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This has not been a good Broadsheet to edit - the content is changing by the minute. So far Yattendon & Frilsham lunches, VE day celebrations, all church services and much else have been cancelled or postponed. Of the events that remain, please check with the organiser before you go to them.

Self-isolation for an extended but unknown period of time is a grim prospect for elderly people living alone. Let us hope we can find some way of protecting them without socially isolating them. We are fortunate, especially at times like this, to live in villages where people usually know who their neighbours are and so many go out of their way to help others. One problem, however, is that many of our usual volunteers are elderly and now find themselves categorised as "vulnerable", so younger people need to step forward, e.g. for the Hampstead Norreys shop (see page 17). Our Councillor has some advice (see page 28), and moves are already afoot to organise help in Frilsham (see page 4) and Hampstead Norreys (see pages 18-19). Perhaps in Yattendon too, but we don't know because we don't have a Yattendon correspondent (any volunteers?).

All this when spring is surging with the usual flowers and the trees are starting to come to life. Hopefully we can soldier on and at least take some pleasure from our beautiful surroundings at this time of year.

Keep well

Sarah Wilson

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Yattendon & Frilsham News

Home News

Congratulations to Amanda Hankin and Ridgeway Shepheard, of Yattendon, on the birth of their baby son, Hunter Sayer, who was born on 19 February. Hunter is a first grandchild for Paul and Prue Shepheard.

Frilsham Parish Council

At the January meeting of Frilsham Parish Council, the budget for the financial year from the 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 was discussed. Once again, it was agreed to set the precept at £9,000.

At the March meeting, Mike Goodenough was co-opted onto Frilsham Parish Council. This means that once again all the seats on the council are filled. Mike, as many of you know, lives with his family at Parsonage Farm and brings a wealth of local knowledge, having been born and brought up in the parish.

Some of you will be aware of the drainage issues affecting Beechfield. To try and resolve some of these the Parish Council organised a site meeting between Sovereign Housing Association and West Berkshire Council. The aim was to get the drains of the cul-de-sac cleared and flowing once again; West Berkshire Council agreed to dig out the end of the pipe and Sovereign Housing have agreed to blow the drain through, which should clear it.

Whilst both parties were present there was also a discussion about

the water from the main road running down Beechfield and ways to prevent this from happening and

parking; options discussed included residents with no parking provision converting some of their garden and construction of laybys for parking in. Obviously there are cost implications of each and they require multiple parties working together.

Two meetings planned for May including the Annual Praish Meeting are currently on hold.

We wish all parishioners well during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Helen Pratt - Clerk to Frilsham Parish Council.

Church Flowers

No flowers as church services suspended.

Brewhouse Music News







Bradfield College Jazz Band and other Ensembles – 7th May

I mentioned last month that our next event would feature local talent, and it will, just the date has changed by a day! On **Thursday 7**th **May** the pupils and staff of Bradfield College will make the short journey to Yattendon to entertain us with a very varied programme of Jazz: from the full band to various quartets, soloists, playing standards, the Great American Song Book, variety is the key!

Bradfield has kindly offered to charge no fee for their performance, to help us raise money for our own Yattendon Primary School towards their Tech Room project — more room for cookery, crafts, etc. To encourage another sell-out gig to raise as much money as we can, we have dropped our price to £10 per ticket, available as usual from the village stores in Yattendon, or me on randssansom@aol.com. Please come along and support the bands and the school!

I mentioned most of our 2020 programme in an article last month, and am already being asked for tickets for the return of the Daisy Chains on 11th July! Tickets will be £16, and will not be in the shop until the end of May, but if you are keen, I am happy to add your name to my list. I had also mentioned for your diaries the Churchfitters on 12th September, and we will complete the year with The Marley Experience on 12th December – all your favourite Bob Marley songs from the 8-piece Birmingham tribute band. A great musical year in prospect - I just now need to start looking for support acts!

Roger Sansom

Frilsham—COVID-19 / Coronavirus Neighbourhood Support

Are you self-isolating, or staying in because of coronavirus? You are not on your own — a network of local volunteers has offered to help wherever they can. Contact us and we will find someone nearby who will help. We care about you and want everyone to get through these uncertain times together.

How to get help:

Call Tessa on 01635 204044 (all messages will be replied to)
or use Frilsham Village WhatsApp group.
If you can't get hold of Tessa, call or message Debra on 07900 494342

Examples of help that we can offer are:

- * Shopping—collection from local shops or nearby supermarkets for a small shop. Or we can help you set up deliveries to your door. Arrangements for payment and delivery can be made by phone.
- * Collecting **medicine** from local GP surgeries or pharmacies.
- Pet care—dog walking if you can't get out; cat feeding if you have to leave home; taking a pet to the vet if needed.
- * Someone **friendly** to talk to if you feel lonely or anxious.

JUST CALL 01635 204044 AND ASK!

We cannot help with medical issues, so the telephone numbers NHS 111 and Emergency 999 still stand.

How to Volunteer:

If you would like to join the network of volunteer helpers, contact Tessa and I'll add you to the WhatsApp group.

This is a great community, and support is only a phone call away!

Tessa Allum tessaallum@btinternet.com 204044

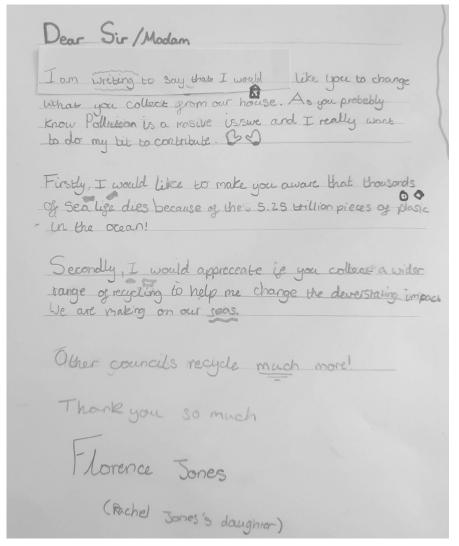
Yattendon Social Club

Easter Bingo—Saturday 11th April - CANCELLED

The Scoial Club AGM is also postponed

Please note: Yattendon & Frilsham Sports and Social Trust AGM, Monday 6 April, 8 p.m., Yattendon Village Hall. This event has been **POSTPONED** until later in the year.

Yattendon pupil takes WBC to task over plastic recycling



Left: A letter sent by Florence Jones, aged 9 and a pupil at Yattendon School to the West Berkshire Council pleading for more plastic recycling.

Below: Florence pictured with her mother, Rachel



Yattendon & Frilsham School

Yattendon C of E Primary School

The last few weeks have given us numerous reasons to feel especially proud of our small school – not least as we celebrated three major awards within weeks of each other, and enjoyed a truly inspirational Aspirations Week.

Making a difference

Yattendon C of E Primary School was awarded the top accolade for a project that forges friendships between children and local elderly people and tackles loneliness. The 'Make a Difference' awards are the culmination of a child-led social action programme that encourages youngsters to identify an issue they feel passionate about, then make a difference through practical action.

The Yattendon team started by joining a local coffee morning to meet older people. They then set up termly open afternoons where local residents come into school to take part in classroom activities and enjoy time with the children, such as clay making and Christmas crafts. Recognising that some local elderly people are housebound, the youngsters have also made home visits in small groups to share experiences, ask questions and enjoy refreshments together.

We are all delighted that our hard work has been recognised. Developing responsible and empathetic citizens who care for themselves, their peers and their environment is really at the heart of our school. It was important to us that we embed these projects within everyday life and that all members of the school community feel empowered to contribute.

Going green

The school was also awarded Gold by the Woodland Trust for getting involved in green activities, including tree planting, visiting a local woodland. reducing carbon emissions and recycling. The Green Tree Schools initiative, which seen more than 12,000 schools sign up since it was launched in 2008, offers the opportunity to bring the great outdoors, wildlife and green issues into the classroom.



Supporting health and wellbeing

West Berkshire Wellbeing
Health and Wellbeing
in Schools award



Most recently, West Berkshire Council has awarded its first Health and Wellbeing in Schools Award to Yattendon Primary School. The award recognises, celebrates and builds on the work already happening in school to

support children, young people and the wider school community's health and wellbeing. Yattendon launched its '5 ways to wellbeing' (Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Give, and Take Notice) through a whole school day and has continued to embrace and embed the approach through, for example, prominent displays, and its PSHE programme.



And on top of all this, school ended last half term with Aspirations Week, full of inspirational visitors from our community and beyond, which was a resounding success. The week started to the tune of 'A million dreams' and our teachers led the way by sharing snippets of their stories. The week unfolded with a wide variety of amazing visitors and activities, including civil engineering, Portuguese and French lessons, music, story writing, cake decorating, drawing, First Aid, a career the Army, tri-golf equipment, circus skills and sign language. The message was that you can choose to do anything you

put your mind to, and if you work hard and persevere, you can aspire to be anything. Well done Mrs Manley and staff for enabling, leading and supporting these great events and achievements, and to all our pupils for their endless energy and enthusiasm.

The Governors of Yattendon Primary School.



A Memorable Hen

Meet Scratt. Our rescue chicken, so named because she came to us in a terrible state-so lacking in feathers that she looked 'oven ready' - scratty! She was one of four that we rehomed from the British Hen Welfare Trust, a wonderful award winning charity. We have always allowed our hens to run free in our garden, which, although a nuisance at times (when they pull up newly planted bedding plants, stand defiant in front of the lawnmower or cover the newly swept path with soil from the flowerbeds), meant that they could have freedom to roam and enjoy life to compensate for the first 18 months they spent caged. In return they rewarded us with a large fresh egg every day.

Three of the hens disappeared in the early months- we didn't know what had taken them -a fox? buzzard? In two cases we found a small pile of feathers but otherwise no trace of them. Scratt, ironically, having been the scrawniest, developed into a handsome, confident hen with a remarkable character.

She always came running when called - racing across the lawn with wings flapping and legs akimbo. She loved a little bowl of natural yoghurt each morning (recommended for extra calcium when she was laying soft shelled eggs). She would jump on the bench with us when we sat in the sunshine, hoping for biscuit crumbs or even pinching the biscuit from us. She loved to come into the kitchen and snoop around for treats . She often headed for the dog's crate and had a search around there and a quick drink of water or would sit with us and 'chat' - chickens are remarkably sociable, and even went upstairs a few times which was strictly out of bounds!

Yesterday the dog scratched at the front door to be let in and in walked Scratt next to her as if it were the most natural thing in the world. She came and sat on the kitchen rug whilst we had a cup of tea and spread out her wings in the sunshine and laid there peacefully for 10 minutes, eyes closing, legs outstretched, totally happy and relaxed.

Fifteen minutes after going back outside she was dead. A dog had come into our garden and, despite its owner's efforts to stop it, killed her. The owner (anonymous) was mortified and very apologetic.

We will miss her enormously. In the 15 months that we had her, she had become a ridiculously special part of our daily lives.

We have ordered three more rescue hens which we will collect at the end of the month and will start again to give them a happy life.

But, PLEASE - to ALL dog walkers, don't allow your dogs to go into people's gardens. Keep them on a lead until they are well into the fields or woods. This is a wonderful part of the country and there is abundant space to walk and exercise, but letting them roam into private gardens is not responsible.

Angela and Philip Bickford-Smith



Scratt

Frilsham Village WhatsApp Group

We have set up a WhatsApp group for Frilsham Village. This is a simple messaging service you can use on mobile phones, tablets and laptops, and on wi-fi and mobile networks.

The WhatsApp group will give our community an additional way to communicate over the next few months. We will be able to reach out with useful information, check in with each other, ask for help or offer help to anyone who may be isolated, worried or impacted by illness.



Frilsham Village Created 29/02/2020 at 22:59

The group is open to anyone who:

- * Lives in Frilsham
- * Is closely connected to anyone living in Frilsham

It is not open to:

Commercial businesses advertising goods or services



If you would like me to add you to the group, please PM me on Facebook, or email at tessaallum@btinternet.com with your mobile phone number, and a brief description of your connection to the village of Frilsham. If you are not a WhatsApp user, I can help you set up.

Tessa Allum 204044

Women's World Gliding Championships

The Women's World Championships in gliding took place in January in a place called Lake Keepit in Australia (about 3 hours north of Sydney). The British team comprised three pilots, Liz Sparrow, Claudia Hill and Ayala Truelove, with a wealth of experience in national and international competitions, plus crew and their team captain — Jeremy Pack, of Frilsham.

The competition ran for three weeks, with the pilots flying most days, covering typically 400 - 500km in a day's flying, and climbing to heights of up to 13,000 feet. The courses set for each day's flying had to avoid the areas of bush fires, so the gliders wouldn't get in the way of the firefighting planes!

The weather was extremely hot, temperatures over 40C many days, and the landscape was dry and dusty, with sandstorms and dust devils a frequent feature, and kangaroos, wallabies and koala regular visitors, as the sports club was the only place for miles around with water.

The competition was friendly and intense, places were won and lost by seconds in races lasting over three hours. Some days the gliders were averaging over 95 miles per hour, which included time spent climbing in thermals to regain height.

The British team had two medal successes — Ayala got a bronze medal in the "Standard" class (midsize gliders) and the British team won the team silver medal. Jeremy is very pleased to have won a silver medal at the **women's** world gliding championships!



Sandra Wilkinson

Pictured left, the British team. 3rd from right: Frilsham's Jeremy Pack

It's Time for Tennis

With lighter evenings and better weather approaching, now is the time to think how you are going to keep fit and healthy this summer.



Taking up tennis could be the answer.

Tennis is an enjoyable game which exercises every part of your body and mind and does you good; whatever standard you achieve. It can also be a bit frustrating at times!

Your local Yattendon & Frilsham Tennis Club is looking to welcome new players, good, or not so good; keen beginners are always a welcome sight.

We are a friendly club enjoying a perfect setting between the Village Hall and The Parish Church, with hedges and trees sheltering the two courts. Socially, we have our own club room at the rear of The Hall and membership of The Social Club adjacent to the courts.

This spring our courts are being refurbished with a smart new paint treatment and with dazzling white lines, they will be a treat to play on.

For anyone, junior or senior, who wishes to learn or improve their game, we hope to be offering coaching courses during the summer months. For more advanced players we have teams entered in both the local Newbury League and the Berkshire League.

To find out more or to enquire about membership please email yftennisclub@gmail.com and our Membership Secretary will be pleased to answer your questions.

Please Note

Talk on Jack Tanner and the German Battleship Scharnhorst Frilsham Clubroom, 3 April as advertised in March Broadsheet

This talk has been **POSTPONED** until further notice.

FRILSHAM AND YATTENDON LUNCH CLUB

Due to the worsening coronavirus situation, the Lunch Club will be suspended until further notice.

We'll be back as soon as it is safe.

Watch out for an update here about our return.

Hope you all keep well.

Bridget and Shirley

Hampstead Norreys but Yattendon & Frilsham too

Hampstead Norreys WI

In March a new committee was elected at the AGM. The business part of the meeting ended, and a variety of activities took place which were informative and very enjoyable, with the added bonus of delicious refreshments.

Several villages had W.I.s in the distant past, but, falling membership meant that they closed and were amalgamated. Hence our W.I. has about forty members, which is a good number and a lot more than many. However, we would like to add to the membership. Why not come along to Hampstead Norreys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 and see if you would like to join us? The meetings are varied and over the next year we will be hearing from speakers on Women in WW1, starting a catering business, the life of a midwife, working with refugees, the Watermill Theatre and mental health. There will also be demonstrations on recycling projects, wrapping presents and making chocolates.

We have an active sewing group that is currently making bags for women undergoing breast reconstruction and for children undergoing chemotherapy treatment. The bags are used to carry equipment including drains and they make life a lot easier for the patients at a critical time. We are also making knitted/crocheted blankets for hospital patients. Both the JR and Royal Berkshire Hospital are delighted with our contributions.

We enjoy trips. These have included, among others, visits to Salisbury, Bristol, Jane Austen's house and Hampton Court. This year's destinations are yet to be decided. The trips are times when family and friends can join in. There are walks in the local area too, which invariably end up at a village pub.

We are currently fund-raising to help with the cost of the refurbishment and extension of Hampstead Norreys Village Hall.

You will note that there has been no mention of jam or Jerusalem! The group are very aware of the ethos of the W.I. but we like to think that we have moved forward. I used to think that the W.I. was for old people with not a lot to do. When I went along and discovered what a wide range of interests, activities and wonderful personalities made up the Hampstead Norreys W.I. I wish I had joined sooner. It is a good way to meet people at the local meetings and at social events with other groups.

So, why not come along and see what we're all about? We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in Hampstead Norreys Village Hall. We hope meetings at that time will be convenient for busy mums. Look out for posters in local magazines and around the villages. You will be VERY welcome.

Pam Scott

Please note: April & May meetings cancelled

Home news

We welcome James and Susie Wallis to the village. They moved from Guildford with their golden retriever, Ember, to 3 Radnor Villas in February. Susie works for the Teenage Cancer Trust charity in the HR department. James is an academic researcher interested in the First World War. We hope they will soon feel settled and at home here!

Flood Risk in the Pang Valley

The Pang Valley Flood Forum (PVFF)

Our mission is to bring together the communities in the Pang Valley to work with the Environment Agency, West Berkshire Council and Thames Water to reduce flood risk through the Pang Valley.

We publish and regularly update a website at **floodalleviation.uk** which details our escalation contacts and has extensive monitoring of rain, river and groundwater levels. Please make yourselves aware of who to call in an emergency.

Of interest to Hampstead Norreys are the groundwater levels as we sit on a massive lump of chalk that acts as a sponge. This water level rises and sometimes fills our drains despite Thames Water relining 1000 metres of our mains drainage recently. This can cause problems with wastewater not moving freely so just be careful with your water usage when the drains are moving slowly.

We would encourage the river to move as freely as possible through the Village so please look out for anything that might impede its progress, and please don't push any mesh screens under your bridges.

The current risk levels are on the dashboard pages of our website. It's worth bookmarking them.

There is lots of PVFF activity in the background and all of this is visible in the action plan section along with full access to our documentation. I sit on the forum along with the Chair of the Parish Council, David Barlow, who is also a trustee.

Some useful flood prevention products and services can be found here at **bluepages.org.uk**For problems with insuring households that have flooded please see **floodre.uk**

Please share this with your neighbours.

Be safe, stay dry and take care.

Stephen Davis Flood Warden, Hampstead Norreys stephenpauldavis@gmail.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH AN UPDATE

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THE ROYAL BRITISH

LEGION

Successful Pub Quiz in aid of the Poppy Appeal raises £217

A pub quiz, organised by Nigel and Lorraine Austin, was held at the Foinavon in Compton on Thursday 27th February in aid of the Poppy Appeal. The event was very well attended and £217 was raised for this good cause during a very happy evening. On finishing, our RBL Branch Chairman, Steve Allison, publicly thanked the Austins for managing the event and all those who had supported it.

Future dates for your diary please

Poppy Appeal Lunch 2020 Saturday 24th October – will be held in the Foinavon in Compton 12.15pm for 1pm. The Branch is delighted that our new Member of Parliament, Laura Ferris, has kindly agreed to be our after-lunch speaker. Since being elected she has joined the busy Home Affairs Select Committee.

2020 Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service Sunday 8th November West Ilsley – our RBL Branch, this year, will hold its Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service on Sunday 8th November in West Ilsley.

Membership – come and join us! - our small RBL branch is growing and would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex-services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £17. To join, please contact one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com – thank you.

Hampstead Norreys Village Hall

Watermill Visit: Monday, 15th June 2020

The Watermill Theatre will be visiting Hampstead Norreys to present their latest touring production 'Camp Albion' on Monday, 15th June. Put the date in your diary to support our efforts and encourage the Watermill to visit us. Previous visits by the Watermill Theatre have been most enjoyable.

'Without our roots, we cannot, do not exist'

The 'Third Battle of Newbury' was one of the definitive environmental campaigns of the 1990s. Camp Albion explores the heroism, humour and heated debate of this extraordinary moment in the town's history.

Newbury 1996. Nine miles of ancient woodland under threat, and the local community bitterly divided over the proposed new route of the new bypass. When Cassie returns home for the university holidays, she meets Dylan, a beguiling road protester who draws her into a world of rickety treehouses, lentil stew, druidic rituals and stoic resistance. But her mother has other ideas and as battle lines are drawn, Cassie must face the personal cost of activism.

Come along, jog your memories of these historic events, and enjoy the evening. Tickets will be on sale at the Community Shop from the beginning of May. Priced £14 each with concessions at £12 for Seniors and Students. (The ticket includes a complimentary interval drink.)

Village Hall Refurbishment:

Tenders for the proposed extension have been received and are currently being reviewed. Once a preferred builder has been chosen, more details of the next stages and likely costs will be published.

Resealed Floor:

The floor in the main hall has been sanded and resealed. It looks very good. All users are asked to minimise damage to the new floor by moving chairs and tables with great care.

Muddy entrance to Dean Meadow:

The high amounts of rainfall during the past few weeks have resulted in the entrance at the bottom of the field (next to the burial ground) becoming waterlogged and very muddy. There is nothing we can do at the moment and it is suggested that you use the entrance nearer to the road, opposite the school gate. Longer-term drainage solutions are being considered.

Ron Howard

Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee

Hampstead Norreys Book Club

The Paying Guests: By Sarah Waters

It is 1922 and Frances Wray and her mother are living in genteel poverty in a south London suburb. Her two brothers were killed in the First World War and her father has since died leaving them not only with debts but poor investments with diminishing returns. As a result Frances had abandoned the idea of a life with her lesbian friend Christy to the drudgery of keeping house for her frail mother, minus all the help that a girl of her class could have expected, had her father been alive.

To make ends meet the Wrays decide to take in lodgers or paying guests as they prefer to call them. Leonard and Lilian Barber move in, a young couple of the inferior "clerk" class. What ensues is the developing relationship between Frances and the Barbers and particularly with Lilian. Frances finds she has a second chance of love with her but it doesn't turn out as smoothly as she would have liked.

This is a love story and crime drama combined. Lilian is unhappy in her marriage. However, the murder of Leonard, who "dunnit", and its consequences, have a great effect on the pair and their relationship. One has to ask whether Lilian is taking advantage of Frances's lesbian tendencies or is she genuine in her love for her? How they cope with it all and the subsequent court case is written in great detail and worth the read.

I don't wish, however, to reveal more than this, should you wish to read this book. It is a well written and a well thought out plot but far too detailed and drawn out and at times a bit tedious. All 595 pages of it.

We gave it :- average 6 Scores ranged 5 - 8

This month we celebrated 20 years of our book club with a cake made up of layers of chocolate, lemon and carrot to represent each decade (pictured right).

Kate Layton



Hampstead Norreys Shop







our customers, shop staff and volunteers. teers. Many of our regular volunteers are Please be assured that we are taking every over 70 or are in high-risk categories, and precaution to keep us all safe, and are the shop is at risk of needing to reduce its reviewing our policies and practices on a opening hours. Please let us know if you daily basis to ensure we are following the can help, even if for just a couple of hours best advice.

Mandy, our wonderful shop manager, is doing what she can to ensure supplies of all Although we have ordered more than usual, unsurprisingly deliveries from wholesalers are at present a little erratic we expect this to be a short-term issue as there are only so many toilet rolls etc. that people can hoard! Please be patient and understanding if something you need is temporarily out of stock, and also be considerate of others by not taking more The soap-making workshop planned for than you need.

unable to come in person because they are year: self-isolating. At the time of writing we are . Mosaic tile and beer label making, Saturarrangements finalising the anticipate that you will be able to order by . Make your own beeswax wraps, Thursphone or email. The delivery will be left on day 2nd July, 7pm (adults) your doorstep, with no face-to-face contact • Make your own gifts (what, to be decidbut of course we ask that you wash your ed), Thursday 22nd October, 7pm (adults) hands thoroughly after unpacking the goods. • Make your own Christmas crackers and

More detail about deliveries can be found on our Facebook page and our website www.hncs.co.uk, but please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries, or suggestions.

At this difficult time, we are grateful to all Meanwhile, we are appealing for volunper week. It is fun—and we could all do with more of that in our lives right now!



Mothers' Day was cancelled but we will run it once life is back to normal. We also hope The shop is now offering deliveries to those to run other workshops throughout the

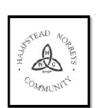
- but we day 20th June, for Fathers' Day

 - pine cone decorations, 7pm, Tuesday 1st December (adults)
 - Make your own Christmas crackers and wooden baubles for the tree, 3pm, Saturday 12th December (children)

Hampstead Norreys Corinavirus

Coronavirus

As we hope you are aware, a group of volunteers are working together to support those in need. This leaflet should have been delivered to all Hampstead Norreys residents in the middle of March. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or suggestions.







Hampstead Norreys

Coronavirus Assistance in association with the Community Shop and White Hart Pub

We have formed a group of volunteers to offer assistance to ALL villagers who are unable to leave their homes due to the current Coronavirus situation.

All volunteers will be vetted and the co-ordination of all enquiries and requests for assistance will be handled through a core group and the shop and pub. This is to ensure that everyone is safe.

Appropriate measures will be in place to ensure that there is NO direct contact between those requiring help and volunteers to avoid risk of viral spread.

We aim to offer voluntary assistance with:

- Ordering and delivery of essential groceries, food and take-aways
- · Collection and delivery of repeat prescriptions
- Pet care and dog walking
- · Telephone calls for those who are isolated and just want to talk to someone
- Anything else which we can do to offer support whilst you are isolated

If you require assistance, please contact us in the following ways:

Email: norreysvolunteers@gmail.com
If you are unable to email, call Kathy Wander:

Home – 01635 777882, Mobile - (Call/ text or What'sApp) – 07823 772738

Please remember to tell us your name / address and contact number.

The village shop and pub need your help! The shop will be offering deliveries and the pub will be offering take-away food which can be brought to your door. Please support them to protect these essential village resources.



The only way we will survive is by being kind.

The only way we can get by in this world is through the help we receive from others.

No one can do it alone, no matter how great the machines are.

— Amy Poel

IF WE AS A
COMMUNITY DON'T
STEP UP TO HELP
EACH OTHER, THEN
WHO WILL?

Coronavirus—help wanted







Hampstead Norreys

Coronavirus Assistance in association with the Community Shop and White Hart Pub

We need as many volunteers as possible to ensure that we have adequate cover over the coming months. If you are under 70 and do not fall into any of the at-risk groups, we'd love to hear from you.

Please respond showing which categories below you could support.

Please email FAO - Volunteers/ Sunny: norreysvolunteers@gmail.com

How I can help	Please indicate how you can help
	in the relevant boxes below
Volunteering at the village shop	
Grocery, food or take-away deliveries, daytime	
Grocery, food or take-away deliveries, evening	
Prescription collection and delivery	
Cat and small pet care	
Dog walking	
Any other support or relevant skills which you	
feel you may be able to offer to our village	

Your address and identity will need to be confirmed before you begin volunteering. Thank you for your understanding!

LITTLE ANGELS

The theme in March was once again The Lost Sheep, a story that is such a favourite with small children and fun to act out. The two young boys are pictured holding a popular story book and the woolly sheep that they found!

Future meetings are suspended for the time being because of the coronavirus.

Wendy Willoughby-Paul Licensed Lay Minister 201705



Hampstead Norreys Primary School News

With coronavirus dominating all the headlines, it is refreshing to see that our children are taking it all in their stride. They are all inquisitive about it and are asking sensible questions but are constantly washing hands and being helpful which is exactly what we have asked for.

A lot has happened since the last Broadsheet with preparation for the upcoming cross country championship well under way. We have picked a strong team for all the year groups and we hope to compete with some of the larger schools in the area.

We had a fabulous World Book Day with activities around the school, from competitions to find who characters were from silhouettes, to reading favourite books and then explaining who we were and why we dressed up as those characters. We also had workshops throughout the week on various books which involved a lot of drama.

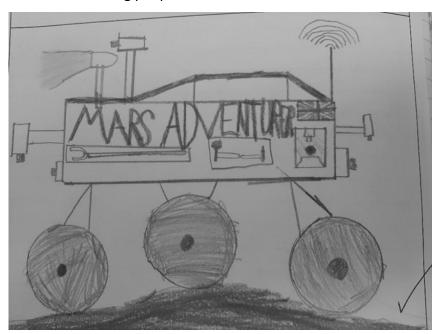


Reception, 1 and 2 have just started a new topic called 'Journeys' and as part of the project the pupils pretended to be on an aeroplane and with their explorer hats on have visited different countries and found out about them.



They have also been working hard in maths and have really impressed with their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and beyond and have been working on one more and less than numbers up to 20. The class are really enthusiastic and love to share their experiences with others. With year 1 and 2, they have been looking at tricky word problems associated with addition and subtraction as well as looking at shape and space.

Years 3 and 4 are working very hard on their new topic on space and have produced fantastic work already on the planets and the features of those planets. They have also been looking at poetry and have written some lovely pieces on the moon. They have also been looking at the space race and sending people to Mars and have been writing a balanced argument about sending people to Mars.



In Maths, the class have been looking at time, addition of decimals as well as looking at area and perimeter. They have been using their knowledge to produce detailed answers to questions as well as creating shapes to the exact area or perimeter needed.

Years5 and 6 have been looking at the features of newspaper articles and letters to do with WWII and have produced some wonderful letters to do with being evacuated to Hampstead Norreys. They have all used the features they have been working on and we definitely have some budding journalists in the making. The pupils have also been working on 3D shape and have been looking at nets of shapes and working out if they were to draw different combinations of nets would the 3D shape still work.

In Maths they have also been working hard on ratio, proportion and scaling as well as studying hard for their exams which are fast approaching. This is always a tough time for our year 2 and year 6 pupils but they continue to push themselves and are a credit to the school and their parents.



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Musings from the Clergy's Desk

On 12 April this year we celebrate the most important day in the Christian calendar, Easter. The day of Jesus' Resurrection. His women followers, and then the male disciples of Jesus, discovered his tomb empty and the grave clothes folded neatly and left to one side. Initially an angel had told one of his women followers visiting the tomb that he was not there, he had risen from the dead. And she had run to tell the rest of his followers. The men didn't believe her and ran to the tomb to see for themselves.

Now, I don't know about you, but, for me, that makes Jesus a very special man just for one reason alone. The males in my family are not so considerate as to how, or where, they leave their jeans and other items of clothes once removed! I seldom, if ever, find them folded neatly! Although of course they are wonderful in so many other ways (Honestly, you are, chaps!).

As a clergy person I am often asked, 'Why is Easter a moveable holiday that varies its date from year to year?' Well, the shortened version looks something like this ...

Originally in Christianity we all followed the biblical Hebrew calendar and timed the observance of Easter in relation to the date of the Jewish Passover. Passover was celebrated by the Israelites to commemorate their deliverance from the slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal was eaten at sunset on the 14th day of Nisan (Aviv). Jesus was crucified on the 14th and rose from the dead some time before sunrise on the 16th day of Nisan. Because the Jews moved away from the biblical Hebrew calendar (in 221 AD and further in 400 AD), and because the Christians wanted the date to be independent of the Jewish calendar, the First Council of Nicaea (325 AD) established the independent and uniform calculation of the Easter date.

The date of Easter is determined as the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon falling on or next after the spring equinox (March 21 — a fixed date not the real, astronomical equinox). The Paschal full moon refers to the 14th day of the ecclesiastical lunar month and not the real, astronomical Full Moon, and its date is determined from tables. However, most often the two dates coincide, and between the year 1900 and 2100 there are only 18 differences between the dates calculated using the two methods. A well-known method of calculating the date of Easter was given by Carl Friedrich Gauss; however a simpler method was described by Jean Meeus, and Bede too had a hand in the calculation (Computus).

Further information is easily found if you are interested. Well, I hope that has helped a little to explain how we arrive at our date for Easter each year. Obviously, the Easter Bunny and masses of little Easter chicks could take up another page! Maybe next year..

But, as Easter is the feast to celebrate our Risen Christ, on behalf of all the Staff Team I offer our traditional Easter proclamation.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Happy Easter to you all!

With every Blessing, Yours in Christ,

Meg Kirby, Associate Priest, Hermitage Team Ministry



It is with regret that due to the Corona Virus outbreak all church services and events across the team have been suspended following UK Government and Public Health England advice.

Our Churches will remain open as we know some people will use the space for prayer and contemplation. If you choose to use the church please practice social distancing (staying 2m away from people) and observe hygiene regulations at all times.

A small number of 'Team Messengers' will be available for you to take home with you (please do not pick one up unless you intend to keep it) and will contain readings, prayers and collects for you to follow.

'At Home' Services will be available for download from our website here: https://www.hermitageteam.org.uk/page/78/continuing-your-worshiphome-during-corona-virus-outbreak

Revd. Meg's forthcoming retirement

Dear Friends,

Just over five and a half years ago I arrived at Yattendon and Frilsham as the new Associate Priest in the Hermitage Team Ministry group of churches with responsibility for the parish of Yattendon and Frilsham. You all welcomed Chris and I with open arms and drew us into village life not only in Yattendon and Frilsham but across the Team villages of East Ilsley, Compton, Hampstead Norreys, Hermitage, Cold Ash and, of course, Yattendon and Frilsham.

It has been a privilege to serve and live among you, and an absolute pleasure and delight to be included in this beautiful rural community. Although it's time for me to go, I leave with mixed feelings. On one hand, I don't want to go because my time with you has been so enjoyable. On the other hand, it is time to embrace retirement and I'm looking forward to the new chapters and challenges ahead of me as well.

And so it is with the agreement of Bishop Olivia and our Team Rector, Wayne, that we have decided that I will leave at the end of April and the Team and I invite you to join us at a Celebration Leaving Service on 26th April, at 10am, in Yattendon Church and after that to continue our celebrations in a 'bring and share lunch' at Yattendon Village Hall. Please will you RSVP to our Church Warden Ann Wheeler by email or phone (awheeler7@hotmail.co.uk / 201220) by 19th April. I do hope you will be able to come and join our celebrations and look forward to receiving your response to our invitation.

Always with love, yours in Christ

Meg

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In the Garden

This winter has been the wettest that I can remember. However because it was mild I found plenty of opportunity to work in the borders thinning out and re-arranging the perennials. My herbaceous border is going to look better and be free of bindweed which we have been pulling out the moment it appears. If you wait till it is trailing through your flowers it is too late to stop the seeds spreading. The vegetables have survived the constant rain well. We have had Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, spinach and I picked our first purple sprouting in February which is over a month earlier than normal.

A year ago I was given a deep red auricula. A lovely little plant which after two weeks nearly died suffering from a serious infestation of tiny white fly. We got rid of these pests with fairy liquid, potted it on and watched it recover. After several months it produced so much new growth that we were able to divide it into 20 new plants! I have also had an interesting time with an amaryllis that I was given for Christmas. The box arrived in December and I opened it on Christmas day to find the bulb was already growing with a white stem and bud which was bent trying to get out of the box! I put it in the greenhouse to recover and after a month it produced four beautiful pink/white double blooms and when these died back another shoot appeared with four more blooms. Again the flowers died back and to my amazement we had another shoot grow with three lovely blooms and some nice green foliage which lasted well into March. I am sure I am not the only person who has had a repeat flowering amaryllis!

April is a lovely month to enjoy all the spring flowers and we used to have "soft refreshing rain" followed by sunshine giving off that delicious scent of dampness. I hope we will have some gentle April showers this year.

Annie Iliffe

Beware of "Loft Insulators"

As reported by the "Public Protection Partnership" local people have been receiving scam calls telling them that their loft insulation is illegal or needs maintenance. Check out carefully anyone purporting to do this before you let them into the house.

A message from our local councillor

I am receiving updates about coronavirus from West Berkshire Council and will be sharing them on the village Facebook pages. I urge residents to get in touch with elderly, vulnerable and isolated people who might need help with shopping, and who might not have access to the internet and social media so might not be getting much information. I'm suggesting to people that they get phone numbers from people so they can keep in touch with them. We need to look after our mental as well as physical health during this crisis so please keep in touch with neighbours by phone if you're concerned they might be isolated or scared about what is happening. By the time you read this article things will have moved on, so apologies if you read this and it seems out of date already! If you need to contact me please email Carolyne.culver1@westberks.gov.uk or call 07976 374146 if it's urgent.

Heavy rain, flooding and blocked drains continue to be a challenge in this ward. You can report problems by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or by visiting www.fixmystreet.com. If it is urgent please email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk or call 01635 551111. If you are not happy with the response you get please contact me.

I am allowed to bid for up to £5,000 each year in match funding from West Berkshire Council for local capital (ie not revenue) projects. Last year I secured funding for a vehicle - activated speeding sign, flood emergency kit, and a community orchard. The deadline is Friday 14 May. I have let the six parish councils in this ward know. Please get in touch with your local parish council and me if you would like to apply for funds.

Councillor Carolyne Culver

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Published by Pimpernel Press Anne Scott-James started her career working for Vogue, she went on to become the first woman's editor on Picture Post, before leaving to set up her own page on the Daily Express in 1954. Anne divided her time between a cottage in Aldworth and London. Anne was also the mother of the author Clare Hastings. This is a candid behind the scenes look at the first woman of Fleet Street.



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A Message from the West Berkshire Countryside Society

In view of the rapidly-escalating incidence of coronavirus infections and the fact that virtually all of our volunteers fall into the "most vulnerable" age group, we have decided to suspend all tasks with immediate effect. You will appreciate that this action has not been taken lightly since we all enjoy and gain much satisfaction from our activities but it is felt that the risks of continuing are too great for the time being.

Accordingly, we shall not be turning out on Tuesdays until the situation changes which means that we shall not be going to sites for the foreseeable future, however long that may be but probably for all of the current and most of the second quarter (Apr - June). Be assured that we shall be in touch again as soon as there is any improvement significant enough to allow us to resume.

With our apologies and sincere disappointment.

Colin Layton West Berkshire Countryside Volunteers

Coronavirus

According to UK public health bodies there were only three confirmed case of the coronavirus in West Berkshire at the time of going to press in a population of 158,527. But no cause for complacency. The neighbouring counties of Hampshire and Oxfordshire have a much higher rate of infection.



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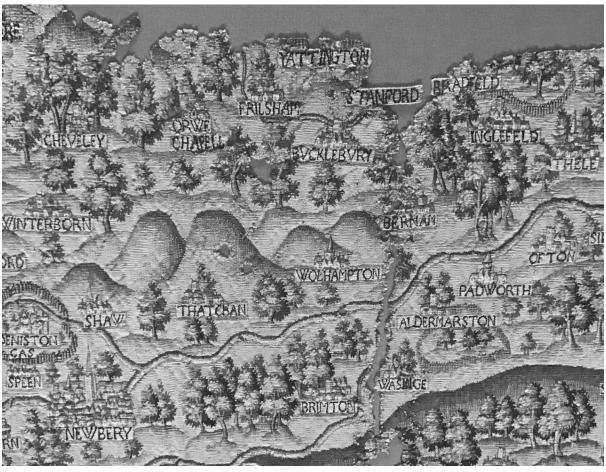
Simon Heffer -15th September
Frederick Forsyth - 16th September
7pm The Royal Oak

Save the Date

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A 16th century map of the local area displayed in the recent exhibition on map-making in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. It forms part of the Sheldon Tapestry map of Oxfordshire which is believed to be based on the county maps of Christopher Saxton made between 1574 and 1579 (Image reproduced with the permission of the Bodleian Library, Oxford).

The March Broadsheet gave seven former spellings of Yattendon. Here is yet another, "Yattington". Frilsham, by contrast, is spelt exactly the same way as now and Hampstead Norreys is not there (sorry Hampstead Norreys!). I presume that bit of the tapestry is missing.

Interestingly, Hermitage should be there but is not and the now much smaller villages of Ore and Englefield are. The map shows fields lying between Newbury and Shaw and Speen, now all one conurbation.

Sarah Wilson



Protecting yourself online.

As the world moves more towards being online, it's important that we don't forget to protect ourselves from cyber crime. It can be daunting having to learn new processes like online banking and keeping in touch with our friends and families on social media, but did you know that £1.7million was lost to cyber criminals by residents in the Thames Valley between April 2018 and March 2019?

Here are some of the simple actions that you can take to protect yourself online:

Use a strong, separate password for your email. By creating a separate password for your email account, you're securing yourself should your password be stolen from an account elsewhere. Choose three random words and substitute letters for numbers to make the password harder for someone else to guess.

Watch out for fake emails and texts asking for your information. These are called phishing messages, and they can sometimes look like they're from genuine sources. Look out for tell-tale signs such as poor spelling and grammar, incorrect email addresses and requests for information or payment out of the blue. Never give out your personal information unless you are sure it's from a trusted source.

Install the latest software and app updates. You wouldn't put an old set of tyres on your car. Why would you trust old software to protect your personal data? Software and apps are regularly updated to secure against the newest viruses and online threats. Check the settings on your phone and computer to make sure you have the latest updates installed. Call your manufacturer or go on their website if you're not sure how to do this.

Secure your social media. Social media is a great way for us to keep in touch with loved ones and share our lives with them, but would you want a stranger to see this? Check the settings of your social media accounts to make sure you have adequate privacy filters enabled.

More details on how to protect yourself from cyber crime can be found on the Thames Valley Police website.

If you think you have been a victim of an online scam, you should report this to Action Fraud on their website or by calling 0300 123 2040.

BRADFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 27th April 2020 - 7:30pm

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HISTORY OF OUR WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENT
Speaker: Richard Benyon



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THE ABOVE EVENT AT BRADFIELD HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Men's Breakfast

April 19th: cancelled

It is hoped the June breakfast will go ahead.

Ian Harry

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Events diary

Not included owing to lack of events.

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Yattendon

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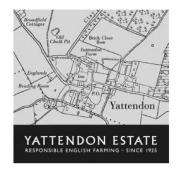
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