

The Rotherwick News

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Irises of Hope **by the children at Whitewater School**



In June, the children at Whitewater took part in a Diocesan project, Irises of Hope, with each class focussing on different activities.

Turn to pages 26, 27 and 28 to see more.



Absolutely Agnes...

As Agnes sits down to write, it is the morning after the great English football victory over Denmark.....feeling a little hoarse but elated, Agnes feels a string of bunting might be in order as the nation crosses its fingers for the forthcoming final.

Aside from all the sporting madness (anyone else glued to Wimbledon?), what is happening in the world around us?

Well, according to Sara Coleridge's nature poem (1802-1852)

'Hot July brings cooling showers,
apricots and gillyflowers'

Well, I'm not so sure that we need much cooling and as for 'hot July'? Let us hope some much needed sunshine is just around the corner.

I have weeds a plenty thanks to all

the recent rain, but have no idea what a gillyflower is, do you?

Agnes can however declare that the apricot compote made by Nicky Howells last year, was quite the nicest she'd ever tasted...
sunshine in a jar!

August brings the chance to leave the village, and this year Agnes will be exploring the beautiful coastline of Northumberland. I do hope that you are able to explore somewhere beautiful too, even if that's a staycation in heavenly Hampshire.

But for now Agnes is off to find that bunting.....It's coming home!

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

Warmest wishes

Agnes

Oh Agnes ... I'm sure you said well done lads and congrats to Italy even though it didn't come home.



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

Instagram: [absolutely_agnes](#)

Facebook: [absolutelyagnes](#)

Open Garden Update

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Open Garden this year for National garden scheme,. Luckily the weather held on Monday and over the 2 days we had nearly a hundred visitors, which in the current situation and the weather forecast for Monday was great.

We raised £425.42 for the NGS from admission and plants and booklet donations and £305 from the teas for St Michael's Hospice. Thank you for your support and cake and plant donations and we hope to open next year for our 37th year.

Sue and Richard Whistler

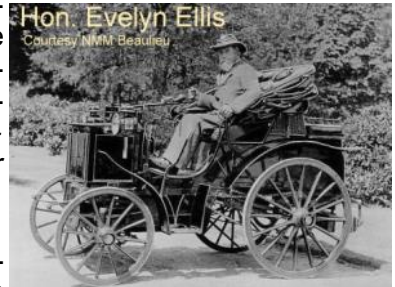




126 YEARS AGO THIS YEAR ...

On Friday, 5th July, 1895, the first motor vehicle in England hit the road! Made in Paris to the new owner's specifications, with left-hand drive and a Daimler engine, the brand new Panhard-Levassor was delivered across the Channel and then taken by train to Micheldever Station.

The vehicle was collected by the Hon. Evelyn Ellis, who then drove it back to his home in Datchet, Berkshire accompanied by companion Frederick Simms, who later described it as *"a neat and compact four-wheeled dog-cart with accommodation for four persons and two portmanteaus"*.



Departing the Station at 9.26am, the home-ward route took them along the London Coaching Road (A30) via Basingstoke, to Mapledurwell/Hatch where they stopped for refreshments, leaving *"its astonished inhabitants"* at 11.50, and on through Blackwater, Bagshot and Sunningdale. Luncheon was taken at Virginia Water before continuing on through Englefield Green, arriving at Ellis's Datchet home at 5.40 pm.



To commemorate the event, which was attended by several veteran car enthusiasts from Rotherwick, a Red Wheel heritage plaque was unveiled on Saturday, 3rd July 2021 at Micheldever Station by Lord Montague of Beaulieu in front of a keen crowd, who had driven several miles to Micheldever Station in their veteran cars, manufactured before the year 1904.



Ellis was a pioneer in promoting the motor industry in England, and deliberately flouted the legal Act requiring a man with a red flag to walk in front of self-propelled vehicles, and the 4 mph speed limit of the time! *(If only we could have this back for Wedman's Lane!).* One of



the founders and vice chairman of the RAC, Ellis also became one of the original directors of Daimler Motor Co. in Coventry.

(Simms, an engineer, wrote later about how much of a curiosity the vehicle was to whole villages as they passed through on their journey, but there was little reaction from the 133 horses they passed. The 56-mile journey, at an average speed of 9.84 mph, was completed in just 5 hours 32 minutes, excluding stoppages, and the cost of petrol was just over a halfpenny per mile (those definitely were the days).



The original car is now at the Science Museum, having been given to them by the RAC in 1910.

Lin Humble

What's new at the Coach and Horses?

Welcome!

A big Rotherwick welcome to Jenny Dorrington, the new manager at The Coach. Jenny is new to the area so she is enjoying exploring the wonderful walks around here with her dog Coco. She looks forward to meeting lots of you around the village and indeed at The Coach.

Hook Morris men back at The Coach and Horses



*Thanks to
Sarah
Moore for
the photos*



Village Magpies Update

We have been busy bees working away. Through a combination of collecting on our own behalf and working with other collectors, we have raised nearly £400 for our three village charities: the Church, the Scouts and Whitewater School PTA.

Thank you for your support in using our purple bin at Whitewater School or dropping recycling off directly at Village Magpies HQ at Rooks Farm Cottage.

You can help us even more by being proactive with your sorting. If everyone contributed a few minutes to sort their waste it could save hours of work each week. Here a few pointers:

Take care when sorting crisps and other snack packets. There are two different schemes: one sponsored by Walkers which is only for any brand of crisps, including small packets, sharing bags and the outer big bags from multipacks; the other is sponsored by KP and includes items such as any brand of nuts, pretzels and popcorn. Just to keep you on your toes, anything made by Jacobs would go in the biscuits stream, so that includes mini-cheddars and any supermarket own brands. Breadsticks also go into 'biscuits'.

Please continue to put empty plastic bottles into your own blue bin at home. We cannot accept them. We do want the pumps from soaps and lids from shampoo, conditioner and shower gel; triggers from bathroom/kitchen sprays and lids from washing up liquid bottles, laundry detergent and fabric conditioner; Kenco coffee lids; and plastic milk bottle lids for the Hampshire Air Ambulance.

Plastic tubs or other items showing the triangular recycling logo with the number 1, 2, 5 or 6 in it do not generate any money for our charities. These types of items, such as fruit punnets and margarine tubs take up a lot of room in the purple wheelie bins. We want to make a difference to the environment, so we do take them, but please clean them, dry them, sort them so that they fit together taking up as little room as possible and bag them with 1&2 together and 5&6 together. (We pass them on to another group - beadrecycling.co.uk who you might like to find out more about.)

Thank you for your support in this worthwhile fundraising and environmental mission. We are always glad of more bodies on a Thursday or Friday morning to sort and box the recycling ready to send off. Check out our website villagemagpies.co.uk, facebook page or email us on villagemagpies@yahoo.com We're always happy to answer any questions about what types of recycling we take – drop us a message.

Caroline and Sarah "Village Magpies"

To recap. We want this clean, dry packaging:



- Crisps
- Nuts, popcorn & pretzels
- Biscuits (includes anything with a biscuit in, e.g. Twix, but not traditional Kit-Kat as that has paper and foil not plastic wrapping)
- Confectionery (chocolate and sweets)
- Kinder
- Ferrero Rocher
- Cheese packaging
- Baby food and yoghurt pouches & caps
- Plastic pet food packets (clean, dry, securely bagged – it's disgusting when you have to deal with stinky, dripping plastic: try to imagine how **you'd** feel if **you** had to handle it)
- Bread bags (only ones from sliced loaves – no other bread product packages)
- Lavazza and L'Or coffee caps, Tassimo t-discs & foil wraps, Kenco lids and refill bags (securely bagged – it's horrible if everything else become soaked in coffee dregs)
- Soap pumps (especially Baylis & Harding and Carex)
- Squeezable body/face cream tubes, facial wipes, eye shadow compacts, mascara, lipsticks/balms, highlighter/bronzer sticks
- Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads (not the electrical bit)
- Marigold gloves & packaging
- Flexible plastic packaging from dishwasher products, laundry pods, stain remover, home cleaning wipes, cleaning product refill flexible packaging, lids from fabric conditioner & detergent, air freshener plastic containers, Lenor only tumble drier sheets (not the box)
- Hasbro toys
- LOL Surprise!
- Plastic phone cases & pop sockets

We DO NOT WANT anything not on the list above even though it may well seem similar/identical: Nothing that can go in your blue wheelie bin: card, paper, plastic bottles, tin cans, aerosols



- NO Tetrapak
- NO Ceramic tubs, e.g. face cream
- NO Capri sun juice pouches or similar
- NO Fridge raiders or peperami type
- NO Plastic bags for fruit, veg, toilet roll, frozen veg, cereals etc – take them to the supermarket and recycle with old carrier bags
- NO Hot drink sachets
- NO Mixed fruit & nuts or seeds, rice, noodles, pasta – only nuts
- NO Fruit or veg nets
- NO Tubes similar to Pringles, e.g. hot choc, cocoa or other brands of crisps – only Pringles
- NO Bread products other than sliced loaves, e.g. wraps, croissants, buns, brioche, bagels – again, take them to the supermarket with carrier bags
- NO Baby wipes packets

Your Wellbeing Matters



Do any of these comments strike a chord with you? Maybe the website below could help.

What's Up With Everyone? <https://whatsupwitheveryone.com/>

Leading academics have partnered with Aardman to launch new mental health campaign *What's Up With Everyone?* funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Young people struggling with mental health issues arising from challenges such as loneliness, perfectionism and competitiveness, will be supported by a series of new animated films and a companion website.

What's Up With Everyone? is led by Professor of Health Humanities Paul Crawford at the Institute of Mental Health, the University of Nottingham, and supported by the AHRC. This exciting project translates research into accessible content created by the multi-award-winning studio Aardman and will analyse the films' impact.

Although around half of all lifetime mental health problems start by the mid-teens, intervention typically starts much later. Issues include rising suicide rates among young people and unprecedented challenges for young people at school, university, college or the workplace. This points to an urgent need to rethink mental health education to reach and engage young people.

What's Up With Everyone? is a series of five new animated films created with and for young people about dealing with life's challenges before they impact negatively on mental health.

Lets' Talk.....



Below are a list of random questions used to 'get people talking'. We would love to see some of your answers!!

If you were a cartoon character, who would you be and why?

If you had to give up a favourite food, which would be the most difficult to give up and what is one food you'd never want to taste again?

If you won the lottery and had a million pounds, what would you do with it?

You've been given access to a time machine; where and when would you travel to and why?

If you could be any superhero with super powers, which one would you choose and why?

**What award would you love to win and for what achievement?
If you could transport yourself anywhere instantly, where would you go and why?**

In your opinion, which animal is the best (or most beautiful) and why?

What is the one item that you really should throw away, but probably never will?

Growing up, what were your favourite toys/TV programme to play with as a child?

What did you want to be when you were a child?

1066, 1643 or the 1980s?

So the year in question is indeed 2021, June 25th 2021 to be precise. I am with my very own historian (my 9 year old son) and we are in the middle of the Wiltshire countryside at a place called Broad Chalke. We are at the Chalke Valley History Festival for the whole weekend.

Some of you may not of heard of this festival, so I will explain what I know. It's quite simply a festival about history. It has speakers from different genre such as political, military, art, culture and the line up is phenomenal. Some are authors, some are academics and others you will recognise from TV.

So there were two speakers that my little historian wanted to see and he actually got the chance to meet and talk to them both. Dan Snow who has his own History Hit subscription channel (all about, yep you guessed it history), was first on his list. I think this had a lot to do with Dan commenting on Evans Saxon house build on BBC South Today. He actually spoke to him several times over the three days we were there culminating in a sword fight with his daughter and a good bye fist bump.

Second on his wish list to meet was the lovely Dr Cat Jarman, Archaeologist and author of "The River Kings". The history of Vikings from Scandinavia to the silk roads. (Really interesting if you ever lay your hands on a copy). We had a nice talk with her explaining that next time we are in Derbyshire we will definitely be popping into the church at Foremark, to see where the Vikings over wintered in 873-874 both of them talked on the outdoor stage's.

So as well as stalking historians we had a whole site to explore. Usually they allow 10,000 people on site each day but due to covid this was limited to 4,000 which was lovely. Lots of space and plenty to see or listen too. They had a couple of large marquees for talks and a few out door stages for various invited guests. Along with this they also had our favourites The History Tellers. Two guys who quick changed their way through very quick historical stories. Whether it would be The Red Barron, The smallest Caviller or Knights in Armour. Delivered with impeccable timing and plenty of comic genius to entertain and enthrall every generation.

So as well as the stages the site was filled with very dedicated historical re-enactors. Their encampments, as that is exactly what they were all had accurate tents, tables equipment and clothing for the period they were portraying. By the end of Saturday we had literally done the lot, we had walked miles and visited every time period possible.

From the beginning of the Bronze Age, we meandered through the Romans watching Gladiatrix (A female gladiator) do battle, before resting in the medieval period for a quick go at quintain practice (jousting on foot). Once Evan finished talking to the doctor as to how he managed to remove the embedded arrow head from King Henry V, it was time to move on. We marvelled at all sorts of pointy things that were designed to hurt you during a battle before walking on to the more recent 1640s.

Now the English civil war was something we could really relate to our knowledge although good in other areas was exceptional here, as we only live around the corner from Old Basing House. More pointy things and a who, why and what as to why there are so many ruined castles in the country due to the civil war and we then crossed the pond to the seven year period before the war of American independence July 4th, also known in England as traitors day.



By the end of Saturday we had literally skipped through England's last 2000 years. Evan enjoyed sword school and Army school where he learnt to march and throw hand grenades. Right at the end of the valley was the cold war guys. This brought plenty of memories back for me having served in the RAF in West Germany in the early 80s. Seeing some of the kit the army guys had, their vehicles and some of the not so nice ration packs (food) that we used to have to eat when on exercise. Food at the festival consisted of a small pot of onions, sausage and bread pudding, to the more

modern pizza, pasta, curry, fish and chips and burgers to name a few. You also had the option when booking your tickets, or talk tickets to book a sit down dinner. We obviously opted for cheese toasties with coffee and the odd alcoholic beverage.

At the end of each day we had a lovely large hill to walk up to get back to the campsite. We camped for two nights and this was £20 per night for me and £5 per night for Evan. We took our own tent but if you don't want the hassle you can go glamping. They had at least twenty 5mtr bell tents, for this and they were all full.

Campsite was on top of the hill over looking the Chalke Valley and it was very clean with mobile toilets and showers put on site. Oh and a tea van from the local shop turned up in the morning so if you forget your tea bags like I did this was a godsend.



So we have one full day left, Sunday and that started with a very windy 3am followed by a very rainy 5am, then to step outside to a slightly grey start to another history filled day. As it happened it didn't rain again until we got home.

We had almost exhausted the site apart from WW1 and the Napoleonic Wars. These were the last two time periods to visit, so off we went to look more in depth at trenches, rifles and Christmas gifts from Princess Mary. Yet again we were not disappointed, just like the WW2 guys and girls their attention to detail was faultless, not that I checked but I can only assume they were probably wearing underwear from 1918.

So last but not least, off to see how we defeated Napoleon. With a pair of boots, as it happens. Our soldiers of the time had hob nail boots that basically were not handed, if you understand. Their boots were made the same, so at the end of each day they would take them off and tie a knot in the right one, then in the morning they would put that on their left foot and do the same at the end of the day again. This meant their boots never wore out like our shoes do and if they did they just had to replace one. This was not just a flash in the pan, this was instrumental in our army being able to march and fight.

Three days in a valley in Wiltshire was now at an end. Honestly I would need the whole Rotherwick News to tell you about every thing we watched, listened to, took part in. Next year's dates are 20-26 June and I and my historian will be there, learning, more and more.

Visit Ev's Historic World on Youtube to watch a video of the Chalke Valley History Festival.

Ramblings of Rotherwick

The village hall management committee held their first face to face meeting last week and agreed that the hall will be open for bookings as normal in line with the government easing of restrictions on 19th July.



We are excited to have the hall back in use and it is great to see Mother & Toddlers and badminton back, not to mention two weddings already as well.

We are busy planning events for September 11th and two other dates (see Looking Ahead on back page). Look out for details around the village, on Facebook and in next month's magazine. Don't forget to put the dates in your calendars and let's get this show on the road!!

In the meantime it would be great to see you at the AGM—see below where it is rumoured there will be wine and nibbles!

NOTICE

ROTHERWICK VILLAGE HALL AGM

The management committee of Rotherwick Village Hall (RVH) being charity trustees do hereby give notice of an Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4th August at 7pm 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 16th July 2021

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 08456 099877(10am-7pm) or 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 you would like to join.

Communications

Regular communications are sent out to Facebook, local magazines, schools and Parish Councils. On Facebook there have been 68 follows, 66 likes and 11 comments. There have been thousands of views. Most comments are about when face to face appointments will happen with doctors, and phone problems.

All individual complaints need to be directed to the practice as they are not issues that the PPG can address directly, although we do discuss and work with the practice on communication. The email address for the practice is nhccg.whitewaterhealth.nhs.uk.

We hope to post the monthly notices in local shops and Tree's newsagents.

NHS Data Sharing

There has been a lot of discussion in the press about NHS Data being shared. From the 1st September GP practices nationwide will be required to supply patients personal and confidential medical information, on a regular and continuous basis, to NHS Digital, a project known as GPDPR. Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, **GP practices have no choice but to allow NHS Digital to extract this information.**

NHS Digital will become the data controller for that information, administer it, and intend to use it for purposes beyond direct medical care, including planning health services, commissioning, population health management and research. [These are known as secondary uses of your medical records].

Patients can choose to stay in or opt out, but this has not been communicated very well. In order to opt out patients have to write to their GP's or complete a form online. Nationally, the Royal Colleges and NAPP have made representation to the government complaining about the lack of communication with patients.

If patients opt out of sharing their records that will mean that some care plans/information with partners like district nurses/ambulance etc cannot be shared, so there are some important implications.

Personal data sharing should quite rightly be a personal choice, it is important to make sure that conspiracy theories do not triumph over truth. Patients shouldn't opt out until they are fully aware of the implications. We will be providing further information on this going forward.

Please watch our Facebook page Whitewater Health Patients Participation Group for information <https://www.facebook.com/WhitewaterPPG/>

Proposed new local building developments.

The PPG Vice chairman will be our representative on the Shapley Heath group. It appears that the Reading Road, Hook, care home will get the go-ahead. Owens Farm development has gone to appeal. In Hartley Wintney there is a planning application for a 70 bed care home and 4 two bedroomed care bungalows at the Grey House school site, and a 60 bed care home in Thackhams Lane. All of these developments have an impact on the level of service that is possible to provide from the practice.

Phones and online access

We are aware of the issue with long delays in answering the phone and the delays facing patients to have appointments. There has been a huge increase in demand. For example, on one day recently the system recorded 1000 call attempts.

It is important that we all accept that we may not need to see a doctor when another of the practitioners would be more appropriate. For example, a nurse practitioner, a physiotherapist or a pharmacist.

The practice has recruited additional medical staff and reception staff to help with this increased demand. They will also be providing additional training for the reception teams with the objective of providing an improved service and triaging patients to see the most appropriate person for their needs.

Please try and call out of peaks hours we suggest.

**The Practice lines are
quietest between
4.30 pm to 6.30pm**

PPG Contact Details

Whitewaterppg@gmail.com or Tel: 01256 678671

(Please note we cannot deal with any medical or personal matters.

The email address for the practice
is :nhccg.whitewaterhealth.nhs.uk

Get Gardening

Beware! I've just discovered the box caterpillar, something I never knew existed. Unlike box blight which is a fungi, the box caterpillar munches away at the plant, stripping it of leaves. I noticed this 'hungry caterpillar' after seeing what looked like a cobweb covering some bare box stems, hiding beneath the cobweb was the green/yellow caterpillar! (Look out for the white moth with black/brown edging to its wings that lays about 700 eggs that will eventually feed on any box plants from April until October!) A friend told me that the best way to get rid of them is to pick them off and feed the box something called Topbuxus, making the plant as strong as possible. Topbuxus duly ordered from Amazon, I'll have to wait and see if it works.



[Box tree caterpillar – Which? Gardening Helpdesk](#)

We seem to be set with a few problems plant wise this summer, or maybe it is writing a gardening article that has brought them to my attention, anyway, this time it's the rain. It must have rained quite heavily (only I hadn't noticed!) as my poor patch of vegetables looked very sad. The soil was so wet their roots were no longer in the ground. On the plus side it seems it is also too wet even for the slugs that unusually lurk amongst my lettuces! I thought I was being clever planting my rocket late as it always 'bolts' before we eat it but my little rocket plants have also been destroyed by the rain. Time to start again and plant them somewhere else, maybe in a pot might be an idea. Does anyone else get little holes their rocket? I'm told if you cover them with fine mesh this will keep the flea beetle away (the cause of those holes). Putting them in a pot will make it a lot easier to cover. Did you know you can apparently

eat the flowers of the rocket plant!

I also now have one less sunflower, in fact I only have one decent sunflower left due to the rain. I found one sunflower bent in half and it had grown well over a metre! It is now no longer! So, keep an eye on your sunflowers and maybe keep them supported better than I did! Hopefully, they will start to flower anytime from now until September.

When they do, don't forget to send us a photo and a note of their height.

Anyone having a problem with the local squirrels? We have some very cunning squirrels eating our strawberries, even though most are not ripe. We only have a small patch of strawberries so covered them with a frame and netting and amazingly the squirrels first reached in and took all the strawberries near the edge then, obviously determined to get more, made a hole (before we realised) in the netting and ate the lot! (Husband is not happy with the holes they've made in the lawn either!) It's not been a good year for our vegetables although on the plus side the tomatoes are loving the wet weather.

Did you know.....

1. Tomatoes originate from the nightshade family.
2. Were used as hallucinogens by the Aztecs in central America
3. They keep longer if stored with the stem down.
4. The leaves are toxic.
5. Best not kept in the fridge which diminishes their flavour.
6. The fruit split if over watered (this is only when they are bearing fruit, I'm hoping that is the case, otherwise there is not much hope for mine).

Happy gardening (hopefully without any pesky pests)!

Catherine Bolt

Overheard at the bus stop

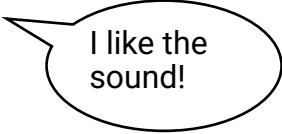


I have an inferiority complex but it's not a very good one...

Animal Antics:

The Criminal Cuckoo

‘I can’t stand it!’ one person was heard to say with deep passion, whilst discussing this and that at a writing group get together for the village magazine. It turns out she wasn’t talking about her husband’s snoring, but cuckoos. The cuckoos brief visit is marked by their call during their arrival in spring and departure during the summer in England. They can be heard on many walks around about the village, but it seems the reception of these famed birds is mixed...

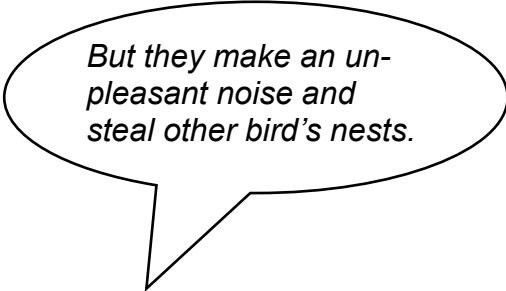


I like the sound!

(That’s the opinion of city folk, who think ‘isn’t that nice!’)



Isn’t it meant to be good luck to hear one out when walking?



But they make an unpleasant noise and steal other bird’s nests.



They are part of our cultural heritage!

Love them or hate them, there is no denying their unusual behaviour is fascinating, for the cuckoo’s breeding behaviour is one of the wonders of the natural world. In an eggshell this is why:

The cuckoo never raises its own offspring. Instead, it lays its eggs in the nests of other birds; just one egg in each host nest. Soon after the cuckoo chick hatches, it balances each of the host’s eggs on its back, one by one, and heaves them out of the nest. Any host chicks will get thrown out too. Once the cuckoo chick has claimed the nest to itself, the host parents are then tricked into raising a young cuckoo instead of a brood of their own.ⁱ

The desertion of an egg by its mother, and the trickery of its chick to be kept by another bird; it all feels a bit scandalous for a familiar English countryside bird!



Credit: Naturepl.com

There are currently 15,000 breeding pairs of common cuckoo in the UK, but their numbers are currently in decline with loss of natural habitat and scarcer insect food likely to have played a part.

A crime that has captivated nature lovers for centuries, their life cycle is considered an evolutionary marvel – whether you welcome its cuckoo or would rather it cuckooed-off, is just personal preference.

If you would like to read more into the speculative theories around the cuckoos unique behaviour, check out the Country File's Guide to Cuckoos online.

www.countryfile.com/wildlife/where-to-see/guide-to-cuckoos-where-to-see-in-britain-and-why-the-species-is-in-decline



A book from the box

**Thank you to Caroline Brown
for this month's book review.**



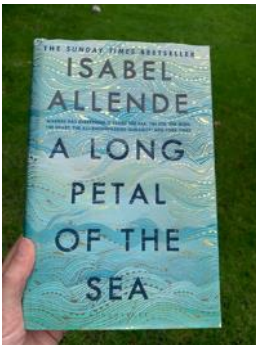
September 3, 1939, the day of the Spanish exiles' splendid arrival in Chile, the second world war broke out in Europe.

Victor Dalmau is a young doctor when he is caught up in the Spanish Civil War, a tragedy which leaves his life – and the fate of his country forever changed. Together with his sister-in-law, the pianist Roser, he is forced out of his beloved Barcelona and into exile.



**From the *New York Times* bestselling author of
*THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS***

When opportunity to seek refuge arises, they board a ship chartered by the poet Pablo Neruda to Chile, the promised “long petal of sea and wine and snow”. There, they find themselves enmeshed in a rich web of characters who come together in love and tragedy over the course of four generations, destined to witness the battle between freedom and repression as it plays out across the world.



A masterful work of historical fiction as it soars from the Spanish Civil War to the rise and fall of Pinochet, *A Long Petal of the Sea* is Isabel Allende at the height of her powers.

We have all heard about the second world war and the millions of lives lost, families split up due to the political war fare, but to me Franco and the Spanish Civil War is a far away historical event, hardly mentioned at school. It was a surprise to read the intricacies of real life as a refugee and political prisoner.

For my book club evening I decided to do a Spanish theme with Sangria, tapas and nibbles. As the Sangria was being drunk and the nearly authentic tapas was being consumed. Courtesy of the Grimsby Fish Van parked strategically outside The Falcon, on my way home from Tesco, the King prawns were purchased and the dish confirmed!! The more Sangria that was being consumed the more confused we got with the different characters, plot lines with our review, but, historical and political threads all based on facts brings this book to life.

The general view from the book club, was that it was a well written, historical book that brought the emotions, hardship and lives of the characters to the modern day readers.

Lisa's Recipe of the Month...

Chilli Prawn Linguine



A lovely, simple, low-fat seafood dish, perfect for mid-week supper.

Ingredients

280g linguine pasta
200g sugar snap peas, trimmed
2 tbsp olive oil
2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 large red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
24 raw king prawns, peeled
12 cherry tomatoes, halved
A handful of fresh basil leaves
Mixed salad leaves and crusty white bread, to serve

Prep: 5 mins

Cook: 20 - 25 mins

Serves: 6

For the lime dressing

2 tbsp virtually fat-free fromage frais
Grated zest and juice of two limes
2 tsp golden caster sugar

Method

1. To make the dressing, mix 2 tbsp virtually fat-free fromage frais, the grated zest and juice of 2 limes and 2 tsp golden caster sugar in a small bowl and season with salt and pepper. Set aside.
2. Cook 280g linguine pasta according to the packet instructions. Add 200g trimmed sugar snap peas for the last minute or so of cooking time.
3. Meanwhile, heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a wok or big frying pan, toss in 2 finely chopped garlic cloves and 1 deseeded and finely chopped large red chilli and cook over a fairly gentle heat for about 30 seconds without letting the garlic brown.
4. Tip in 24 peeled raw king prawns and cook over a high heat, stirring frequently, for about 3 minutes until they turn pink.
5. Add 12 halved cherry tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes until they start to soften.
6. Drain the linguine pasta and sugar snap peas well, then toss into the prawn mixture.
7. Tear in a handful of basil leaves, stir, and season with salt and pepper.
8. Serve with mixed salad leaves drizzled with the lime dressing and warm crusty white bread.
9. Enjoy 😊.

Adapted from bbcgoodfood.com



Sunny Sundowners

Ah Summer.....delicate birdsong, gardens resplendent with fabulous flowers and soft green lawns echoing with the soft tinkle of laughter as we get together with family and friends to enjoy the sunshine. I write this averting my eyes from the window where the rain is lashing down trying its best to destroy those 'fabulous flowers'! But, on a more positive note, we are blessed with the odd sunny day in Rotherwick so why not try out these delicious recipes on your guests or even just mix one up for yourself. Despite the title they can be enjoyed at any time of the day (within reason!)

Pink Grapefruit Punch



Ingredients

- 1litre lemonade
- 500ml pink grapefruit juice
- 25ml lime juice
- 125ml tequila
- 60ml Cointreau

Put pomegranate seeds in an ice-cube tray. Cover with water and freeze for 2hours(approx).

Combine the lemonade, grapefruit juice, lime juice, tequila and Cointreau in a serving jug. Top with pomegranate ice cubes. Divide among serving glasses and garnish with raspberries and a slice of lime.

Cucumber Sangria

How very English!



Ingredients

- 500ml sauvignon blanc
- half a cucumber – sliced
- lime – sliced
- handful of sliced green grapes
- mint sprigs
- 500ml sparkling elderflower drink

Place all ingredients except the sparkling elderflower into a serving jug and chill for 4 hours, then strain. Add the sparkling elderflower drink, ice and garnish with mint, cucumber and lime slices.

Fresh Strawberry Water non-alcoholic

Ingredients

- 500g strawberries
- 110g caster sugar
- 60ml fresh lime juice
- ¼ tsp sea salt flakes
- ¼ cup mint leaves



Blend 450g of the strawberries with the sugar, lime juice, salt and mint and 500ml cold water until smooth. Strain and discard solids. Stir another 250ml cold water into the strawberry mixture. Thinly slice the remaining strawberries. Fill glasses generously with ice. Pour over the strawberry water and garnish with the sliced strawberries.

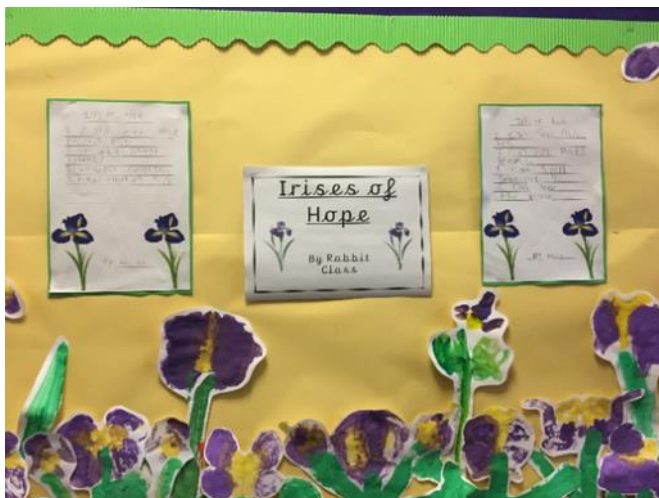
Cheers!

Life at Whitewater C of E School

(Robyn Jones, Parent Governor)

In June, the children at Whitewater took part in a Diocesan project, Irises of Hope, with each class focussing on different activities.

Irises symbolise faith and hope and are perfect values following a year or more of lockdowns and disrupted school life. This beautiful flower was often given to someone who needed additional support and love during tough times to represent hope and belief that there is good in the world.



Rabbit Class

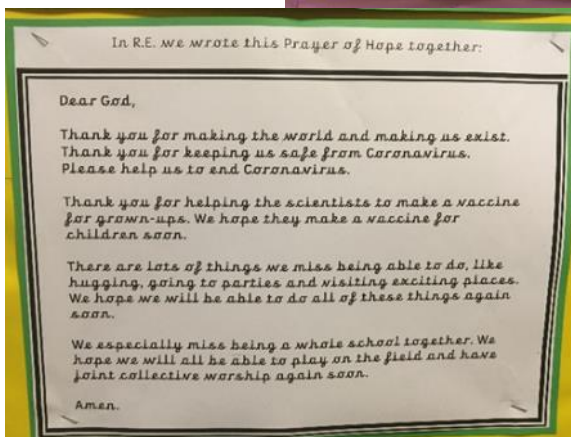


Our youngest children produced some beautiful painted Irises and some mindful writings on what they see, feel, smell and hear.



Otter Class

The children in Otter Class produced observational monoprints and poems based on the painting "Iris Field" by Timothy Easton.



Otter class also wrote a prayer of hope together.

Hedgehog Class

Creative writing and beautiful artwork from the children in Hedgehog Class proudly on display in the school library.

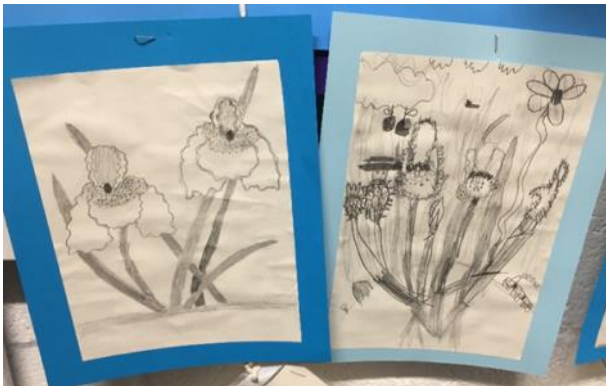


Fox Class

The children in Fox Class used marbling effect to create their irises accompanied by poems entitled I Feel.

Red Kite Class

As the oldest children, Red Kite Class were asked to write instructions for the children in Hedgehog Class on how to draw irises with pencil drawings of their own to compliment them.

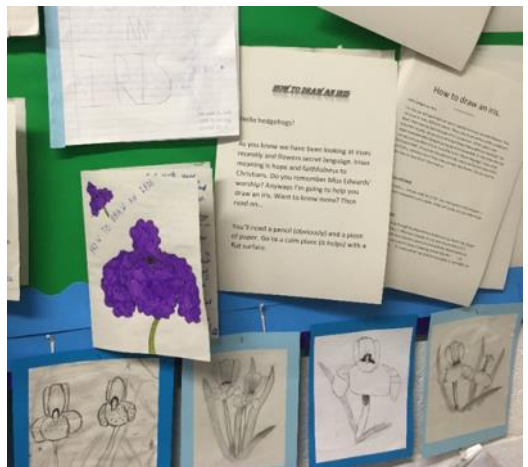


Well done to all the children for such amazing work!

Thank you for sharing your artwork, thoughts and feelings with us.

We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing them.

Have a good summer and hope to see more in September!



Hook and Odiham RFC

Your rugby club needs you!

As we prepare for a new season at our home pitch in Rotherwick, we're on the lookout for rugby players of any standard to come and join our adult 1st XV. If you have an interest in rugby and want to be part of a rapidly growing club with playing and social opportunities locally, we'd love to hear from you.

We also welcome new social members and sponsors, so whatever your interest in rugby, please get in touch by emailing enquiries@hookandodiamrfc.co.uk

A poster for Hook & Odiham RFC. The top half features a photo of a man in a blue shirt looking to the side. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'HOOK & ODIHAM RFC' in yellow. To the right is a red dragon logo with a yellow banner below it that says 'HOOK & ODIHAM RFC'. Below the photo is a dark red banner with the text 'PLAYERS WANTED' in white. Underneath this banner, the text reads: 'Hook & Odiham RFC are on the lookout for rugby players of any calibre to come and join their adult 1st XV. If you have an interest in rugby and want to be a part of a rapidly growing club and social scene, get in touch now!'. Below this text are three contact options: 'enquiries@hookandodiamrfc.co.uk' in a red box, 'hookandodiam.rfu.club' in a red box, and '@hookandodiamrfc' in a red box. At the bottom right are the Facebook and Instagram icons.

Rotherwick Community Support Network

The Rotherwick Community Support Network was set up in anticipation of the first Covid lockdown in March 2020 and supported several early requests for prescriptions and shopping.

As time has progressed and people have found the support they need, the associated phone line has been used less and less such that the number has now been stood down.

However, although the phone line has been discontinued, the network itself is ongoing with no plans to disband. 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.

Nicky Howell s 07787 541927
Kernets

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.

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"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, Marion Robak, Jenny Gordon, Dan Pearce and Harriet Steger 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 or the Rotherwick News mobile 07849471227 **by 10th of the month.** What could be easier?



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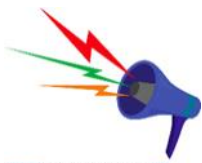
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presentation for her
degree!

Good luck with the next
part!

from Jenny and Sue



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Looking Ahead



Potential Village Hall Events

10-12th September - To be confirmed (post lockdown vil-
lage celebrations!)

Saturday 6th November- Fireworks in the village

December 3rd-5th Social Event To be Confirmed.