

The Rotherwick News

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LET'S CELEBRATE!



WINDSOR CASTLE

Message from the Queen to holders of Big Jubilee Lunches

I am delighted that you are planning to join the Big Jubilee Lunch as part of the special events to mark my Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It is my sincere hope that this will be an opportunity for communities across the United Kingdom and further afield, to join in a spirit of togetherness and to celebrate the enormous achievements of the last 70 years.

I send my warmest good wishes to you, and all those that will join you, at what I hope will be a joyful and most memorable occasion.

ELIZABETH R.

Absolutely Agnes...



Do you ever wonder how on earth another month has arrived? Sometimes, Agnes is as confused as the weather, with frost bitten buds & burnt sausages on the BBQ...is it Spring or are we still in the midst of winter? Pudding or Pimms is the eternal question at this time of year.

Still there is plenty of evidence, if needed that Spring has certainly sprung.

The fields all around are filled with yellow & the woods, bedecked with beautiful bluebells & forget-me-nots.

And as May gently rolls into June, there is much to look forward to. The village will come together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, and Agnes is looking forward to much revelling, pudding tasting & of course, toasting our beloved Monarch.

Did you know that 19th June sees the start of British wine week? Well Agnes does like to support all things local, and as such feels duty bound to pop into one or two of the village pubs for a little tipple (purely to show support of course).

So don't forget to hang your bunting & put on your best frock... unless of course you are a chap, in which case that would be odd...unless of course that's your thing... in which case fill your boots!

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](#)



Our adventure for dementia has begun.

Hello from Westward Ho! (One of the only places in the world with an "I" in its name) at the end of our first week walking the SW Coastal Path for Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's research for my mum.

We are still alive, footsore and yes a bit tired! Why did I feel the need to bring so much stuff! We met a lady wild camping with half as much – now that is mad!



We started on Monday 2nd May from Minehead, walking across the edge of Exmoor then around the Taw & Torridge estuaries to Westward Ho! It's now Sunday, 87 miles down only 563 more miles to go!



Blessed with a grey day, no wind, no rain we walked 9 undulating miles along the edge of Exmoor to Porlock, after posing for our picture with the "hands" at the monument marking the start of the path.

Knees and shoulders grumbling, multiple steep ascents and descents through storm damaged woods, we passed yet another sign saying 7 miles to Lynmouth. Clearly Devon has a different definition of miles to me!

We followed the spectacular coastline, as the (no longer easy) path clung far too close to the edge up and down the vertiginous cliffs and valleys to the highest point Great Hangman (1043ft). Vertigo got the better of me, without a helping hand I'd still be panicking, and have missed the breathtaking



views!



Easy walking along the cliff path to Woolacombe; so we thought. The area between Lee bay and Morte point is a stunning site of special scientific interest with picturesque coves, vicious rock formations, beautiful maritime heathland, grazing sheep and cattle. Strenuous up; strenuous down!

We we're rewarded with glimpses of basking seals and Woolacombe sandy beaches as we rounded the headland.

Despite the mizzle we enjoyed walking along the beach and dunes across Woolacombe Bay.

We could just about make out Lundy Island from Baggy Point the headland across the bay from Westward Ho! Ferry across? No such luck.



Excitement at easy walking along a flat tarmac wide path of the Tarka trail along the disused railway line with terrific views of the Taw estuary in the sunshine, soon waned after stepping aside for cyclists every 30 seconds!

We then walked across Northam burrows dodging golf balls to Westward Ho! beach; lunch looking back at where we were 3 days ago! Watching the surfers, we strolled along the beach to Westward Ho!



Of course we have been sampling Cream teas!
Best yet...

You can see more photos of our stunning coast
line on Instagram & Facebook

@**paulas.mad.adventures** and read our **blog**
[https://paulasmadadventure.wixsite.com/
swcoastpathwalkblog](https://paulasmadadventure.wixsite.com/swcoastpathwalkblog)

Thank you to everyone for all your support; our
just giving pages are

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-4-alzheimerssociety](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adventure-4-alzheimerssociety)

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We are hoping to raise as much as we can, with a mad goal of £3,500
for each charity - It is a mad adventure after all! Thanks to your generosity
more families can be helped and more research funded.

By 2050 150million people worldwide are predicted to be living and suffering
with Alzheimer's. As much for me as for the future of your family
and friends, if you haven't already, would you support the
walk? Also, if you know anyone else who is affected by
Alzheimer's and might support me, please pass on the
just giving links.



Thank you for reading my story, and a
huge thank you for your support.

Paula

(Fantastic effort—we look forward
to the next installment.)



Get Gardening



Walking around Rotherwick we have come across carpets of spring flowers such as wood anemones and celandines with clumps of forget me nots and stitch-wort amongst the many bluebells that are starting to bloom. Spring is here, even the cuckoo has arrived!

(Has anyone else heard the saying?
*'The cuckoo comes in April
But sings his song in May
Then in June, he changes his tune
And in July, he flies away.'*)



<https://en.wikipedia.org/>

So it's really time I finished digging over my vegetable beds.

The 'soil improver' I bought last month, which annoyingly was full of plastic bits, thankfully, I was able to return. Instead, I sprinkled on a couple of handfuls of 'Growmore', re-dug and sieved the soil so that it was fine enough to plant my seeds. What a job that was - hopefully never to be repeated! I've now put in some broccoli and sprouts plugs which have taken up far more space than I anticipated and have yet to sow my lettuce, gourds, peas, lettuce (various sorts), radishes, the list goes on. In my haste to get everything done, I forgot about the 'pests', especially the deer and those mighty pigeons, I've yet to see a rabbit but, with hopefully a lot of green salad crops, you never know! I didn't want to spend a fortune so scanned the internet for something and managed to find some netting with frames from Wilko, cheaper than elsewhere which cover at least a 6' x 4' area, so big enough for my beds. Although weeding might be a problem, I will have to crawl in!

Other jobs that have needed doing were cutting back and dividing perennials. Did you know there is such a thing as the 'Chelsea chop' (rhs.org.uk)? New to me, but it is the time when perennials are cut back to make them sturdier and more productive. Unsurprisingly, it is done during Chelsea Flower Show week! (I've also discovered a App called Picturethis - plant identifier. Useful if you don't know what a plant is or have forgotten its name!) By the way if you're interested in going to Chelsea or want to know when to 'chop' it's from 24th May - 28th. (Check the website for more information.)

There are also gardens to see that are part of the NGS (ngs.org.uk) scheme that are more local such as Tylney Hall which has its gardens open on 22nd May, 19th June and 'open garden' day on 8th June. All in all this is a busy time of year with lots to do in the garden and gardens to go and see. And a time when the hard work put into the garden starts to have its rewards.



Quiz of the Month

May's questions

Answers will be published in next month's edition.

- 1. True or False. The Queen was born at 21 Bruton Street, London?**
- 2. In which African country was the Queen when she heard of the death of her father?**
- 3. Who was the US President when the Queen came to the throne?**
- 4. On which Mediterranean island did the Queen and Prince Philip live during their early married life?**
- 5. What are the Queen's two middle names?**
- 6. What is the Queen's official residence in Scotland?**
- 7. Which year did the Queen describe as her 'Annus horribilis'?**
- 8. What is the name of the Queen's oldest grandchild?**
- 9. Which foreign language does the Queen speak fluently?**
- 10. As of 1 May 2022, how many British prime ministers have served under Queen Elizabeth II?**

'Quizinquisitor'

Answers to last month's quiz are on page 37





WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO US?

What does Rotherwick mean to you? Many of us villagers have lived here for 25, 35, 45 years and more. If you're fair-

ly new to the village you may wonder what makes us stay. For a start, who *wouldn't* enjoy our beautiful surroundings, with the woodlands, farm fields and plenty of places to enjoy a walk, whether it be a stroll or a more energetic brisk walk.

A stroll on a balmy summer's day (when we get them) could lead you on to discovering some fine local trees, or if you remain quiet, spotting some of the local wildlife such as the several types of deer often seen, hares and rabbits, or even a grass snake or two. One year we even had a grass snake sunbathing by our pond. There are also plenty of wire-walking squirrels which have no fear as they tour the village above our heads. Observing and catching a glimpse of any wildlife is always special. It's a good idea to take a camera (or camera-phone) whenever you walk so that anything unusual can be referenced and identified later, or even just to snap shots of some lovely views.



There are plenty of locals who enjoy a bike-ride and, whether in jeans and tee shirts, or stretchy Lycra, it makes no difference to the pleasure of cycling through the surrounding roads (observing the speed limits, which apply to you too and, please, not two-abreast as that makes it impossible for cars to pass by).

But what else keeps us here? One of the benefits of living in Rotherwick is the peace and quiet, which is so relaxing. Imagine what can be missed when walking through the village or sitting in the garden whilst carrying on a 'phone conversation or listening to music! The beautiful and varied birdsongs all around us here are rather special. Listen at dawn as Spring and Summer draw closer, and hear the song of the Song Thrush, the chattering of the Blackbirds and Robins, etc. – at that time of day the sounds are particularly beautiful. And, throughout the daytime, pottering in the garden is a pleasure while the birds carry on singing. Why spoil that by playing music loud enough to deafen the neighbours?



The fresh air in Rotherwick is another benefit. Despite the unfortunate more recent increase of speeding traffic up and down all day, we must still be breathing air that is far cleaner than in many other areas (apart from when somebody lights a bonfire, which can cause problems particularly for asthma sufferers!).



Friendliness of neighbours and other villagers makes this village special, too. How pleasant it is to unexpectedly “bump” into the people you know from along the road, or who live next door, or some of the dog-walkers as they pass by, and be able to stop for a friendly chat; and how nice to exchange a friendly few words as we pass others who we may not yet know.

Add to all of this the kindness of our village neighbours, favours done and returned, help given for various reasons if needed. That is true village life. We are indeed blessed to be living in Rotherwick!

Lin Humble

Chineham & Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail 28th-29th May 2022 – A Moment in History

Come and join Basingstoke and District Disability Forum (BDDF) on 28th-29th May for this fantastic annual community event. ‘The Rolls Royce of Scarecrow Trails’ returns, which follow this years’ theme ‘A Moment in History’ to coincide with the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations. Last year, we surpassed all expectations and the 500 families that attended enjoyed the 68 amazing entries over 2 trails over a total of 8 miles. This year all scarecrows will remain on display over the extended Bank Holiday weekend until 5th June, so everyone has a chance to complete the trail.

Chineham Christ Church will host us on Saturday 28th with a community café, you can get your trail map, raffle tickets and a cup of tea and cake. On Sunday Sherfield Park Community Centre will host and we will be joined by local charities offering lots of fun activities for the whole family.

If you are unable to visit at the weekend you can download a copy of the map at www.bddf.org.uk, or collect a copy from Chineham Christ Church.

We are a small charity and rely on the support of our volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please contact suzi@bdf.org.uk. We are still able to take stalls on Sunday 29th May and are looking for volunteers for the weekend.

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28th May - 5th June
Chineham & Sherfield Park

Scarecrow Trail 2022

A Moment in history...



Saturday 28th May

Christ Church Chineham

Map sales - refreshments - cakes & snacks

Join us at our tea party!

Sunday 29th May

Sherfield Park Community Centre

Map sales - Charity stalls - Refreshments

Face painting - Ice cream van



bddf.org.uk/scarecrow-trail

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum Registered Charity No. 1155660

By supporting this event you will be raising vital funds for the charity— all services are free to access, from seated yoga to IT courses and our signposting services, and will support our mission to facilitate increased awareness, active involvement, and healthy promotion of disability and those who live it. For more information, please visit www.bddf.org.uk, telephone 01256 423869 or follow us on social media to keep up to date.

Thank you to Loddon Properties for sponsoring the event again this year.

We can't wait to see you over the weekend!



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHO...

...in no particular order, and just to name but a few:

- Cleans the inside of Rotherwick Church?
- Keeps the Churchyard tidy?
- Takes care of, repairs, and helps update our Village Hall ?
- Are the Parish Councillors?
- Arranges village events?
- Runs the Scout Group?
- Set up the Rotherwick Broadband/FTTP Groups?
- Picks up rubbish around the village?
- Contributed their efforts to the Neighbourhood De-velopment Plan?
- Recently laid hedges along the Hudsons Copse front- age (sadly vandalised twice since work began!)?
- Produces, writes and delivers your Rotherwick News?



All of the above and more, current and past, don't just happen by magic! We have many villagers who really care about where they live and enjoy the benefits of living in our beautiful village. Whenever they are needed, they are there – yes, and all volunteers, of all ages, stepping in for the benefit of all who live here, often giving up much of their spare time in order to do so.

Church cleaning and Churchyard tidying are both done on a rota basis, with each person on the lists needed to help perhaps just twice a year, either helping to keep the Church interior clean and polished, or the Churchyard neatly mowed and trimmed.

Fighting to preserve the village surroundings from over-development, running the Village Hall, achieving better internet connections, applying for fibre connections, and lately hedge-laying at Hudson's Copse – all are time-consuming tasks, but our volunteers stick fast until the job is done.

For entertainment there are the Bonfire night, and other Village Hall events at various times of year, including dinner shows with professional performers, and more recently the Paint & Prosecco evening; then there are the Harvest suppers, and also carol singing at the Church . . . the list is longer than my arm! All of these are thanks to our various groups of volunteers who give up so much of their time to organise them for us to enjoy - Thank you to all!

And to all of the villagers who have not yet attended a village "do" - please give it a go when you get the chance!

From an appreciative resident of Rotherwick.

(Clips:Wiki Clip Art)

Fred Whitton Challenge Round 2

Readers may remember that the Rotherwick Cycling Club took on the Fred Whitton Challenge last year, but some RCC members couldn't make it. So the idea for a second trip for those that missed the first trip was born, the 'first timers' to be accompanied by those of us that went last year. More people want to do the event than there are places, so we were feeling lucky to all get pulled out of the hat.

This 113-mile ride around the lake district taking in several intimidating ascents and equally intimidating descents including, after about 95 miles, the daddy of them all: Hardknott Pass. This year we didn't have the benefit of training through the summer as the event had reverted to its pre Covid slot in May, but knowing it was coming got us out in the cold to get some miles in. Most of us anyway.

Andy Sharp was working in Saudi so was training in the desert. Mike Edwards was training for a half marathon so couldn't do much on the bike until about six weeks before. Iain Moore, Jonnie Wills and Steve BurrIDGE still had something in their legs from the event last September. Lee Gerard was the sixth member of the trip. Lee is a naturally talented athlete but had struggled on some of the longer rides until he discovered the benefits of training and peanut butter sandwiches. All too soon we were in the final week before the ride.

The Wednesday before we were due to go Jonnie's Brompton slipped out from under him on some wet flag stones resulting in a broken hand and a cracked rib. So only five started the event at 06:00 on a fresh Sunday morning with a day of fine weather to look forward to. It was all going so well; we had avoided getting delayed at the event food stops by having our own lunch stop supported by Iain's brother and his family. Fed, watered and with the group photo taken we were off again. Within a few hours we were approaching Hardknott.

The group became strung out at the bottom which is a vicious 1 in 3 climb up over a shoulder and on to a less steep section before and even more vicious 1:3 section below the summit. Mike was off first followed by Iain. Andy and Lee decided it would be better to walk and Steve wanted a pause to prepare himself for what was ahead. Andy and Lee caught up with Iain who had fallen off his bike towards the top of the first steep section. They waved Steve through who went on after Mike.

It soon became apparent that the fall had injured Iain: he couldn't put any weight on his left leg and when he tried the pain was excruciating. Messages were passed to Steve and Mike to help arrange assistance.

Mike was over the top of Hardknott and incommunicado, so Steve helped liaise with the mountain rescue. Two first aiders were despatched to Iain who was taken to hospital for an x-ray at which point Andy and Lee resumed their ascent.

The group were soon together on the downward side of Wrynose. Steve had met Mike at the top and soon after they had set off Mike had a puncture which gave time for Andy and Lee to catch up. The four finished together after what had become an eleven-hour day including two hours of stops for lunch, injuries and breakdowns. Iain's injury took the shine off what would otherwise have been a great day. We couldn't even say we all got back safe. But those of us that did were satisfied that we had beaten the cut offs comfortably and completed the course.



The fun wasn't quite over. The x-ray showed Iain had broken his hip and needed surgery. Iain had driven everyone up so there were some fun and games getting a driver added to his insurance but that's another story. Suffice to say Iain's surgery went well and we are all now safely back home and with tales to tell of another Fred Whitton adventure.

If you would like to know more about this year's event or were perhaps interested in having a go yourself, the following YouTube account nicely reflected how the RCC gang felt about the day:

<https://youtu.be/YZNGth8J1s0> .

Steve

Well done guys...good to hear you are all now safely back and we wish Iain a full recovery.

Pioneering, Rifles and Mini Hawks

As we all bask in the sunshine reading our Rotherwick News I want you to think back to the beginning of May. The bank holiday in fact when the temperatures were just warming up and still with the threat of frost every evening.

Well as it was all planned and arranged, we went as a group on our annual scout camp. Usually we go on the late bank holiday but due to the jubilee we went early. Downside with going early is the chance of unpredictable weather. However as I just mentioned the weather was getting sunnier during the day with clear skies at night.

Now although we are a small group 1st Bramshill, Rotherwick, this has always been a joint venture with our neighbours 7th Bramshill, Hook. We set up camp straight after school on the Friday and the plan was for three nights, coming home on the bank holiday Monday. The cubs and scouts all arrived within a couple of hours of finishing school and the first task was to put their tents up. For the cubs, this was for some of them

- A. The first time they had been camping and
- B. The first time away from their parents. Since we had the various lockdowns and restrictions it meant this was the first camp in three years.

The cubs were sleeping in a typical scout tent, these have not changed since the 50s. The scouts on the other hand were all assigned to either a two or three person tent.

Situated at various different positions around the camp, i.e. the scouts were near the river and trees along with a few leaders, the cubs were on the other side of the field with trees and hedges behind them, also with leaders nearby. Then we have another area where our youngest members the Beavers sleep, as they come for one night camping on the Saturday, this area is near the toilet block as they tend to need lots of trips to the loo.

First night everyone is on site and games have been played, hot chocolate and cake have been consumed and the leaders prepare themselves for the typical over excitement of the young ones. This is usually a latish night with a bit of shouting to each other between the tents etc.

On the positive this is always followed by an early night on a Saturday.

Saturday morning and it was a cold night. Tents were covered in frost but all the cubs and scouts survived (always good for morale).

Saturday was spent doing a round robin of activities, Air rifle shooting, mini hawk throwing, woggle making, cooking etc. Whilst this was going on throughout the day the scouts were also busy making two large pioneering A frames. Once these were erected they attached rope to make a bridge strong enough for them to use. This was a great build as the scouts had to put into practice the knots and lashings they had learnt previously.

In the evening the scouts prepared the vegetables and cooked their own meal on the open fires, they had been attending to since earlier in the day. For everyone else the food was provided for, this is when the cubs step up and show off their washing and drying skills.

The evening is rounded off with a campfire for everyone including our Beavers who have had their first experience of camp life, campfire singing is a must followed by one last mug of hot chocolate before bed. Ohh it's so quiet on the Saturday night. But not where the Beavers are sleeping. They are now experiencing just how many trips to the toilet a tent full of girls really needs.

Sunday and the night was warmer. Once breakfast is cooked, served, eaten and cleared away its time for parade and flag then onto activities again. Another full day of tiring stuff and access for the cubs and scouts to re doing some of their favourite activities again to hone their skills. The beavers are collected at 11am by their parents and go home for a nice long sleep in the afternoon in front of the tv.

Sunday draws to a close and the scouts have been on an epic pot washing experiment. As they quickly realise, how black and sooty they can get and know one else is going to do it.

Monday arrives and after breakfast it's pack up tents and break camp. We then go through the who is the owner of this sock routine. Parents arrive at 11am and everyone is collected all safe and accounted for.

They all enjoyed different aspects of camp. When the cubs were asked on Monday night it looked like shooting was top followed by woggle making. The scouts enjoyed throwing the mini hawks at the targets and cooking.

Now if this is something you fancy doing, we are always looking for more leaders in all 3 sections. With more leaders we can always do more with the young that attend camp, plus there's always plenty of cake to eat and lots of singing to be done.

Contact thewhisters@btinternet.com for more information.

Dan Pearce

Answer to Last Month's Word Riddle

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

The word is STARTLING

Here's how it works –

Remove L, you are left with	STARTING
Remove the second T to get	STARING
Remove A	STRING
Remove R	STING
Remove T	SING
Remove G	SIN
Remove S	IN
Remove N	I

Marion Robak



What a beautiful Easter we had in Rotherwick, so many children enjoying this blessed season.

The afternoon at the church was so special for everyone, especially the children and then the fields around Rotherwick looking so wonderful. Walks around them are such fun with the children playing hide and seek in the tractor tracks .



Thank you Julia Oliver for sharing your thoughts and photos with us. They will certainly make us all smile .



Creatures of No Mow May

With No Mow May underway, we can expect to see many more wild flowers and a greater number of insects, birds and bugs buzzing, flittering and crawling around our gardens. Here we celebrate just a few of them.

What is No Mow May?

No Mow May is a national campaign to encourage people not to mow their lawns until the end of May in order to boost the flowers, and nectar, available to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies and moths. At the end of the month, participants are invited to record the flowers that have grown in the grass with the Every Flower Counts survey.

Why May?

Traditionally, May is the time when the soils are warm enough for grasses to really start shooting up. Most gardeners are keen to get the mower out and transform that scraggly patch of grass into a thriving lawn. In fact, Plantlife's 2019 survey revealed that most of us cut the grass every two weeks. But hold off from cutting it a little while longer, and you can give UK pollinators – and the birds and animals who eat them– a much-needed boost.¹

Top Tip:

Dr Trevor Dines, Plantlife's Botanical Specialist, explains: "In any garden, big or small, we'd now advise keeping two lengths of grass. Leave some patches completely unmown to let taller flowers come into bloom. For the rest of the lawn, you can keep the grass shorter by mowing once every month to a height of 1 or 2 inches. You'll cut off some flowers when you do mow but they'll come back quickly; you can even rotate patches around your garden so there are always some areas in flower. For flowers, bees and butterflies there is one lawn 'haircut' that really suits: the mohican. Most should be given a monthly cut to boost short sward plants but there should also ideally be an area set aside for longer grass where floral diversity abounds."²

What creatures can we expect to see?

Natural History Museum ecologist Sylvia Myers says not to underestimate the value of the plants already in your lawn; let things grow and see what is already there.

¹ [No Mow May 2022: Why you should lock up your lawnmower on 1st May | Countrysidefile](#)

² [Plantlife : No Mow May: how to get ten times more bees on your lockdown lawn](#)

'Dandelions, yarrow and buttercups are all brilliant sources of food for pollinators, but observe what flowers are visited by insects in your garden - not all of them have the same tastes!' ³



Clover creates a great lawn for bees © Orangeaurochs ([CC BY 2.0](#)) via [Flickr](#)



Longer grass will provide good foraging ground for hedgehogs © Mike Pennington ([CC BY-SA 2.0](#)) via [geograph](#)



A long-tailed tit collecting moss for its nest © LecartPhotos/ Shutterstock.com



The caterpillars of multiple butterfly species rely on bird's-foot trefoil as a foodplant, including common blues (pictured) and green hairstreaks © Pete Beard ([CC BY 2.0](#)) via [Flickr](#)

You know what to do...

When it comes to providing vital nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and other insects, every flower counts. And your lawn can help provide that feast as can the wildlife in and around it. So, park your mowers and check out #NoMowMay – and don't worry if you've missed it because #LetItBloomJune is coming next! (Seriously).

Search online: [Every Flower Counts](#), [Plantlife](#) to take part in the No Mow May survey.

³ [How to grow a lawn that's better for wildlife | Natural History Museum \(nhm.ac.uk\)](#)

Rotherwick & Lyde Green Ponds

Are you a newt fan? Do you appreciate the frogs & toads in your garden?

Sadly, amphibians often miss out on the popularity vote due to their lack of cute or furry appeal.

Did you know that Strictly Come Dancing goes on at the bottom of our ponds more later?

Your Parish Council invited HIWARG, (Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian and Reptile Group), to conduct a series of, free of charge, night-time surveys of the two ponds in the parish, (The Street, Rotherwick & Frog Lane, Lyde Green), in order to see what species are living there. This is done in three ways: '**Torching**' - doing a visual inspection at night by torch light from the bank, '**Netting**' - using specific large nets to carefully catch and not damage wildlife, and '**Trapping**' - 2 HIARG traps were laid and left for 1hr to see who swam along..... The first survey on March 31st, an unexpected frosty night, confirmed the presence of pregnant female great crested newts and smaller smooth newts. Did you know that the female newt lays eggs individually, which she then wraps in a leaf to protect it? With two hundred being laid, it's quite a task.

Back to Strictly, the male newts perform an elaborate courtship dance to impress the female, who decides on 'the one' deserving her 'perfect' 10 paddle.



Female Great Crested Newt



Underside of female Great Crested Newt

ROTHERWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Lisa's Recipe of the Month...

Honey Garlic Shrimp, Corn, and Avocado Bacon Salad



Prep 25 mins

Cals per serving 368 kcal

Serves 6

Dressing

- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons runny honey
- 1 tablespoon grainy Dijon mustard
- juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp dried mixed herbs or
- finely chopped fresh herbs
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper



Salad

- 750g raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 6 slices thick bacon, chopped
- 2 romaine lettuces, roughly chopped
- 1 can of sweet corn
- 12 - 18 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1-2 ripe avocados, sliced
- 100g crumbled feta cheese

1. To make the dressing. Combine all ingredients and whisk until smooth. Taste and adjust the salt and pepper.
2. In a bowl, toss the shrimp with 1/3 of the dressing, making sure to scoop up a good amount of the garlic. Let sit for 10 minutes.
3. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat and cook the bacon until crisp. Remove the bacon from the pan. Add the shrimp and cook on both sides until seared, about 2-3 minutes per side. Remove from the heat.
4. To make the salad. Combine the lettuce, corn and tomatoes in a salad bowl and toss with a little dressing. Add the shrimp, bacon and avocados. Spoon the dressing over and gently toss. Top with feta. Season with freshly ground pepper and salt. Serve warm or cold.

Credit: halfbakedharvest.com.

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!!

**Bring your pudding to the Jubilee celebrations on
Friday 3rd June to enjoy after your lunch and
after the 'Toast to the puddings!'**

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?!



**Itinerary for the Village
Jubilee Celebrations
3rd June 2022**

12.30pm Arrival at the Hall

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Toast to the Queen

2.15pm Ode to the Pudding

2.30pm Let the fun begin

Eg; Tug of War, Musical Thrones etc....

**Don't forget to wear red, white
and blue topped with a silly hat!!**

**Souvenir prizes and parade for
our young princes and princesses.**

**All you need to bring is your food, drink,
your Platinum Pudding (for dessert) and lots of
good cheer!**





A Toast to Her Majesty



Whatever your plans are for the long jubilee weekend be sure to raise a glass to our Sovereign. Here are a few 'majestic' ideas to help your celebrations.

The Dubonnet Cocktail

A taste of royalty, the cocktail favoured by the monarch herself.

Ingredients –

2 parts Dubonnet

1 part British gin

twist of orange

Pour the gin and dubonnet over lots of ice in a glass and add the orange twist.



Jubilee Garden Party



Ingredients –

3 parts gin

3 parts sparkling wine

2 parts quality pear or apple juice

1 part fresh lemon juice

1 part elderflower cordial

$\frac{1}{2}$ part sugar syrup

Stir all the ingredients together with plenty of ice in a large jug or punch bowl. Garnish with pear and apple slices.

Sunshine Celebration

Ingredients –

2 parts white or dark rum

1 part fresh orange juice

ginger ale

Pour the rum and orange juice over plenty of ice and top up with ginger ale.





Kir Royale

We know it, we love it but should perhaps drop the e from royale for our own royal celebration. A quick reminder – mix crème de cassis with sparkling wine and garnish with raspberries or use a raspberry liqueur instead to ring the changes.

For a mocktail kir royale swap out the crème de cassis for grenadine and use sparkling water.

If you're feeling inspired why not make your own jubilee creation. Mixologists across the land have been creating The Golden Brooch, The Sovereign's Sceptre, The Royal Family to name but a few. What will you call yours?

Photos from houseandgarden.co.uk , thespruceeats.com

Marion Robak



—Press Release — May 5th 2022

Sunflower Celebration launched for St. Michael's Hospice.



As part of their 30th Anniversary celebrations, St. Michael's Hospice has commissioned hand-crafted metal sunflowers from local Hampshire based company, Hurstbourne Forge.

Sunflowers are regarded as symbols of hospice care as they draw strength from focusing on the light and not the darkness. The seed represents the patient, and the surrounding petals represent love, care, and compassion.

People from across North Hampshire are being given the opportunity to own one of these limited-edition flowers– some in memory of a loved one, others to mark an occasion or simply support the hospice.

Continued on next page

Lorraine Pink, Director of Income Generation at St Michael's Hospice said, *"The amazing thing is that by donating £30 for a sunflower, people not only have the chance to dedicate it to their loved one, but also can hopefully take comfort in knowing that the money raised from their sale is helping us to continue providing care to local people too."*

The flowers are forming part of St. Michael's Sunflower Celebration which is taking place in the hospice grounds on Sunday 12 June at 2pm. All the sunflowers will be on display during the event and people will be able to take them home afterwards or collect from the hospice at a later date.

The hospice only has a limited number of the flowers available, so don't miss out.



Visit the website <https://www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/event/sunflower-celebration> or call **01256 848848**.



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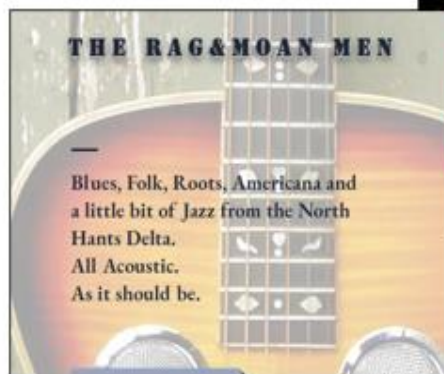
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- locally grown flowers, vegetables, fruit, cakes or other edible produce for a 'Village Market'
- solos, duos, trios, quartets to take a spot on the music & entertainment bill or maybe you'd like to do something with others but have no particular partner in mind - ideas, support and accompaniment are all available
- 10-12 male voices to be part of a particular piece (we currently have ~7)
- teams of 5-6 for a Tug of War
- small, local businesses that would like an advert in the Fair programme
- on the day stage hands, furniture movers, gazebo lenders, table layers, litter pickers, sign distributors, coconut slingers and tea pourers

We need and will welcome help from as many people as possible please. To participate, contribute or find out more, please call Nicky on 07787 541927, Helen on 07985 991368, Caroline on 07899 842335 or email Charlotte on rotherwickevents@gmail.com



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A short history of Hook Eagle Morris Men



Hook Eagle Morris Men were founded in 1991 and are now enjoying their 31st season of dancing out and entertaining the public, while enjoying the fresh air, exercise, beers, applause (and more beers).

The side was founded at St John's Church in Hook in 1991 as part of an "auction of promises" to raise funds for the church. A group of men, including the then vicar Rev Stuart Foster, agreed to learn and perform a Morris dance. With the support of another local side, Yateley Morris, they did this and the dance was performed to much acclaim at the church fete the following year. Those involved enjoyed it so much that they agreed to form a side and continue.

The first dancing was performed in the Cotswold tradition of Morris, with white costumes, bell pads, sashes and hankies — what most people think of when Morris is mentioned — because Yateley was (and remain) a Cotswold side. At their suggestion, the new Hook Eagles adopted the Border tradition, a winter style with a much more robust approach to dancing.

The side took its name and colours from these early days — Hook (for the village), an Eagle (the symbol of St John the Evangelist) and Morris Men (a men's dancing side). Our colours are blue and yellow/gold, the colours of St John, and our clothes represent the rough dress of the farm workers who would have performed the dances for fun, beer and some coins during the depths of winter when work in the fields was scarce. The black collarless shirts are a nod to those worn by Church of England vicars. Our top hats emphasise our style while providing some protection from errant sticks and the Eagle feathers (pheasants really) give us wings.

Originally we had black faces, as a disguise in the tradition of Border Morris, but we recently made national headlines (including on the BBC website) by switching to blue.

Morris Dancing is frequently performed outside pubs, and we have been pleased to dance at the Coach & Horses in Rotherwick on many occasions, most notably on Boxing Day each year. We get a fabulous turnout of locals, walkers, riders, tractors and more as everyone comes to get some fresh air after the excesses of Christmas Day itself. We also get a very generous contribution when we put the hat around, which supports the side and the local charities we donate to. We also get to enjoy the excellent beer and hospitality of the team at the Coach, who have also played host to our team Christmas dinner on several occasions. We've also danced there in the summer in the company of other local sides.

The Hook Eagle season is divided in to two halves. Our summer dancing season normally begins on St George's Day — this year we were at the Oxford Folk Weekend, where we met up with many other Morris sides for the first time in nearly three years. It continues through to the mid-summer with dancing at local festivals, fetes and pubs, plus a few trips to meet up with other sides at Days of Dance. Last year, we went down to Swanage as well as hosting several other sides in Hartley Wintney to mark our 30th anniversary. This year, we've already been to the Sweeps Festival in Rochester and we'll be at the Watercress Festival in Alresford and in Portsmouth for the Victory Morris Day of Dance in July. Closer to home, we'll be appearing at Dogmersfield and Hartley Wintney Festivals plus local pubs.

The second half of the season is for practicing. From October to early April. Practices are on most Friday nights at the Elizabeth Hall in Hook (8-10pm), followed by "refreshments" at the Crooked Billet. We practice and refine our existing dances, bring everyone up to scratch, and learn some new ones. Many of our dances are named after local pubs, and this year we've added another — "Phoenix" — which we've started performing in public. New dancers will practice our hop-step dance style and learn our core dances, about five or six that get done at virtually every event. We aim to get them up to being able to dance out by the start of the summer season. The Border style is fairly physical and requires reasonable mobility, but our dancers have ranged in age from about 14 to well over 60, so there's little to hold the average person back.

We've never had a member from Rotherwick (and people have come a lot further to join us), so we'd be delighted if some men from the village would like to join us and add to the side's numbers. Our band, the "Hook Wall of Sound" is open to men and women with discernible talent on folk music instruments.

Details of our programme are on our website (www.hookeagle.org.uk) and those interested in joining can speak to our Bagman (secretary), John Ellis, on 07900 886855 or bagman@hookeagle.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you and to dancing again in Rotherwick.

Jonathan Buisson (aka "Ninja")

Foreman of Dance, Hook Eagle Morris Men

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HARTLEY WINTNEY TWINING ASSOCIATION

Did you know that Rotherwick is twinned with Saint Savin in France and Malle in Belgium?

The Hartley Wintney Twinning Association (HWTa) run entirely by volunteers has been in existence since 1982, when the village, along with the parishes of Winchfield, Mattingley, **Rotherwick** and Heckfield, entered into an agreement with San Savin, near Poitiers, France to encourage and facilitate closer relations in the interests of international harmony.

In 1982 HWTa extended its European twinning connections to Malle, Near Antwerp in Belgium who were already twinned with St. Savin.

Many events took place such as choirs singing in festivals in France, fire fighters visiting here, triathlon exchanges and walking weekends. Twinning Associations were aimed at promoting friendship and cultural exchanges between countries in Europe believing after WW2 friendship would prevent another war. Now is more important than ever that those relationships are rekindled.

HWTa has reformed with the intention of facilitating groups, organisations, and clubs to arrange cultural exchanges. A Walking Weekend, hosted by HWTa, is planned for 2023 having been postponed for 2 years. There will be an opportunity and, importantly, a need to 'host' our visitors. Are you able to host visitors?

Saint Savin is hosting a celebration of the 40th anniversary of our twinning (and the 60th anniversary of their twinning with Malle) over the W/E of August 13th/14th. All are invited and will be hosted by people in Saint Savin. If anyone wants to go they can find out more from Gerda. Also the twinning association will be having a stall at the Hartley Wintney village festival on June 11th so please drop by for a chat.

Would you like to be involved in arranging exchanges? If so, please contact Gerda Bennett gbt58@btinternet.com.

Rotherwick Parish Council

Hampshire County Councillor report May 2022

1. Homes for Ukraine update

The County Council continues to work with key local partners to enable the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. The focus remains on conducting necessary safeguarding and wellbeing checks via home visits, distribution of financial support, in collaboration with public sector partners, and ensuring key information is shared with guests and sponsors efficiently.

The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 3 May 2022, 45,126 visas have been issued for England, of which 1,685 are for Hampshire.

In addition to the other support available, an initial fund of £100,000 has been made available for local community and voluntary organisations working to help Ukrainian families to apply for financial support through the Leader's Community Grants - details are at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>

Applications will be considered from parish and town councils and local branches of national charities (where the support being provided is delivered specifically in Hampshire) and may be for any amount up to £5,000. Applications will be assessed to ensure that the proposals are appropriate, that necessary levels of safeguarding are in place and that the activity does not unnecessarily duplicate support which is already provided through other channels.

Further details are available by following the link above or by contacting ccbsgrants@hants.gov.uk.

Useful information for anyone welcoming Ukrainian guests can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>. Hampshire County Council has a helpful webpage at www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine which is being regularly updated. This includes a new Welcome Guide webpage <https://www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine/questions/welcome-guide>

2. County councillor grant scheme

The opening date for the County Councillor grant scheme for 2022/2023 has been brought forward and is now open for applications from Monday 9th May. This is to facilitate any grant applications associated with the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Fostering Hampshire Children nominated for award

Hampshire County Council's 'Fostering Hampshire Children' team has been nominated for a Purpose Award for its winter 2021 'You Can Foster' campaign – which achieved a 300% increase in enquiries about fostering in Hampshire.

This will see the County Council compete with BT, Dove, Vodafone and others to have its campaign named the Best Public Awareness Cause Campaign in the 'Brand Led' category.

The Purpose Awards recognise campaigns that use creative ideas to successfully highlight positive causes. Details of the campaign can be seen at <https://www.purposeawards.co.uk/finalists/you-can-foster-winter-2021-d0003>

Streetlighting in Hampshire

Hampshire has 133,952 streetlights which are maintained by a company called Enerveo pursuant to Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract which commenced in 2010 and lasts for 25 years.

The control network for the streetlights is very flexible, allowing the County Council to dim and "part-night" streetlights to reduce our energy consumption and carbon emissions and respond to a variety of requests.

Energy usage has reduced by 66% since the contract begun, primarily through LED replacements, dimming and part-night lighting. At the same time, the number of reported faults has fallen to two thirds what it was in 2009. Most faults are detected automatically by the system, but you can also report faults online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/streetlight>

Consultation on Hampshire's new Local Transport Plan

The County Council is asking for views on a draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4) that aims to support the county's economic prosperity, decarbonise the transport system, and help people in Hampshire live healthy lives.

The LTP4 will define the future of travel and transport in Hampshire to 2050. If adopted, it would guide the County Council's transport and travel infrastructure planning and design in favour of improving travel choices for people by transforming and widening the appeal of walking, cycling and use of public transport.

The plan proposes transformational changes which:

- shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places

- reduce reliance on private car travel
- support economic development and regeneration
- meet national priorities to decarbonise the transport system
- promote active lifestyles

The consultation runs until 26 June 2022 and people can take part at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan>

Subject to the results of the consultation the new Local Transport Plan is expected to be adopted by early 2023.

Jonathan Glen



APRIL Quiz Answers

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

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17th July – Rotherwick Village Fair, see p 28 and 29

"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, Lin Humble, Catherine Bolt 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 by 10th of the month. What could be easier?

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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