

# **Editorial**

The rainfall this winter was astounding. It was the wettest February on record and it was the fifth wettest winter on record and it was also the fifth mildest winter. (figures taken from The Times – Weather Eye, March 4<sup>th</sup>)

I feel sorry for the families suffering from the far more serious flooding situations throughout the country, around Shrewsbury, the River



Severn and up in north Yorkshire. Many years ago in 1947 when I was a five year old, our house also in the Calder valley of the West Riding in Wakefield was flooded. My brother and I were evacuated to Grandma's house away from the metre high flood water in the house. Other than remembering the year, sadly I can't remember any other details. It must be dreadful for those involved and will take much longer before we see the families back in their homes!

We have been lucky around Sydenham but driving towards Oxford it's quite incredible how much water is still around – thank goodness for the flood plains!

Now of course we have the Coronavirus to contend with and there are fears that things can only get worse. No kissing, no hand shaking, do not touch your face! Wash your hands after touching almost anything & everything, stay indoors and self isolate! Even the new James Bond film release of *No Time to Die* has become the latest prominent casualty, postponing the release until November.

Currently the area has not suffered, but it may be early days, I think the wisest advice is to listen to the professionals and be cautious, it seems inevitable that foreign travel will be curtailed and perhaps large gatherings – we shall have to wait and see!

I have written quite a lot in the Church News passing on details of Lent activities, Mothering Sunday, Easter Services and activities led by designate Rector Jacky – and we include a thoughtful Pastoral Letter from Joan.

We also have Cheryl's updated news in the Parish Council Report and a reminder of the voting day for the **Sydenham Neighbourhood Plan on 26**<sup>th</sup> **March in the Old School Room;** we thought the front page showing the WW1 replica 'Your Country Needs You', might remind you to vote.

We have sad news of two villagers with John McBride and Michael Cooke passing away. We send our condolences to both families.

The Sydenham WI ladies are coming to the end of another successful year and Siobhan has written a report on their activities. The next event is the AGM at Rosemary's house on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

I'm delighted that both Tina & Pete and David & Sharon have sent in prompt reports; it makes the printing timescale a little easier to have all the copy and pictures available in good time!

As with this issue the Newsletter will be bi-monthly until the November issue. The printing of the May/June edition will follow the Parish Council Meeting in June so the deadline is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, but please send your copy & pictures earlier if possible to Fiona Kermack, Paul Stancliffe or myself <a href="mailto:royharry@aol.com">royharry@aol.com</a>

Hope you remain healthy & safe, keep washing your hands, stay dry and enjoy the read! xx **Roy** 

**Pamela writes about her husband John Laidlaw McBride's passing.** I would like to thank all the kind people who sent cards and best wishes on the death of my husband on 31st January 2020. They were much appreciated. He was 87 and passed away very peacefully at Hempton Fields Nursing Home where the staff did an exceptional job. **Pam McBride** 

I called on Pam last Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March as we had been unaware of John's death until reading her message. I've known John as a villager for about 30 years and regularly picked him up with Pam in the Village Centre Mini Bus to take them shopping at the Thame market on a Tuesday morning. The past couple of years had been quite miserable for him and at Christmas he was admitted to Stoke Mandeville Hospital before transferring to the Chinnor Nursing Home.

Pam spoke very warmly about the nursing staff at Stoke Mandeville, the excellent care at Hempton Fields and the staff of Rennie Grove nursing team.

She greeted me with a very happy smile inviting me in and we chatted for half an hour. She said the small gathering at Amersham Crematorium was full of colour and she insisted the Celebrant remove all negative things from her notes. They had dancing and singing in the aisles with Scotsman John being carried in to the lovely words and tune of 'The Skye Boat Song' and followed up with hot music from 'Dirty Dancing' – 'I've Had the Time of My Life' and 'Hungry Eyes'. John and Pam were married for 64 years and have two boys, Neil who lives at home and Robin living with his girlfriend away. John's ashes will be spread on a local hillside and I felt very privileged to have visited such a positive lady with her little dog Joey. RIP John.

I must also mention a second bereavement which has just been made known to us, Michael Cooke formerly of The Grove, has passed away. It's been a long road for his wife Elaine and children Kelly, Josh and Ria. We send our love and thoughts to you all.

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#### **Church News**

# St Mary's Church Services

Services from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer are marked \*

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Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am \*Evensong – *Revd Joan DeVal* 

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Mothering Sunday – *Revd Joan DeVal* Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am \* United Holy Communion at St Mary's

- Revd Dr Jacky Barr

**April** 

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> No Service at St Mary's

There will be two 10.00am Palm Sunday Services, one at St Andrew's and the service at St Peter and St Paul, Aston Rowant will be very family orientated followed by breakfast!

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Holy Communion, St Mary's Sydenham. *No choir* 

or music.

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Good Friday Devotions – *Revd Joan DeVal* 

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Easter Sunday, Holy Communion – *Revd Joan DeVal* 

Sun  $19^{th}$  6.00pm Evensong – Revd Joan DeVal

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Songs of Praise – Five popular hymns –

Wardens Fiona and Roy

# **Mothering Sunday**

Please come along on Saturday afternoon, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm the afternoon before Mothering Sunday and help me make pretty posies ready for the next day's service. Come to Rosemary Carter's Garage – Chapel End, on the right between the Church and Holliers Close. We would love to see the children.

Rosemary

**The United Parish service** at St Mary's, Sydenham on 29th March will be Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and booklets are available to make reading & following the service as easy as possible. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible attending and is a blessing that our Parish has it's diversity of services and something we should cherish and actively support.

There will be refreshments after the service in the Old School Room.

Do come and enjoy this service, **Jacky** 

Holy Week will be a little different this year.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7.00pm there will be Holy Communion rotating around the different churches. Each service will be short and simple but will include a short reflection on the Gospel reading of the day.



# The Bell Tower and Spire Update

Under Church Diocesan rules, work is unfortunately not allowed to commence on expensive repairs until funding has been obtained. We are currently seeking grants and money from various sources, to help pay for this significant work.

Sydenham Fayre has very kindly already contributed £1500 for which we are enormously grateful.

This will be added to various smaller donations we have received. (Thank you to The Crown and winning quiz teams!)

Once sufficient money has been raised the work will take approximately two weeks to complete on site. We will keep you informed of progress.

If you would like to make a donation please email Mark via m.kermack@btinternet.com for further details.

#### **Pancake Racing**

The occasion felt quite early this year and having only just returned from a foreign break I was concerned that we were not up to speed!

## How silly – the team were already up and running!

Volunteer Pancake makers Siobhan, Pauline, Fiona, Adèle, Rosemary,

Eleanor, Caroline and other kind cooks had been asked to make just ten pancakes each – not for the actual racing but for eating afterwards in the OSR! – see eating pics on this page and racing opposite.

Yet another successful annual event with eighteen



children, three nannies and thirty adults attending. There were races for all who turned up and the children were again the stars.

Thank you so much to all who helped and of course the children and supporters – we raised £54 for St Mary's Church Fabric fund.

Roy

Thank you to Roy for getting us all racing and making it such fun.

Sydenham Pancake people

#### Pastoral Letter from the Revd Joan,

As I write in early February, we are rejoicing in Jacky's appointment as our new Rector. We recognise that our United Parish consists of four very different churches with many different personalities within each one. I am both delighted and amazed that someone who knows all that, actually wants to stay and be our Rector! Variety is the spice of life, but it also brings clashes of opinion. Difference and change can be challenging and exciting but it can also seem threatening.

We all need to be listened to and respected – not just "tolerated" for that implies simply being "put up with".

In the Church Times this week there is a reflection offered for use on 'Racial Justice Sunday' and this text by Robert Becher seemed apt.

"You have all been invited at this time to this place

We don't just want an invitation. We want to be welcomed.

You are all offered a warm welcome to this place

We don't just want to be welcomed. We want to have a voice.

You are all welcome and this is a place for listening.

We don't just want a voice. We want to be heard.

You are all welcome here and your story will be heard.

We don't only want to be heard. We want to be believed.

You are welcome to this place where no truth is denied.

We don't only want to be believed. We want to be trusted.

You are welcome to this place where your words are accepted.

We don't only want to be trusted. We want to be loved.

You are welcome to this place where God's love embraces all.

We don't only want to be loved. We want to know we belong.

Whoever belongs to God, belongs among us, for we are one in Christ."

A jigsaw is incomplete if one piece is missing and no one piece is more important than another.

Listening may mean having the courage to adjust some of our views and travelling to places neither of us have been before.

I close with some words of Sadhu Sundar Singh

"The same breath is blown into the flute, cornet and bagpipe but different music is produced according to the different instrument. In the same way, the one Spirit works in us, but different results are produced, and God is glorified through them according to one's temperament and personality."

During the remaining part of the Vacancy and under Jacky's leadership we will continue to work out what is involved in being a United Parish.

Revd Joan DeVal

#### OSR 200 Club Draw for March and April

On Monday evening of St David's Day the team around the bar at the Inn at Emmington were waiting expectantly for me to turn up with the bag of numbers for the two monthly draw. Naturally Buster took charge of the bag containing the 230 numbers and Sheldan handled the list of Who's Who for the March winners.

There was excitement as the draw commenced starting with the lowest single £5, 6 of £10, 1 of £15 and finishing with the £25 number, making a payout of £105 for the month. The counters were then returned to the bag and we went through the procedure again for the April winners. Thanks to the team of Buster, Sheldan, Simon, Emile, host David and daughter Alice for assisting.

| March Winners |     | I              | April Winners |     |                          |
|---------------|-----|----------------|---------------|-----|--------------------------|
| £5            | 133 | Cyndy Thomas   | £5            | 115 | Jon Church               |
| £10           | 186 | Laura          | £10           | 13  | Jayne and Des O'Flanagan |
| £10           | 146 | Gilly Harrison | £10           | 2   | Jane Errington           |
| £10           | 163 | Sue Jones      | £10           | 24  | Cyndy Thomas             |
| £10           | 227 | Julie Harrison | £10           | 130 | John Wilson (Waddesdon)  |
| £10           | 221 | The Kendalls   | £10           | 78  | Spencer Jones            |
| £10           | 191 | Cheryl Belson  | £10           | 57  | Vicki Roe                |
| £15           | 77  | John Cameron   | £15           | 220 | Mike Harrison            |
| £25           | 190 | Mike May       | £25           | 41  | Pauline McLeod           |

Thank you all for subscribing to the OSR fundraising Draw,

Roy



#### **Parish Council News**

### The March Meeting

Our March meeting was busier than usual as we were delighted to have several members of the village in attendance who wished to find out more about the village plan and also our flood defences. Do remember everyone is invited to attend Parish Council meetings and details of our next meeting can be found at the end of this report.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum – 26<sup>th</sup> March

As you will see on the cover and in this Newsletter, the Neighbourhood Plan referendum takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. All villagers should have now received polling cards and/or postal votes from South Oxfordshire District Council ahead of the vote.



The Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online on the SODC website at http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/sydenham-neighbourhood

A printed copy can be viewed in St Mary's Church.

# Sydenham Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

The referendum for the Sydenham Neighbourhood Plan is being held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The public referendum is to decide whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted and used by South Oxfordshire District Council to help decide planning applications within Sydenham.

The polling station will be at the Old School Room and polling cards have been posted to registered voters.

A copy of the Sydenham Neighbourhood Plan, and further information on the referendum process can be viewed in the Neighbourhood Plans page on the South Oxfordshire District Council website: http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/

A printed copy of the documents can be viewed in St Mary's Church.

## Road Closure in Sydenham: 27th April until 7th May

Sydenham Road will be closed for a week from 27<sup>th</sup> April and there is a full road closure in place from the junction of the B4445 to the junction of Stert Road.

This is to complete the drainage works by Sewell's Lane and the road will be closed at this point with no through traffic.

# **Sydenham Grove Redevelopment Update**

As many will have noticed, demolition has now been completed at Sydenham Grove and the site looks completely different!

Site Manager, Richard Foster, has been fantastic at keeping us updated with progress of the redevelopment. Over the next month groundworks will commence, and this will include the removal from the site of any surplus materials by tipper lorries. The last sections of the hedges will also be removed.



All updates are being communicated through both the village Facebook group and also through Sydenham Mail.

If you have any concerns or issues during the work, please contact Richard Foster, who is the Site Manager. His mobile number is 07516 030190 and he will be on site every day. Just as a reminder, members of the Parish Council are unable to assist with any immediate concerns or issues with the redevelopment and the Site Manager should be the first point of contact for any problems that arise.

#### **SSE Project**

As you will have seen, SSE are continuing their work to underground the electricity supply to the cetre of the village; however, with the recent wet weather progress has been slow. The Parish Council have been in touch with SSE about reinstatement of the verges, as well as clearing the silt from the drain gullies.

## **Speeding and Proposed Chicane**

We're pleased to now have designs from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Highways for the proposed pinch point between Slade Farm and the Inn at Emmington. The next stage will be a formal consultation, which will be undertaken by OCC.

Villagers may have noticed that there has been an increase in the proportion of council tax that comes to the Parish in their latest annual bill. In monetary terms, this increase is the equivalent of around £35 per year on the average Band D property. These additional funds are vital to help support the village as well as helping to fund new traffic calming schemes.

**Police and Crime Conversation** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm at Kingston Blount Village Hall.

The event is designed to give villagers the opportunity to meet the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber and to discuss the role of the Police & Crime Commissioner as well as any areas of concern around crime in the local area.



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Wenman Road Thame Oxon OX9 3XA If anyone would like to raise a specific query at this event, please email your questions to the Parish Clerk at <u>parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk</u> by 17<sup>th</sup> March and we will collate these and pass them on.

# Dates for Your Diary

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May from 8pm in the OSR. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Village litter pick

Our Spring village litter pick will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 11am and would be delighted for any volunteers to help with the village clean up.

#### **Village Communications**

Just a reminder, if you would like to receive Sydenham Mails (our village email communications), please email <a href="mail@gmail.com">sydenham.mail@gmail.com</a> to be added to the circulation list.

If you have content that you would like to be included in Sydenham Mail, please email the Sydenham Mail team <a href="mail@gmail.com">sydenham.mail@gmail.com</a>. Updates are typically sent weekly and information is collated over the course of the week. The village Facebook page is also available for any urgent updates or requests.

To get in touch with the Parish Council directly, please email <a href="mailto:parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk">parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk</a>. Alternatively, you can call 01844 873690 – please leave a message and the Parish Clerk will get back to you. Our Parish Clerk works part time, but if you have any urgent issues, you can always speak to a parish councillor directly.

#### **Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 at 7.30pm in the OSR. Everyone is welcome to attend. *Cheryl Belson* 

# **Planning**

**P20/S0011/FUL Manor Farm, Brookstones, Sydenham OX39 4LZ** Conversion and alteration of existing barn to form dwelling with parking and amenity space

SODC decision: Planning permission refused

P18/S0423/O Land adjoining Park Villa, Sydenham Road, OX39 4LH The development proposed is the erection of three detached two-storey/chalet-style dwellings with access, parking and amenity space

Planning Inspectorate decision: Appeal dismissed

P20/S/0187/HH Wykehams Barn, Brookstones, Sydenham OX39 4LY Glazing amendments to existing full height glazed screens

SODC decision: Planning permission granted



#### Greetings from

# Sydenham Women's Institute

your local group of friendly, active women from Sydenham and surrounding villages

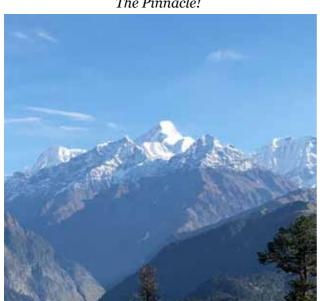


Sydenham's very own Nick Potts give a wonderful talk on his and Janet's trip to Northern India (The Golden Triangle) and the Indian Himalayas. We got a real flavour of that part of the world and many of us felt that we would just have to visit it, having seen the pictures and hearing about their amazing trip.

February's meeting saw

A huge thank you to Nick for taking the time to put the presentation together and coming along.





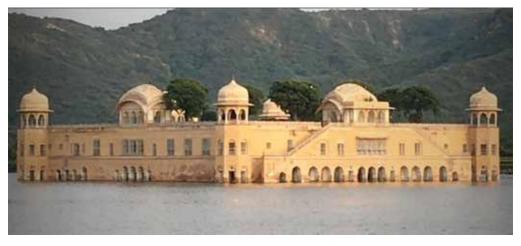
The March 19th meeting is our AGM (with cheese and wine!) and the April 16th meeting in the OSR at 7.30pm will be a talk on Low Maintenance Gardening – vital for all busy people.

If anyone feels like coming along to any of the meetings (please don't think it's all about elderly ladies baking cakes), just turn on on the third Thursday of the month or drop an email to sydenhamwi@gmail for further information.

Siobhan



Above: The Taj Mahal and below: The Floating Palace at Jaipur



# John Howell writes.....

February 2020

At present we have the Agriculture Bill going through Parliament.

A key purpose of this Bill is to deal with expenditure and payments following our departure from the EU and the Common Agriculture Policy. This is, of course, important for our farmers and indeed to all of us as food and farming are a key part of our economy and our environment. Farmland helps to shape some of our finest habitats and landscapes.

As we develop our own agriculture policy we have an important opportunity to bring forward innovative new ideas to support investment in healthy, sustainable British food production and to ensure that we do our best for farming, the environment and animal welfare. This Bill currently in progress creates the opportunity for us to pay farmers for environmental protection, access to the countryside, and work to reduce flooding. This will help us to meet crucial goals on climate change while also protecting nature and biodiversity. The Agriculture Bill also seeks to champion British food by improving transparency and fairness in the supply chain. It is important for us to know where our food has come from and to have confidence in what we eat. It is good news that this is also a commitment in trade negotiations where we import food products......





# March & April at Waterperry

**Mother's Day 22<sup>nd</sup> March** The Gift Barn has some lovely Mother's Day gifts, and for an extra special Mother's Day, treat mum in the Teashop with freshly prepared home cooked food including hot and cold lunches and a fantastic selection of cakes. Afterwards enjoy a stroll around the gardens with FREE entrance for all mums on Mothering Sunday as long as they are accompanied by their children of any age!

**The Big Easter Bunny Hunt 18<sup>th</sup> March – 21<sup>st</sup> April** Join the Big Easter Bunny Hunt around the ornamental gardens. Find the bunnies and claim your special Easter prize. £2.50 per child – children must be accompanied by an adult for whom the normal garden entrance fee of £8.50 applies.

**Fritillary Season throughout April** See the county flower of Oxfordshire in all its native splendour as it flowers throughout April in our wildflower meadow and riverside walk. Normal garden entrance fee applies.

For more information on all our events please visit www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

## **Thatchings Hedge**

I just wanted to say thank you to the kind person from the Parish Council who sorted out the part of my hedge that had blown down and was hanging over the road. It was really good of you and much appreciated. Many thanks,

Lynn Rockell, "Thatchings"

#### **Waterperry Gardens**

The Gardens at Waterperry are springing back into life with the planting of 12,000 daffodils in our new daffodil meadow and fritillaries in our wildflower meadow, and with the National Collection of Porophyllum Saxifrages at their best during March, spring really is the perfect time to visit the gardens.



There will also be lots of family

fun to be had in the gardens during the Easter holidays with the Big Easter Bunny Hunt running from the 28<sup>th</sup> March to the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

In other areas of Waterperry the Gift Barn has some lovely Mother's Day gifts, for an extra special Mother's Day, treat mum in the Teashop with freshly prepared home cooked food including hot and cold lunches and a fantastic selection of cakes. Afterwards enjoy a stroll around the gardens with free entrance for all mums on Mothering Sunday when they are accompanied by their children of any age!

There is always something to see or do at Waterperry with the gallery, gift barn, garden shop, plant centre, museum and teashop. The plant centre and garden shop are a garden lovers paradise, with a large selection of plants, garden sundries, tools, bulbs, seeds, Waterperry apple juice and cider.

Waterperry is more than just a beautiful place to come and explore, with year round events and arts, crafts and gardening courses on offer, there is something for all the family. Don't miss Gnometastic during May half term or the Rare Plant Fair on the  $14^{\rm th}$  June visit - www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

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## **Pub News**

#### The Crown Inn

So here I am writing our update for the Newsletter, listening to the persistent rain in the background.

It seems nature has created a Duck pond on The Green! It's been an eventful February... from weekly storms, wind, rain and power cuts. I want to offer our apologies to anyone who got their Sunday Lunch cancelled due to the power cut, it was heart breaking from our side too as a lot of effort and prep goes into this over the weekend.

Onto positives, a very big thank you to everyone who attended our Valentine's Quiz night. This proved to be incredibly popular.... An attendance of nearly 50 people. Tony Blakeley planned and hosted the evening and I would like to say a big Thank you Tony! Gratitude also to Gordon McLeod for lending us his PA system.

Coming into the Spring we will be looking to add some additional outdoor seating to the rear garden, this to extend the restaurant covers for the (fingers crossed) sunshine weather. Our current Ale line up, we have two permanents, Rebellion IPA and Timothy Taylor's Landlord. Our Third Pump changes from week to week with Rebellions new beer Slipstream next up.

Mothering Sunday, we are pretty much fully booked for the first two sittings but we do have availability for 17:30 tables.



A bit of a plea for help, Syd the cat who is incredibly popular in the pub has gone missing. This is very upsetting for a lot of us here and more so for Sue Blakeley. Could all you lovely villagers please check your sheds/out buildings etc. She is a pretty Tabby Cat under a year old and very friendly. Any news please contact the pub on 351634

A Very big Happy Birthday to Isabelle Grafham who celebrated her 14<sup>th</sup> here at the pub. We hope you enjoyed your evening, much love from all of us at The Crown.

Best wishes to you all, Pete Tina & Sparky

# The Inn at Emmington

February, the month of love, proved to be a busy one at The Inn. Valentine's Day saw us host the traditional village couple's valentines dinner as well as several other

couples and groups who polished off a special dinner we laid on, a good romantic night was had by all. At the end of the month, local Chinnor band The Muttz Nuttz played to a packed crowd of diners and drinkers and The Inn was rocking. As the volume cranked up those dancing were leaping around on what was Leap Year Day, February 29<sup>th</sup> and as the drink flowed, we even had a traditional Leap Year proposal, lady to man and he said... yes!!

As we Spring into March and April, we have plenty going on for everybody to enjoy. March sees the continuation of the Six Nations Rugby with matches shown on the TV and free bar nibbles put out at half time. We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day on 17<sup>th</sup> March with Guinness at a reduced price and a special themed Irish menu served between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March. Mothers Day falls on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March when we will be serving Sunday Lunch from 12.00 noon, bookings essential please. The end of March sees us celebrating three years at The Inn and on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting a fun quiz night with complimentary buffet as a thank you to all who have supported us over the last few years. Teams of six with a start time of 7.30pm. So please join us for a fun evening. April 1st sees us running our first toilet roll promotion – a free toilet roll with every bottle of Corona purchased – only available on April 1st though!!

Easter Sunday falls on the 12th April this year when we will be serving an Easter Sunday Lunch with a free Easter Egg for all bookings. Hopefully the weather will have improved considerably by then allowing you to make use of the garden and even practice your Aunt Sally skills ready for the upcoming season. The Inn will be entering an Aunt Sally team once again in the local Oxfordshire league and is looking for extra players this year. Matches are played each Friday evening and the season will commence late April / early May – a list for willing volunteers will be put up in the pub this week so even if you can't make every week, we would love to hear from you so we can rotate players a bit more this year. Aunt Sally nights are a fun way to spend a Friday evening and get to know other local pubs – food is provided and you don't have to be a serious player in the league we compete in! The end of April sees live music return on Saturday 25th April when Jason Stretch and his band Bad Penny play from 8.30pm. Once again tables for dining available before the music starts so make your booking now. More details can be found on our website and the music website Lemonrock which includes tracks and videos of the band if you want a sneak preview.

We were also delighted to be included in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide for 2020 and continue to support local breweries wherever possible – as well as our ever present and popular Rebellion IPA, this month has seen us stock beers from the XT brewery in Long Crendon, Brill's Vale Brewery as well as offerings from Chiltern Brewery and The Shotover Brewery based in Horspath. We also now stock three traditional scrumpy ciders with Weston's Old Rosie and Wild Dog proving popular.

Finally a quick reminder that if you do have friends or relatives visiting who need somewhere to stay, please do give us a call directly so that we can offer you a special rate where available rather than booking through a third party website. We have seven ensuite bedrooms, are dog friendly, and serve a Full English breakfast in the morning for those staying.

Once again thank you to all those who have both supported us as a business at The Inn over the past three years and welcomed us as a family into the village of Sydenham – it is greatly appreciated. We would love to see you at the end of the month to say thank you.

Best Wishes, *David, Sharon and Family xxx*Sharon and David Maisey, The Inn At Emmington, 01844 351367



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Large beer garden with Aunt Sally throw
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