is also a regular visitor each year, and has been spotted this week (January) bathing in the pond, as do many other of our regulars.

The sweet little Wren appears each day close to the windows, rummaging for food in our flower troughs, and is often heard singing happily in the trees or bushes nearby.



Sadly, there is always one to spoil the show – and that is the Sparrow hawk! As much as we admire this beautiful bird (and understand that it has to eat!) it has taken so many of our more passive visitors over the past few weeks.

Lastly there are the Robins, who we can rely on to hide in the midst of dense shrubs, or the tops of trees, and seemingly Twitter (or is it Tweet?) forever whilst we work in the garden. In fact, on a couple of occasions recently one of “our” Robins accompanied me as I trimmed various shrubs, perching just a couple of feet from wherever I stepped and chattering as he did so as if to keep me company! But what is it about Robins? Just having them nearby as we potter about the garden can bring such a feeling of joy and peace. But, is enjoying nature really a waste of time?



Humans’ relationship with the natural environment is apparently known as the concept of biophilia and the biophilia hypothesis (the natural instinct to connect with nature and other living beings, including plants*). Essentially this means that humans have a desire to be near nature. This is something I believe most of us enjoy, whether through gardening, or walking in the countryside etc., and helps us to relax.

During a walk through the village recently, I saw about twelve Red Kites flying overhead, probably the largest number I’ve seen together since I first saw them here around the early 2000s, shortly after their introduction to Buckinghamshire about 1989-1990. Flying amongst them was a Buzzard. When we first moved here, we often saw several Buzzards, which were the more dominant birds of prey in our village until the arrival of the Red Kites.

Finally, Catherine’s article in the last Rotherwick News mentioning the Tawny Owl being heard but not seen resonated with me. We’ve lived here for 26 years and I had heard them over our garden many times (often being awoken by their calls and going to the window to try and spot them) but had never actually seen one here - until quite recently! Returning home in the dark after a Rotherwick News meeting, I was turning my key in the door when I heard, and then spotted, a Tawny Owl sitting at the top of a nearby tall tree by the boundary. What a special moment that was! So, there’s time yet, Catherine, don’t give up hope!

Lin Humble

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HEDGELAYER

This article is based on true events.
Only the names have been changed to protect the idiots.

It was the week before Christmas and the days were dark and miserable. The freezing fog was swirling eerily around the sleepy little hamlet that is Rotherwick and all was quiet, until the peace was shattered by the sound of a chain saw starting up.

This was the start of the Great Hudson Copse Hedgelaying Project, on Cowfold Lane, commissioned by Rotherwick Parish Council.

John (Hedge Your Bets) Bennett was leading the team, with Jonathan (Let's keep the First Aid kit handy) Wort representing the council.

After 10 minutes of intensive, in-depth training the team was let loose in the woods to find suitable trunks and branches to support the hedge as it was laid. If you think the noise made by chickens when laying their eggs is loud, you should have heard the noise made by the hedgelayers as they laid their hedge!

Every Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. sharp, the laying begins. Posts and binders are cut, holes are dug, and posts are driven deep into the ground as the woods ring out to the grunts and moans of old men striving to perform beyond their capa-



bilities. Miraculously there have been few injuries so far. A couple of cracked ribs, two broken fingers, a dislocated shoulder, one torn ligament, two hernias and a mild dose of 'flu don't even register on the casualty severity scale for a project of this magnitude!

Despite the "coffee and biscuit" breaks part-way through the morning the progress, in the seven sessions so far, has been so remarkable that the project is now 3 months ahead of its scheduled 2-month completion date. At this rate it'll be finished before it started!!



Word of the project has spread like wildfire, and people have travelled from as far away as The Street just to view the amazing spectacle that is hedgelaying. If the crowds continue to grow, it will soon be necessary to make access available, by invitation only, to those who have a legitimate public interest, journalists from Lay Your Hedge Weekly and anyone

who can produce a Covid Vaccination Certificate. In any event, they will be required to stay behind the police cordon that will, inevitably, be required to keep the public safe.

Finally, a mention must be made of the other hard-working team members:

Ray the Ratchet Lopper; Peter the Post Thumper; Alan the Angry Chain Saw (he used to live in Texas but reluctantly relocated to Rotherwick as the FBI closed in) and Bob the Billhook.

(Great job guys and a massive thank you from Vernon the Villager, Roger Rotherwick and the rest of us).



Whitewater Health Patient Participation Group **March 2022 Update**

It is possible that we are approaching a level of normality. The practice remains very busy and is working hard to continue to provide the best service.

We have received a few emails from patients and forwarded their comments to the practice, who are always willing to listen and where possible act. An issue raised recently was the difficulty in communication through the screens in reception areas. The practice has now purchased microphones which should ease the problem without compromising safety.

The practice has acknowledged the challenges in recruiting and retaining staff, and we can be assured that this has and is being actively reviewed. A new practice manager will have been appointed by the time you read this and will be taking up post in April. This is a key role in running a significant organisation of more than 40 staff with 18,000+ patients.

Health Promotion

The NHS has a health promotion programme which runs throughout the year, and we will be providing information on these topics in line with their timetable. For March our chosen focus from the campaigns is Prostate Cancer.

Prostate cancer is one of the largest causes of death in men and is the subject of ongoing research with new treatments becoming available. One of the key issues is that men are reluctant to consult medical opinion and delays can lead to complications or indeed make treatment unlikely. Most men with early prostate cancer don't have any signs or symptoms. But there are some risk factors, that you can see on our poster here, that may mean you're more likely to get prostate cancer. For details of symptoms you can visit:

prostatecanceruk.org/

Even if you don't have any of the symptoms, but fall into the risk factor groups, do speak to your GP and they can talk to you about your risk, and about the tests that are used to diagnose prostate cancer.

Communications

We are always trying to improve our communications to the community and publish in the local magazines, Parish Councils, Schools and other organisation newsletters. If there is a way you believe we can improve and widen the information flow please contact us via e mail at Whitewaterppg@gmail.com, correspondence (PPG mailbox in both surgeries) or by leaving a message on our phone line 01256 678671 or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WhitewaterPPG

Are you at risk of prostate cancer?

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the UK.



Most men with early prostate cancer don't have any symptoms.
That's why it's important to know about your risk.

1 in 8

In the UK, about 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime.

Over 50 years old

Prostate cancer mainly affects men over 50 and your risk increases with age. The most common age for men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer is between 65 and 69 years

Family history and genes

You are two and a half times more likely to get prostate cancer if your father or brother has been diagnosed with it, compared to a man who has no relatives with prostate cancer. Your risk of getting prostate cancer may also be higher if your mother or sister has had breast cancer.

Ethnicity

Black men are more likely to get prostate cancer than other men, and at a younger age. In the UK, about 1 in 4 black men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. If you are a black man, your risk may increase once you're over 45.

If you have any of these risk factors or symptoms, speak to your GP. They can talk to you about your risk, and about the tests that are used to diagnose prostate cancer.

For more information visit prostatecanceruk.org

 Whitewater Health Patient Participation Group 1 March 2022



Quiz of the Month

Introducing a new feature to test our grey matter!

1. What links Darcey Bussell; Hale-Bopp; female fox and love god?
2. The Royal Mint recently unveiled a new commemorative 50p coin featuring the Queen on horseback on one side, and what number on the other side?
3. Who is due to become the youngest ever solo headliner in the history of the Glastonbury Festival in 2022?
4. With its 11th series currently showing, the BBC TV series Death In Paradise is set on which fictional Caribbean island?
5. Which film production company has 22 stars on its logo to represent the 22 actors and actresses put under contract by producer Adolph Zukor in 1916, soon after the company was founded?
6. In which cartoon town would you find "Moe's Tavern"?
7. Based on a science fiction novel called Make Room, Make Room, which 1973 film is set in the year 2022, when the world has become overpopulated, polluted and lacking natural resources?
8. How many cities are there in Wales?
9. Which company or organisation's website would you reach using the address aa.com?
10. What happened first a) the one pound note was withdrawn from circulation; or b) the halfpenny was withdrawn from circulation?

Answers will be published in next month's edition.



Animal Antics: A Tropical Edition

This January we finally managed to escape the UK, after too many Covid restrictions and having babies to really haven't had the chance these last few years. So I'm pleased to report that February's Animal Antics are a bit more tropical than usual!

Mauritius was at first hot and sweaty, and then seriously breezy as a brewing cyclone crept closer. Whatever the weather it was still nicer than the UK. When you aren't staying in a closed off resort - we were lucky enough to stay with friends who live there - you always see a few extra special things. The marine life is unsurprisingly amazing; with turtles, fish, rays and dolphins. The native lack of education and care of this habitat is another topic in itself: the amount of litter left on the beaches after a weekend was horrific.

Its creatures are truly magnificent, and we were lucky enough to see many of them. One friend is busy settling into her new job, as of a year ago, at La Vanille Nature Park (and no sadly they aren't paying a promo fee for the excellent free coverage here in the Rothewick Magazine, sorry team). I say settling in, simply because the office environment is pretty unique. Some days she comes in to find the park's rescue deer, who roams free and is sassy with members of the office he doesn't like (goes for a regular bite when he can), is eating the papers on her desk and has decided her floor is great place to relieve himself. Another day she found a stray cat



had birthed a litter of kitten the night before (she now has adopted two of those kittens as her own). Not to mention glancing out of her window to be distracted by the iguanas and lemmas opposite or finding meetings are interrupted by the sound of copulating giant tortoises. This is not a quiet sound.

Super strong and super soft, the lemmas little hands grabbed for grapes at super speed! We were lucky enough to be able to give them their breakfast when the park opened first thing in the morning. These lemmas were breeding in captivity, as numbers in

the wild are close to extinction.

A quiet chameleon lurked nearby, we nearly didn't spot him.

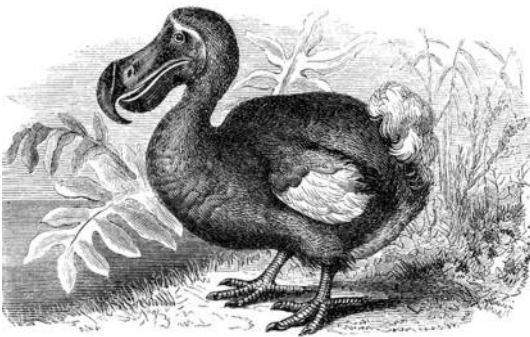
Giant tortoises, *my* absolute favourite. They liked to have their long necks tickled and rubbed. If you had done a really good job they would start to follow you for more when you got up to walk away. Or else they would thump onto the floor and collapse for a snooze. When I heard there was a chance to swim with wild dolphins I expressed that it is my husbands 'childhood dream!' to do so, only to be corrected that it is 'also my *adult* dream.' It was very special to have a pod of dolphins catch up and swim with him, and then swim on.

With the dodo extinct for the last 200 years, today it is celebrated as the countries national bird:

The dodo is descended from birds that could fly, and other extant species that are in the same family *Columbidae*, which includes pigeons and doves.



So why was the dodo confined to two legs? The most likely answer is simply because it didn't need to. As natives of an island with no predators the ancestors of the dodo no longer needed flight as an adaptation to escape.



Due to their inability to fly and lack of previous exposure to predators, dodos were at risk as soon as Dutch sailors landed on their island in 1598.

Credit :BBC Wildlife Magazine

Contrary to popular narratives that these sailors hunted and ate the birds into extinction, it is unlikely that it was the people themselves that caused the decline, but the animals they brought with them. These included ship-rats and domestic dogs, cats, and pigs.

These invasive species outcompeted the dodos for food and predated on their eggs, leading to decline in numbers and eventually complete loss of the species for ever.¹

The loss of the dodo, a culturally significant species, is a poignant example of the damage human activities can do to animals, particularly isolated island dwellers. Whilst there are still hurdles to overcome (ref rubbish on the beaches and no recycling) there are organisations in Mauritius working hard to protect its native wildlife, much of which is still under threat.

¹ [5 things you always wanted to know about dodos - Discover Wildlife](#)

All this from a two-week visit. Imagine what else you would discover if you had more time with these incredible creatures.



Harriet Steger



The rescue deer enjoying a chin scratch.

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Get Gardening

I think the squirrels have pinched my alliums and not just one or two but all of them and they are not supposed to like alliums! I'm sure we have at least one family of squirrels in our garden. I read that they can nest in houses, hopefully that will never happen. I never think of them as rodents as it's lovely to see them scampering around, up and down the trees; young ones chasing each other across the lawn, but boy are they frustrating! It's not only bulbs they like, like the birds, they love strawberries and have often stripped the plants before we've noticed! Any netting unless its wire doesn't deter them as they are certainly quite persistent. (We've now made a wire cage to put over bulbs and strawberries.) I've watched them bury acorns in the lawn and presume they are responsible for the many holes we have around the garden.



They've also stripped the bark on some tree branches, although it seems they don't like Silver Birch. Their sharp teeth that apparently don't stop growing can certainly do some damage. They often pretend to bury nuts to fool any thief watching from finding them, crafty! They can also find 80% of the nuts they bury, which is quite impressive, leaving the other 20% to grow into trees, so they do have some uses. Their sense of smell is so

strong they can smell nuts a foot underground even if the ground is covered in snow. Unfortunately, they often have two litters a year, sometimes with up to seven babies or kittens. Ironically, they are not around today when I wanted to photograph them! (Picture of squirrel from <https://www.treehugger.com/happy-squirrel-appreciation-day-4868817>.)

The recent sunny days (is it me or do there seem to have more than normal?) have encouraged us to sort out the garden for spring. It seems to have encouraged others too. I've already heard the buzz of lawnmowers and amazingly my winter lettuce, which is fully exposed to the elements, is still growing! This is the time to think about planting some more vegetables, but as our garden is often so very waterlogged deciding what to plant is always a difficult decision.

In the meantime, I'm pruning everything that needs pruning at this time of year. I read it's time to cut back some clematis and any wisteria. Something I always put off as I can never remember which type of clematis we have. A few years ago, I started to keep a diary of everything I planted but looking back, although I have the full name of just about every other plant, the clematis is not one of them! So, it will just be a light trim for now. By the way...

- Group 1 bloom in winter and spring on the previous year's growth and need little or no pruning but will benefit from a trim after flowering. Although avoid pruning after June as this apparently is when it will be producing wood and flowers for next year.
- Group 2 looks dead during winter but will flower early in summer during late May and June and need to be pruned in late February/March but not too severely. Pruning again after first flowering it is said will encourage it to flower again in late summer.
- Group 3 are late flowering and are vigorous and need to be pruned hard in February to early March as this one tends to overwhelm neighbouring plants.



Our wisteria is a tree which looks like a tangled mess (and not like this beautiful one shown, found on pinterest) and so probably does need a prune. Wisterias are part of the legume family which makes sense as it has bean-like seed pods hanging from it in autumn, well only one actually! Anyway, I planted it last year hoping to grow it up the

house. It grew successfully but I read it could take up to 20 years to flower! I decided to buy another one, I don't think I can wait 20 years! Amazingly the largest wisteria, which is in Sierra Madre, California is a Chinese lavender variety planted in 1894. It's been recorded to be over an acre in size and weighing in at 250 tons! If mine ever grows to that size I don't think the house would survive!

Catherine Bolt

Snowdrops



These pretty flowers need a mention at this time of year. I came across a lovely display of snowdrops along the roadside in Mill Lane, Hartley Westpall interspersed with a few Aconites. This photo doesn't do them justice.

Did you know these 10 facts about snowdrops?

- Their scientific name is *Galanthus* which means Milk Flower.
- They are named after the old word for earrings known as 'eardrops' and not snow.
- They were brought back by soldiers from the Crimean war battlefields.
- They contain a natural antifreeze.
- It's apparently unlucky to bring them into the house.
- There are many varieties of snowdrop, some are highly collectable and sell for over £600!!
- Some who collects snowdrops is known as a Galanthomaniac.
- The bulbs are poisonous to humans.
- When the temperature reaches 10c snowdrops open allowing bumble bees that come out of hibernation to collect nectar. They close to protect the nectar when the temperature drops.
- They produce a substance that is used to improve memory and help those with Alzheimers.

If you are inspired to see more snowdrops there are several gardens under the National Garden Scheme that are open in February such as Little Court in Winchester, Down House in Itchen Abbas and Chawton House in Alton. To find more information about the gardens visit greatbritishgardens.co.uk. or ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/snowdrop-gardens.

Catherine Bolt

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 (more details to follow) the Rotherwick News is hoping that all our enthusiastic culinary experts young and old will create a pudding fit for a Queen. All the puddings can be brought to the village hall on the day (yet to be decided but one of the days set aside for the Jubilee) to be enjoyed by the whole village.

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?!

Painting and Pennies

That's it, January 2022 has come and gone without a hitch and it was the driest on record in the last 25 years. Now like you I'm not sure if that's a good or a bad thing. (Pretty sure it's not good) But I do know it's been great not getting soaking wet, blown sideways or frozen solid when out walking the dog. There was now snow storms, which meant there was now sledging or snowballs but it also meant there was no falling over on your bum on the icy paths.

So what did you get up to during the not so cold and miserable January? We started the month off by watching Digging for Britain on BBC 2. This featured Prof Alice Roberts visiting various sites across Britain over 6 episodes. Now since we have a personal interest in two of the places she visited Butser Ancient Farm episode 2 (building the Bronze Age house) and the Saxon burial site at Salisbury Plain episode 5 (our first actual dig), we were still captivated by all the episodes.

To make the watching of the programme that more immersive we took part in #D4BDrawing. This meant people across the country were drawing as they watched the programme. It was just for fun, but it meant getting the pencil and paints out and as you watch the programme you quickly sketch



A bone comb from Salisbury Plain.

an artefact that's on the TV then upload it onto Twitter with the necessary hash tags .



A piece of roof tile from a Knights Hospitalier building Leicester.



It's been a long time since I've had the paints out. Now if you fancy giving painting a try, the Hampshire Cultural Trust have lots of courses and workshops on offer www.hampshireculture.org.uk

Now did I say it was dry? I don't mean dry January as in stay off the Gin, I'm talking about the weather.

Having always wanted to have a go at metal detecting, but not wanting to commit to actually buying a metal detector. The reason behind not buying

a detector in the past is quite a simple one, I couldn't justify spending a two to three hundred pounds on a piece of kit that after using for a day and not finding anything exciting, it would get relegated to the back of the garage.

So all that changed after finally getting around to watching the brilliant Detectorists on BBC 1 player, written and directed by Mackenzie Crook as well as starring himself and the fantastic Toby Jones.

No I haven't bought one as I'm still thinking it will end up at the back of the garage, but we've borrowed one.

Now back to the fact that, this is a very dry January and we have the land owners permission (well mum) we are allowed to detect in the garden.

So what have we found after two sessions and plenty of internet tutorials on how to use, read, understand the sensitivity, mineralization, depth etc etc?



We found so many bits of old metal I could open up a scrap yard. But we were not disappointed, oh no. This is all very interesting, I mean who cannot get excited as to hearing your first beep with sensitivity turned down to half and a reading of 56 with a depth of 4 triangles (not sure how deep a triangle is). So with a small garden spade at the ready and a trowel in reserve we start to dig....

There is our first piece of proper junk probably from the 1960s. A piece of I don't know what, but I do know our day got better, finding and digging an old bolt, a piece of molten metal, a piece of tin foil and along with what we think is some sort of old shelf bracket.



We are now reading the signals and digging where we are hoping to find something interesting and then it happens. We found a piece of an old sign just like this one. We now know



we are on a roll so onwards we go and moving just a couple of feet to the left we hit the jackpot.

Now we don't have the Portable Antiquities Scheme on speed dial in our phone just yet but we know like all good and responsible metal detectorists that anything found of significant interest should be reported along with a grid reference to the Finds Liaison office.

We dig, where the beeps are indicating, we lift the turf. Our gloved hands are in the soil searching, searching for what?

We don't know but potentially it could be more rusty corroded old junk. Or is this time different, are we going to find a Roman Hoard, buried in our own garden? We keep searching and there it is, a small round flat circular object. It looks like a coin but it could be a washer. We clean the mud off and start to get excited, it is a coin and it doesn't have queen Elizabeth on the face of it.

A bit more rubbing and it's one of the George's. But which one?

We have found our first coin. We have found a 1918 King George V farthing.

We are not going to need to report this to the museums, and it's not going to make us rich, but we have found history in our garden. Someone in the past has dropped their coin, maybe whilst working in the garden or did it fall out of their pocket when they reached for the handkerchief. We will never know but it has potentially been lost in our garden for a hundred years.



Now the question is, do we invest in our own metal detector? Would it live in the back of the garage if we did? Or do we now have the detectors bug?

We would love to know if you have found anything interesting in your garden, drop a note to the Rotherwick news telling us what it is, you could even add a photo as well.

Ramblings of Rotherwick

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

Based in Rotherwick, we are volunteers who collect very specific items in our purple bins sited around northwest Hart for recycling via TerraCycle. According to the weight of each stream collected, we receive donations to our nominated local charities: Rotherwick Scouts, Whitewater School PTA and HMR PCC (the churches of Heckfield, Mattingley & Rotherwick).

This is a list of items that we accept under the various TerraCycle schemes that we have been accepted onto (VM1-14). Items marked with an * are ones we have not been accepted onto as yet (AR1-9), but we pass them on to another local collector (Ali's Recycling) and she receives the money for her chosen charities.

PLEASE STICK TO THE LIST. IF IT'S NOT LISTED, WE CANNOT TAKE IT.

SOME RECENT CHANGES (December 2021) INCLUDE REMOVAL OF PET FOOD AND TASSIMO/NESPRESSO COFFEE PODS.

PLEASE PRE-SORT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF RECYCLING IF AT ALL POSSIBLE – BREAD BAGS ARE VERY USEFUL FOR THAT.

	Waste Stream	Village Magpies accept	We don't accept
FOOD			
VM 1	Cheese (Cathedral City sponsored)	Any brand individual plastic cheese wrappers Any brand sliced cheese protective plastic film Any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches - Labels from Cathedral City Mini packs of 6 Any brand of plastic nets for mini cheese	NO rigid plastic cheese tubs & trays WE ONLY ACCEPT THE PEEL BACK LID NO cardboard cheese boxes and paper wrapping NO wooden cheese boxes NO cheese wax & wax paper (Babybel has its own scheme – see AR1 below this) NO cheese slice dividers NO squeezezy cheese tubes NO labels from any other cheese nets
AR 1	Babybel *	Individual Babybel wrappers, Babybel wax, Babybel mini roll sleeves & plastic trays, Babybel mini roll flexible plastic packaging, Babybel net bags, Babybel labels, Babybel metal clasp	NO other brands
VM 2	Lavazza Eco Caps	Lavazza Eco Caps compatible with Nespresso coffee machines Lavazza Eco Caps compatible with Lavazza A Modo Mio coffee machines	NO other brands NO cardboard or plastic packaging containing the caps NO other type of Lavazza capsules NO coffee bags
VM 3	Taylors	Taylors of Harrogate coffee bean pouches, ground coffee pouches and individual coffee bag pouches	NO other brands NO individual coffee bags themselves or coffee grounds NO coffee capsules NO cardboard packaging (put in your blue wheelie bin)
VM 4	Kinder	Kinder aluminium foil packaging Kinder chocolate wrapper Kinder rigid plastic packaging, including the egg 'shell' and the plastic toy if you really can't find a child who wants it Kinder flexible plastic packaging	NO cardboard packaging NO other brands
VM 5	Ferrero Pralines	Ferrero Rocher & Ferrero Collection gold plastic tray Ferrero Rocher & Ferrero Collection transparent plastic box & outer plastic wrappers Ferrero Rocher aluminium foil wrappers	NO paper cases (put in your council recycling wheelie-bin) NO other brands

VM 6	Confectionery	- All brands of plastic confectionery packaging - Flexible plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags e.g. skittles, chocolate buttons, M&Ms - Chocolate and sweets multipack outer plastic packaging e.g. Haribo, Mars treatsize - Individual plastic chocolate bar wrappers	NO Aluminium foil, cardboard and paper wrappers e.g. individual foil and paper packets (like Rowntree's Fruit Pastilles® or KitKat Biscuits®) and cardboard tubes and boxes (like Smarties® or After Eight®) NO Metal Tins and rigid plastic trays or tubs, e.g. Quality Street® plastic tubs or Dairy Box® chocolate box. NO Quality Street® wrappers. These are now biodegradable and can be put into your compost.
VM 7	Biscuits (Jacobs sponsored)	- Any brand of biscuit or cracker wrapper - any size - i.e. digestive, ginger nuts, custard cream, cream crackers, mini cheddars - Crackawheat, rice crackers, Prawn crackers - Individual biscuit wrappers e.g. Penguins. - The outer wrapper including clear cellophane wrappers from biscuits and mini rolls - Individual wrappers from crackers - Anything with a biscuit/wafer in it - Rice cakes, Twiglets, Mini Cheddars, Hovis crackers, children's snack packets/snack bars - Breadstick packets	NO other cellophane can be taken, even it appears to be the same NO cardboard
AB 2	Nuts/ Popcorn/ Pretzels/ Pork Scratchings (KP sponsored) *	- Nuts, popcorn, Pop Chips, pork scratchings and pretzels packets - any type and any size - Please keep separated from crisps and other schemes.	NO Knotted packets NO Packets folded into triangles
VM 8	Pringles	Pringles tubes and the peelable seal below the lid	NO other brand of tube other than Pringles e.g. Stax NO lids - they have to go in your own black wheellie bin
AB 3	Crisps (Walker's sponsored) *	- Any brand crisp packets - Outer wrappers from crisp multipacks - Large sharing bags	Keep crisp packets flat, not scrunched up, no bits inside, finish the packet and tip out any little bits, then keep flat and do not mix with biscuits or chocolate. NO knotted packets NO crisp packets folded into triangles
AB 4	Babyfood & other pouches (Ellacycle) *	- Any brand of baby food/yoghurt pouches e.g. Ella's Kitchen (including the lid). Please put the lid back on. - Ella's Kitchen snack packets	Please wash out and drain then dry and put the lid back on.
AB 5	Bread Bags *	Any sliced bread bag - must be stretchy plastic	NO croissants, pain au chocolate, brioche, wraps, rolls or other bread bags of any type at all. Put these in AR6 Warburtons. NO other plastic bags whatsoever e.g. fruit, vegetable or frozen food (take these to Tesco Hook where they have a plastic bag recycling cage in the porch)

AR 6	Other Bread (Warburtons sponsored)	- Anything bread related but not a sliced loaf, e.g. pain au chocolate, brioche, croissants, rolls, wraps, breakfast muffins - Please put separately to sliced loaf bags	NO other plastic bags whatsoever e.g. fruit, vegetable or frozen food (take these to Tesco Hook where they have a plastic bag recycling cage in the porch)
BEAUTY			
VM 9	Personal Care (Burt's Bees sponsored)	Any brand old make up – eg mascara, lipstick, eye shadows, eye liner, lip balm Any brand flexible plastic package from facial wipes Any brand flexible plastic and metallic plastic tubes for body creams/ointments	NO glass NO rigid plastic bottles, pots & tubs NO flexible plastic tubes not used for body care, e.g. hair care, shower gel (put into AR7 Garnier Beauty Products) or food & glue tubes NO packets from wipes not used for personal care, e.g. baby wipes and cleaning wipes (put cleaning wipes in VM11 RB Hygiene Home stream) NO cardboard packaging
VM 10	Baylis & Harding	Baylis & Harding pumps, caps & flexible tubes Baylis & Harding re-fillable pouches.	NO other brands NO plastic bottles (put them in your council recycling wheellie-bin)
AR 7	Beauty Products * (Garnier sponsored)	- Pumps, caps and lids from any beauty product – eg bubble bath, shampoo, conditioner bottles, shower gel - Liquid hand soap pumps (not the bottles though) - Hair colourant kits (not bottle or cardboard) - Face creams pots and lids - Roll-on/solid deodorants and lids from aerosol deodorants. - All Garnier products	No plastic bottles themselves – these can be recycled via your council wheellie bin No glass or ceramic bottles at all
CLEANING			
VM 11	RB Hygiene Home	- Flexible packaging from dishwasher tablets including the outer plastic sleeve around tubs - Dishwasher cleaner and freshener outer packaging - Foil inside dishwasher protector - Flexible plastic dishwashing salt bags - Flexible packaging around home cleaning wipes - Flexible cleaning product refill packaging - Fragrance twin pack plastic sleeves - Flexible stain remover powder packaging	NO toilet freshener packaging NO aerosols, plastic bottles and cardboard (put them in your council recycling wheellie-bin) NO plastic tubs NO fragrance candles, reeds and auto-sprays NO fragrance plug-ins (put them in AR9 Cleaning Products) NO soda crystals packaging NO oven cleaner packaging
VM 12	Marigold Gloves	Marigold gloves Marigold disposable gloves Marigold gloves plastic packaging	NO other brands NO gloves with harsh chemical residue NO cardboard packaging NO gloves used for non-domestic purposes
AR 8/9	Air, Home and Laundry care.*	- All brands and sizes of flexible plastic outer packaging from laundry washing capsules - All trigger sprays (e.g. Mr Muscle/ bathroom/ kitchen/window cleaners) - Plastic air fresheners - any make or size - Plug-in air fresheners and the packaging they come in. - Plastic tops from any make of air freshener & plastic packaging they come in - All purpose wipes and floor wipe packets	NO cleaning bottles themselves, they can be put into your own recycling bin.

		- Fabric softener lids - Tinted rigid plastic tubs used for home cleaning - Tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps – e.g. Lenor – not the clear bottles, just tinted ones	
TOYS			
VIM 13	Hasbro Toy and Games	All Hasbro toys and games (except electronic) e.g. NERF, Play-Doh, Littlest Petshop, Monopoly, My little Pony, Mr Potato Head, Transformers, Peppa Pig, Telly Tubbies etc	NO Hasbro electronic toys or games NO other brands NO baby and toddler furniture (e.g. playpens, car seats, highchairs, bouncy seats etc) NO toy vehicles (e.g. bicycles, scooters, skateboards)
VIM 14	L.O.L. Surprise	L.O.L. Surprise products, accessories and packaging	NO other brands
OTHER			
	Milk Bottle Tops (Air Ambulance)	Plastic milk bottle tops (red, green, blue, orange, purple only) Must have either a 2 or a 4 in the recycling triangle logo bit.	NO Juice or other soft drink lids NO white tops from long life or other milk NO ketchup or other sauces or metal lids

Anything that is sent that is not on the above list just makes our own home wheelie bins overflow.

WE DO NOT TAKE

- WATER FILTERS (except Aqua Optima ones)
- BATTERIES
- BABY WIPE PACKETS
- SALAD/FRUIT BAGS, BREAKFAST CEREAL BAGS, RICE, PASTA, PEPPERAMI/FRIDGE RAIDERS PACKETS etc, ANY OTHER PLASTIC BAG AT ALL EXCEPT BREAD BAGS (They can all go to Tesco Hook – there is a plastic bag recycling cage in the porch.)
- PET FOOD BAGS & SACHETS (This has recently been removed sadly. Now they can go with plastic bags to Tesco Hook)
- CAT LITTER BAGS
- AEROSOLS, CANS OR GLASS, CARDBOARD/PAPER OR EGG BOXES (they go in your council recycling wheelie-bin)
- INHALERS (THESE CAN GO TO SOME PHARMACIES FOR RECYCLING)
- COAT HANGERS
- TIN FOIL
- PLASTIC FRUIT/VEG PUNNET, MEAT TRAY OR PLASTIC TUB OF ANY SORT e.g. yoghurt, icecream etc
- TABLET BUSTER PACKS (Take them in to a Superdrug near you. There will be a collection box near the pharmacy counter.)
- TASSIMO & NESPRESSO COFFEE PODS (This has recently been removed sadly. Register with the podback scheme and send them back yourself. www.podback.org)

Volunteers are always welcome:

- Emptying the bins and bringing the contents to Village Magpies' HQ in Rotherwick
- Bring your recycling direct to us rather than putting it into a purple bin
- Sorting in the comfort of your own home or socially distanced outdoors with us on a Thursday night

Know someone doing their Duke of Edinburgh award? Volunteering with us is a great way for them to complete their volunteering section.

Message us on facebook or email at villagemagpies@yahoo.com



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LET US HELP YOU RELEASE YOUR INNER ARTIST!!!



“ FRIENDLY, CREATIVE....FUN!!!”

**The Village Hall Committee are delighted to announce
their next social event!**

What?

Paint & Prosecco evening (kindly facilitated by Paint Republic)

When?

Friday 8th April 7-9pm

Where?

Rotherwick Village Hall

Cost?

£35 per head

to include all paint/artist materials/bubbles* and light nibbles

- **No experience is necessary! Most of you will probably have not painted since school and many will be dubious about their ability to paint, however all of you will leave surprised at achieving something better than expected!!**
- **Creativity is within all of us! The events aim to create a fun and relaxing atmosphere needed to unleash creativity and realise potential.**
- **You will paint a finished masterpiece that can be taken home and hung on the wall!**
- **During the event, we listen to music- drink and food may be consumed throughout the event to help along the creative journey (ticket price includes bubbles and light nibbles)**

**An alternative to bubbles will be available.*

**Please call/text Sue Scrutton 07800559600 to book
your place.**

Tradition behind Shrove Tuesday



So, why do we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day or Pancake Tuesday - whatever you know it by? We call it Pancake Day in our house.

Shrove Tuesday serves a dual purpose of allowing Christians to repent of any sins they might have made before the start of Lent on the next day, Ash Wednesday and also giving them the opportunity to engage in a last round of merriment before the start of the somber Lenten season, which is characterized by making a Lenten sacrifice, fasting, praying and engaging in various spiritual rituals, such as marking a Lenten calendar and reading a daily devotional.

Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting of the 40 days of Lent. The liturgical fasting emphasises eating simpler food, and refraining from food that would give undue pleasure: in many cultures, this means no meat, dairy products, or eggs.



In Newfoundland and Cape Breton Island, small tokens are frequently cooked into the pancakes. Children take delight in discovering the objects, which are intended to be divinatory. For example, the person who receives a coin will be wealthy; a nail indicates that they will become or marry a carpenter.

Get creative with your toppings!

Lemon and sugar or golden syrup are real classics, but as pancakes don't have bags of flavour, they are a perfect blank canvas.

Try other combos

Nutella and sliced banana

Your favourite flavoured jam

Fresh or tinned fruit of your choice

Lemon or orange curd

Honey with orange zest

Chocolate chips

Apple purée, cinnamon and whipped cream

Plain yoghurt with a fruit purée of your choice

Or go savoury

Marmite and grated cheese

Smoked salmon, cream cheese and dill

Cooked spinach, ricotta and nutmeg

Bacon and Maple Syrup

Village Pond and the Queen's Jubilee



Earlier in the month the pond had its annual clear out of vegetation.

I say annual and a few of you might remember that it hasn't actually been annual due to lock down and the simple thing such as the weather.

As I type the big pile of plant material is sat on the side for a few days allowing the water and the pond lifetime to find their way back home.

The bull rushes are quite invasive and quick to colonise the pond so although it will look quite bare for now, it won't take long to look established again.

Our village pond is full of life and in the past we have had ducks and moorhens nesting, although not at the same time as the moorhens will attack baby ducklings. Other life in

the pond is newts, damselfly, damselfly larva, dragonfly, dragonfly nymph, water boatman, pond skater and of course frogs.

Now, wouldn't it be great to have a decked area with railings so families and youngsters could go pond dipping. Maybe even add a new bench in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Village Lunches now back in full swing!

A merry crew met at the Coach & Horses on the 3rd Feb where having quaffed a little alcoholic lubricant, were treated to Polish stew and Polish apple cake, amongst other delights. This follows on from our visit, in Jan, to the Falcon where Lee treated us to South African vinegar pudding.

Why not join us on March 3rd at the Falcon? Book by e-mail :- anthony@merricks.me.uk





Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day is an event, organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre and was celebrated on February 8th. Its aim is to promote safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology and we thought the following might be of interest to you.



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Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online. You and your family can play your part in creating a better internet by...

Having conversations without judgement.

Whether by playing games, watching videos, or doing things your child enjoys, spending time together online is a great way to start conversations about the online world and how they're finding being a part of it. It is important to ask questions and take an interest in what your child enjoys online. An essential part of having this open dialogue is to not judge, even if their behaviour or life online isn't what you wanted or expected. This ensures that your child feels they can come to you if ever they make a mistake or experience a problem online.

Knowing where you can learn more about their favourite apps and games.

Websites like Common Sense Media www.common sense media.org or The Family Gaming Database can be invaluable sources of information. When your child starts talking about a new game or app, why not do some research into the reporting and blocking options available? Then you can help your child if they come to you with an issue.

Getting support if things go wrong.

There are lots of organisations who are there to support you and your family if something has gone wrong. The Report Harmful Content website reportharmfulcontent.com can help you with issues such as cyberbullying, impersonation and threats. You can report worrying behaviour towards children to CEOP (The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) Find out more on Childnet's Get Help page www.childnet.com

Reassuring your child that whatever happens online, you are there to support them.

Let your child know that the best way to address any problem they have online, is to tell a trusted adult immediately. For example, this might include someone sending them a friend request; an online message; telling them to visit a specific website, or app; or asking them for their personal information. Reassure them that if anything happens online that they are unsure about, or makes them feel worried or upset, they can come to you for help.



Opportunity to support your local village school

Whitewater Primary School plays an important role in our neighbourhood, as a small, nurturing, village school with a unique identity and strong links to the local community and Church.

The new leadership team (Glen Golding – Executive Headteacher and Steve Moore Executive Head of School) are introducing a raft of measures to drive school improvements and ensure the school's future role in our community.

One area that leaders, Governors and staff believe will drive significant benefits to current and future pupils at the school, is transforming the Early Years outdoor learning area.

We have been fortunate to secure a large donation to pay for the vast majority of the project, which is planned to take place during the Easter holidays and will be ready for pupils to enjoy from April 2022.

To maximise the pupil experience and fully showcase the learning opportunities for our children, we are actively seeking willing benefactors or local business sponsors who would like to support us in purchasing additional equipment (such as a wooden teepee, mud kitchen, finger maze, mirrored panels etc).



If you would like to hear more or get involved, please contact the Whitewater Church of England Primary School directly on 01256 762637 or at adminoffice@whitewater.hants.sch.uk
Any contributions would be very gratefully received.

101 (well not quite) Uses for Old Wellies

If you are a welly lover like me, you become quite attached to them, the best of friends through long muddy walks and hours spent digging and foraging in the garden. So, when they finally give up the ghost and you have experienced one too many soggy socks it would be good to know that there is still a life to be had for your beloved wellies.

After a little research I discovered a few uses for a retired welly, some quite obvious but others more intriguing.



My personal favourite is the bird box – with a small wood addition, as above, the humble welly is transformed.

Planted up for the spring with bulbs, a welly or two can transform a drab corner of any garden. Don't forget to put some holes in the sole for drainage.

If you are a more practical soul, a welly can be used to store garden tools upright in the shed. Make some holes in the top of the welly, add string or wire and it's useful hanging shed storage.

One man recommends cutting up wellies to use as shed roof tiles if you have a leak.

How about chopping up old wellies to make a pair of these useful garden shoes.



The most quirky idea may be to transform a welly into a handbag, just add a strap. Whilst I'm not sure if Rotherwick is ready for this possible new fashion trend, I also struggle to envisage my well worn welly fitting the bill!

If none of this appeals to your practical or creative nature then surely you would be up for a bit of welly wanging, must be the most fun to be had with an old welly! For the uninitiated, this unusual sport requires contestants to throw a welly as far as possible from a starting line. I understand the World Championships are held annually in the village of Upperthong in Yorkshire.

Anyone up for a Welly Wanging Competition at the village Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations?

Marion Robak

Pictures from grassandair.com

(Great idea Marion!)

Hudson Copse Update February 2022

Rotherwick Parish Council are pleased to provide an update on the hedge project at Hudson Copse. As reported in November, we are creating a natural hedge on the bank along the boundary between the Copse and Cowfold Lane to provide visual separation of the woodland from the road and encourage biodiversity.

Pilot work at the western end of the boundary started on 14th December. The early work gave confidence on the techniques needed to complete the whole boundary, both for sections where growth is available for laying over and also where it is not.

Hazel material for stakes and binders are being sourced from within Hudson Copse, with loose branches being used to provide initial body to the hedge as 'dead hedge' elements. As the hedge structure is created, the tree saplings from The Woodland Trust comprising elder, rowan, hazel, blackthorn, crab apple and dog rose varieties are being planted alongside.

These native species provide varying foods and shelter for birds, small mammals, bees and other insects as well as also providing a long period of interest for humans (i.e. flowers, berries, leaf colour, leaf shape) throughout the year.

The volunteer team led by John Bennett is making good progress. As at the end of January, the hedge line has been established for half the length of the boundary, with the prospect of reaching the eastern end at the kissing gate by March/April.

Some five hundred tree saplings are being planted. These are small so their visual contribution to the hedge will not be easily visible initially, although there are already early signs of growth within their protective spirals.



This year, you should be able to see natural growth from the laid over trees comprising mostly hazel and some holly. Holly is also appreciated by wildlife but will need pruning over time to ensure it does not become too invasive in the hedge.

Growth along the hedge will be monitored during the coming months to assess whether it would be beneficial to plant additional saplings to fill it out further.

An interesting fact - Prince Charles is a patron on the Hedgelaying Society and promotes traditional crafts to plant and maintain hedgerows as natural barriers. You may have seen him on the One Show on 24th January. We feel that Rotherwick is definitely part of this!

There is still the opportunity to get involved with the project. If you are interested, please email our clerk, Susan Richardson on clerk@rotherwick.org.uk



Bag 2 School

**Drop off at the Scout Den,
Sat April 2nd
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More details to follow**



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Household linen
Household curtains
Household towels
Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We DO NOT accept:

Duvets and blankets
Pillows and cushions
Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and work-wear
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

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

ROTHERWICK ITW Cricket Club August 2021

Wed 4 August Away v Herriard. Midweek League.

WON by 29 runs (20 overs per side)

With 53 not out from Paul Buckingham, 27 from Kyle Frost and 25 from Gregg Cloete, these were the main contributors to a final score of 153 for 3 for Rotherwick ITW. The home side put up a good fight in chasing down this total but ended on 134 for 7 with 3 wickets each for Tim Culver and David Fuller.

Wed 11 August Home v Odiham & Greywell. Midweek League.

WON by 8 wickets (16 overs per side)

Batting first our visitors posted an under par 87 for 4 with a wicket apiece for Tim Culver, David Fuller and John Holder. There was also a run out. Rotherwick ITW took 14.2 overs to overtake their visitors with 34 from Gregg Cloete and 28 not out from Paul Buckingham, closing on 88 for 2.

Sat 14 August Away v Bentworth. Hampshire League.

WON by 8 wickets (40 overs per side)



This was a high scoring game in the sunshine at Bentworth, notable for an astonishing unbroken partnership of 106 runs from just 8 overs between Ahmet Khan (76 not out) and Kyle Frost (49 not out). Rotherwick ITW took just 26.1 overs to overhaul their target of 171. Bentworth had scored a very useful 170 for 8 with Andy Roberts taking 3 for 32 and Tim Culver 2 for 34. Bentworth then found themselves fetching the ball from all parts as Khan and Frost unleashed 23 boundaries between them.

Sat 21 August Away v AWE. Hampshire League.

LOST by 8 wickets (40 overs per side)



During the season AWE Tadley consistently struggled to get their best team on the pitch and were subsequently relegated. However, against Rotherwick ITW they did manage to field a strong XI and won all too easily. Rotherwick ITW managed just 50 all out with Kyle Frost getting 20 of them. AWE knocked them off for the loss of just 2 wickets, Tim Culver and Adam Cordery being on target.

Wed 25 August Home v Herriard. Midweek League.

LOST by 10 runs (16 overs per side)

Herriard exacted some revenge for their defeat 3 weeks previously, scoring 118 for 5 with Tom Moore taking 2 for 39 from his 4 overs. Rotherwick ITW fell just short on 108 for 5. Kyle Frost top scored with 34 and Paul Buckingham chipped in with another not out score of 26.

Sat 28 August Home v Odiham & Greywell II. Hampshire League.

LOST by 217 runs (40 overs per side)

Promotion chasing Odiham and Greywell amassed 273 for 2 batting first (Tim Culver taking both wickets). In reply, Rotherwick ITW were skittled, for the second game running, scoring just 56 with only 3 batsmen in double figures. Paul Buckingham (12), Josh Terry and Adam Cordery 10 apiece. Rotherwick ITW finished the season in a relatively comfortable 12th place. In the next issue we'll be look at the coming season.

Just moved into the area? Looking for a game? We can be contacted on 07788 722771 (Hon Sec) or by email on chair.ritw@gmail.com and can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.

In an exciting new venture, the club will be providing ALL STARS and DYNAMOS cricket with 2 hour midweek sessions being held during May and June.

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport! Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

Anyone wishing to register their interest please contact Alex Robins on alexrobins77@hotmail.co.uk

'Twelfth Man'



Jenny invites you to take part in
The Winter Wonderland Challenge
and it would be great if everyone can take part,
even if it is not every day.



I love this this time of year, especially when the weather is cold, dry and sunny and it can be absolutely beautiful outside out so I thought this would be a lovely time to get us all a little more motivated.

The idea is to walk a ***Magic Mile*** each day and take a ***picture*** of anything that makes you feel happy or reflects this time of year as you walk, be it something wintery or something that made you smile!

Hope this makes sense and everyone gives it a go... we look forward to seeing and publishing your pictures and counting the miles... you've got this.

(Send them in by 10th April to be included in April's edition)



Take Away Menu at The Falcon Rotherwick

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info@thefalconrotherwick.co.uk

subject to availability, at the moment collection only - contactless available.

BBQ chicken wings , blue cheese dip & celery	£7.5
Haloumi fries , sweet chilli jam	£7
Pop Corn Chicken , sweet chilli jam	£6
Potato skins , cheese and onion, sour cream, and salsa	£7
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
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

Hand cut fat chips **£4**, sweet potato fries **£4.5**, market vegetables **£4**, beer
battered onion rings **£4.5**, truffle parmesan fries **£6**, skinny fries **£4**,
cheese topped garlic bread **£5**

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Looking Ahead



Upcoming dates

2nd April – Bag 2 School drop off for the scouts. See p31

8th April— Paint and Prosecco evening at the village hall . See p23

10th April – deadline for photos in the Winter Wonderland Challenge
see p34

First weekend in June– the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations .Events in Rotherwick are being planned and, as soon as they are finalised, will be advertised here and around the village so keep the weekend free to celebrate with your friends and neighbours in the village.

"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, Jenny Gordon, Bob Humble 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?

Rotherwick Community Support Network

There is an associated WhatsApp group of over 25 members around the village ready to connect and respond when needed – if you would like to access any support or be added to the group, please do let me know.

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