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hello AND WELCOME



Hello. Well, it is certainly a 'hello' from me, as I embark on a new (or rather re-visited!) venture of being the editor of the village newsletter.

Most of you probably know me, but for those that don't I am taking over the illustrious reigns from Roy and Paul to create the Sydenham Newsletter moving forwards. In fact, I used to work on it with them both over 10 years ago and then a mini me arrived in my house and I had to step aside. However, I am delighted they are trusting me to take over a project that they have been an integral part of for decades.

WANTED

JUNIOR REPORTERS

Sydenham Newsletter is looking to have an on-going feature by a Junior Reporter. Ideally we would like a different young person each edition to write about something they are interested in. It could be...

- Something that has happened to them
- Somewhere they have been
- Something they have done
- Anything that inspires them!

With this shift, I am looking to **make some changes**, but it is still super important that the core information we share to the community remains. That is why there are some new fun features... including looking for Junior Reporters who would like to contribute too. It would be lovely to have a regular feature where a **young person** from the village contributes. It could be a review on somewhere they have been, something they have been up to, maybe a yummy recipe they would like to share. **And there just might be a small 'thank-you' in return... you never know!**

With so much of what we love potentially returning including the monthly coffee mornings, there is much to share. But we could also include lots of new pieces too - how about **pet of the month** and **Spotlight on...** interviewing the myriad of people with interesting pasts or achieving amazing

things? Let's face it, **this is for our village and our community**, so we can include anything we want to really! So, bearing this in mind, I would love to know if there is anything you would love to contribute or if you just have some news to share. It takes all of us to make where we live so lovely and I cannot always find out about everything going on, so any contributions would be gratefully received.

I am looking to get another edition out in **December**, therefore it would be fabulous if you could share with me any news, thoughts, upcoming dates or anything else you think may be of interest by the end of **Friday 3rd December**. Feel free to send them to me at rachel@curvemarketing.net

Rachel

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JUST FOR FUN

How many pumpkins can you spot throughout this newsletter?



church NEWS

A little reminder on upcoming services before the Christmas festivities and services kick off

NOVEMBER



Sun 14th 10.45am – Special Outside Remembrance Service – Revd Joan DeVal

Sun 21st 6.00pm – Evensong – Revd Joan & Revd Jacky

While we are emerging from the last 18 months, precautions are still being made to protect everyone. In summary, they are encouraging face coverings to still be worn when inside churches. In addition, there is now the opportunity to have congregational singing behind facemasks. There will also be hand sanitiser available and churches will be open daily now too.

Everything is out there to try to safeguard everyone as much as possible.



parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS



It has been wonderful for the Parish Council to finally meet face to face in the OSR over the last couple of months - and despite the gloomy weather, we have lots of positive stories to share with you this month.

PLAYING FIELDS

The annual ROSPA inspection for the playing fields has taken place and our playing field has passed with flying colours! Huge thanks go to Dave Wilkins for keeping the playing field in such excellent condition.

FLOODING OUTSIDE RYDERS FARM

The recent road closure has been to resolve the ongoing flooding problem we have had outside Ryders Farm. After 5 years of perseverance the County Council have installed new road drains and pipes to solve the problem. Unfortunately, the works have not quite been completed, hence the fencing around the hole by the playing field. We hope this will be resolved soon, but in the meantime, we urge villagers to be careful around that area.



CANOPY TREES FROM WOODLAND TRUST

We are delighted that our application for trees from the Queen's Green Canopy is a tree-planting initiative was successful. We have been allocated 105 trees and these will be planted from November 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. Thanks to Janet Potts and Amanda Pearce-Higgins for agreeing to take responsibility for this project and its delivery. Please contact them if you can help with planting, maintenance etc.

ULTRA-FAST FIBRE BROADBAND TO PROPERTIES WITH OPENREACH

More fantastic news for the village! We have met our target number of pledges under the Government backed gigabit voucher scheme for the infrastructure for ultra-fast broadband to be delivered by Openreach. Once everyone has validated their voucher pledge with the Government Department administering the scheme (DCMS), we should be on our way. We are hopeful that installation will take place in the next 6 to 9 months.

Watch this space for updates!



parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS *cont.*



VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Work will begin on trimming village hedges over the next month, followed by a ditch clearance ready for winter. Some of the low tree branches over the village green and outside Burrows Farm will also be trimmed to help grass growth and reduce silt going into the road drain.

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Some more good news for regular walkers. In collaboration with Garth Weston works are currently underway to improve the drainage on The Jays bridleway and we are hopefully they will be completed shortly before the rains arrive. As previously reported, Oxfordshire County Council have agreed to undertake a clearance of heavy vegetation along Sewells Lane to help make the bridle way wider. We hope the works will be completed this autumn and accessibility will be improved this winter.



ALLOTMENT FIELD

We are looking to replace the gate into the field opposite Coopers Yard leading to the allotments with a self-closing gate similar to those we have put on other footpaths. Prices have been obtained and we are looking at a combination of Munday's Trust and a TOE grant to fund the works.

DOG WASTE BINS

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing problems with the dog waste bins being emptied in the village and hope a more reliable service will be provided over the next few months. If you do see a full dog waste bin, please contact the Parish Council. Don't forget you can put bagged waste in the public bins on the green and by the playing field or take it home and put it in your black wheelie bin.



SPEEDING B4445

Traffic calming chicane scheme has been drawn up by OCC for the B4445 on the Chinnor side of the Emmington junction. Quotes have been obtained from contractors. Although the chicane will be in Chinnor Parish it is the residents of Sydenham who will gain the benefit and we have already secured more than half the funding for the scheme. We are in discussion with Chinnor PC concerning the balance of funding.



THE GROVE

Feltham Construction are hoping to hand over the site in the next week or so. After intervention from residents and the PC, SOHA have agreed to change the single blue front door to match the others on the development.

VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

If you have any content that you would like to be included in Sydenham Mail, please email the Sydenham Mail team sydenham.mail@gmail.com. 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.

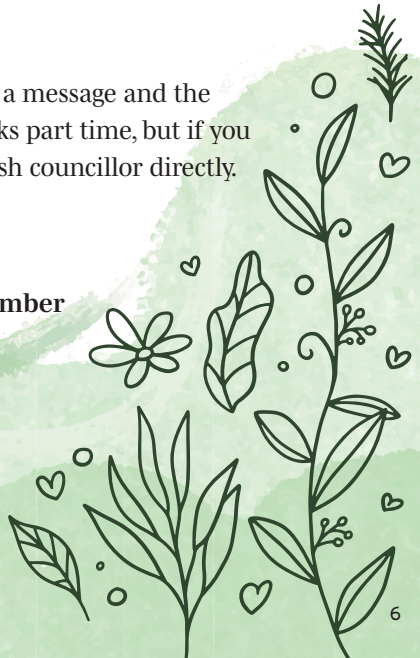
To get in touch with the Parish Council directly, please email parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk.

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 held on **Thursday 4th November at 7pm** in the Old School Rooms.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



ST ANDREW'S EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

The St. Andrew's Educational Charity was formed under a Scheme prepared by the Charity Commissioners and its income is derived from the interest of the invested monies arising from the sale of the Chinnor Old Church of England Primary School.

The Scheme allows the Trustees to apply part of the income in providing such special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority for any maintained school attended by children and young persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the Parishes of Chinnor (including Emmington, Henton, Wainhill and Chinnor Hill) or Sydenham, and a further part in promoting the education (including social and physical training) of children and young persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the area of the Parishes of Chinnor or Sydenham in one or more of the following ways:

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In order to be considered for a Grant, individuals should submit an application form, copies of which can be obtained from:

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Administrator,
St Andrew's Educational Charity,
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planning IN SYDENHAM

P21/S2079/LB KINGHAM HOUSE SYDENHAM ROAD SYDENHAM OX39 4NB

Replacement on a like for like basis of 2 first floor sash windows.
SODC decision – planning permission **granted**.

P21/S2246/HH AND P21/S2249/LB OLD THATCHED COTTAGE THE GREEN SYDENHAM OX39 4LX

Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and subsequent erection of a single-storey garden room to the rear of the property.
SODC decision – planning permission **granted**.

P21/S2992/HH - FORGE COTTAGE SYDENHAM ROAD SYDENHAM

Demolition of existing sheds and erection of an outbuilding.
SODC decision – planning permission **granted**.

P21/S2912/HH - BURROWS FARM HOUSE SYDENHAM ROAD SYDENHAM

Installation of a swimming pool, with decking, to garden.
SODC decision – planning permission **granted**.

P21/S2980/HH COOPERS YARD SYDENHAM ROAD SYDENHAM OX39 4NB

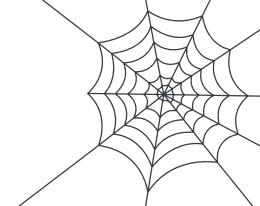
Construction of 5x4m decking in eastern corner of garden
SODC decision - planning permission **granted**.

P21/S1458/FUL WAYSIDE STERT ROAD CHINNOR OX39 4NL

Minor Amendment No. 1: dated 23rd July 2021.

Demolition of existing three bedroom detached dwelling house and outbuildings;
Construction of new private self-contained seven bedroom dwelling house with landscaping (as amended to reduce the scale of the development and revise the layout).

Amendment No. 2: As amplified by Emergence Survey received 23 September 2021.



P21/S3405/O (OUTLINE) PARK HOUSE WORKSHOP PARK VIEW SYDENHAM OX39 4L0

Construction of one dwelling house.

Parish Council recommendation: **response submitted.**

P21/S3384/LB FORGE COTTAGE, SYDENHAM ROAD, SYDENHAM OX39 4LT

Replacement of thatched roof to match existing.

SODC decision - planning permission **granted.**

P21/S2977/HH AND P21/S2978/LB FORGE COTTAGE, SYDENHAM ROAD, OX39 4LT

Double storey extension (amended plans received 23 August 2021 showing reduction to depth of proposed rear extension and reduction to height of proposed side extension with a single storey rear aspect and rear dormer).

Parish Council recommendation: **supports.**

P21/S2978/LB FORGE COTTAGE, SYDENHAM ROAD, OX39 4LT

Double storey extension.

Amendment No. 2: As amended by plans received 23 September 2021 detailing further internal and external works proposed.

P21/S3384/LB FORGE COTTAGE, SYDENHAM ROAD, SYDENHAM OX39 4LT

Replacement of thatched roof to match existing.

SODC decision - planning permission **granted.**



sydenham WOMENS INSTITUTE



At last, we've restarted our meetings!

The programme from now until Christmas is pretty much 'in house' meaning, if necessary, we can cancel at short notice. But we've got some great speakers and events lined up for the New Year - so watch this space!

Rosemary, our resident chef, did a wonderful cookery demonstration for us in September - a 3 course meal with copies of the menus for everyone. Many thanks, Rosemary for a great - and delicious - evening!

Meetings for the rest of the year:

21st October 7.30pm **Swishing in the Old School Room (OSR)**
"Swishing refers to swapping an item or items of clothing or shoes or an accessory with friends or acquaintances. People hold 'swishing parties' either as a charity event or simply for the enjoyment of it, while also recycling and saving money at the same time."
Quote from Wikipedia!!

18th November 7.30pm Bring along your favourite poem, picture, book or memento for others to hear or see (In the OSR).

9th December 7.00pm It's our Christmas Picnic, OSR (well not a picnic in the true sense of the word, but not the usual sit-down meal).

If you would like to come along and just see what happens at a meeting, please email sydenhamwi@gmail.com - we'd love to see you.

out AND ABOUT

SLICE OF CAKE?

Super excited when the Coffee and Cake sign popped up on the Village Green on the 14th October. What a treat to see it and feel like a little bit of normality was returning.

For those unaware there has been a long-term tradition of the offer of Coffee and Cake for a small contribution on the 2nd Thursday of each month between 10-12am in the OSR.

On some occasions these have also been used a fundraiser for a charity too with raffles and pieces for sale. It is a great way to catch up with other people (and doesn't have to be exclusively people from the village). All are welcome!



SING IT STRONGER, SING TOGETHER...MAKE THIS MOMENT LAST FOREVER

OLD AND YOUNG SHOUTING LOVE TONIGHT!

This may be lyrics by Gary Barlow of Take That fame, but the sentiment is certainly one reflected by the newly returned Sydenham Choir. After a very long time resting their voices (for obvious reasons) the choir are back. Rehearsals are on a Tuesday at 6.15pm in the church and new joiners would be very welcome to strengthen the ranks – old and young!



Contact either Siobhan or Fi Kermack for more information.

out AND ABOUT cont.

LITTER PICK - SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

To close the Autumn and leave the village and surrounds as clean as possible we have arranged with SODC a Litter Pick on Sunday 28th November. All necessary equipment and bags will be supplied as well as fluorescent jackets. All that is needed is volunteers to help.

The aim is to meet on the Village Green at 11.00 and pick until 12.30. Then adjourn to the Crown for a sociable close to the litter picking season!

If you care to join us and to get some ideas of numbers, please let Jane at jane.errington47@btinternet.com or John at john.ashfield@btconnect.com

Alternatively, if text or a call easier then reach out to John on **07831 533196**.

Regards, Jane Errington and John Ashfield

CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

The cricket club has its end of season annual dinner at **The Crown on November 13th**. We have only 6 tickets left so if anyone does want to attend please contact me directly at Sydenhamcccaptain@gmail.com

Thanks, Dan



help NEEDED



RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION MAIDENSGROVE GROUP - NEAR LANE END

We are an independent charity, affiliated to the national Riding for the Disabled Association, and our purpose is to deliver opportunities for therapy, achievement and enjoyment through horse riding to children and adults with disabilities. The Maidensgrove Group based at The Grove Riding School, near Lane End, Bucks. The Grove has indoor and outdoor schools and the ponies and horses are carefully selected for suitability and temperament for RDA use.

We particularly need helpers on Fridays at 11am, term time only. This session is for children with special needs who are aged around 8. (There are other sessions on Friday at 10am and also Tuesday mornings, also term time). Helpers are vital in order to hold a riding session, as each rider needs a someone to lead the horse or pony and others are needed to walk alongside.

Our helpers are all ages from teenagers to octogenarians and are valued members of a friendly team. It is useful to have experience of horses, but it is not a necessity (many of our helpers don't); training is given to everyone on how to lead a pony and manage its tack. Sessions last for an hour and helpers are asked to arrive a quarter of an hour before to help prepare the ponies. The ponies are already tacked up but they need to be equipped with our RDA items – special reins, stirrups, lead ropes and balancing straps.

It's really rewarding to see the mental, physical and social stimulation and the challenges for each individual which riding offers. Perhaps, the key, priceless benefits which they obtain are increased self-confidence and pride in their achievements. We're always looking for volunteers. If you can give just an hour a week, we would love to hear from you. You can make a real difference to the lives of our disabled children, whilst enjoying a healthy activity. Come along and see what it's like!

For more information, please phone Siobhan on 353278.



let's

GET SPOOKY

The **31st October** will see something strange going on in the village! Well, many of the children (and adults) will be venturing out dressed up to enjoy a wander in the dark. While there will be the spirit of trick or treating at its heart, it will no doubt be an excuse to put some face paint on and have a giggle with torches.

However, this is designed to be fun for those that wish to take part and so if you want some mini people and their responsible adult(s) knocking on your door then feel free to leave a pumpkin out or similar. But it is appreciated that not everyone will want to be involved. So, you will not be bothered if you don't put anything out, as it will be obvious that you don't want people knocking on your door.

There are all age ranges involved so the chances are the ghosts, ghouls and potentially fairies and superheros will be coming out once it is dark. The clocks change this day too, so this is likely to happen from about 5/5.30 pm until early bedtime.



halloween

RECYCLING

Our district councils have launched a reuse competition for children and adults to help make Halloween more environmentally-friendly. Ten winners will receive books on zero waste recipes and ideas.

With the right imagination, toilet roll cardboard inner tubes can become flying bats, empty plastic milk containers become ghosts or monsters and pine cones can be transformed into scary spiders. The judges are looking for the most creative Halloween ideas with reduce, reuse and recycle in mind! Residents are invited to send in photos of their creations to be in with a chance of winning.

Cllr Catherine Webber, Vale of White Horse District Council cabinet member for Climate Emergency and Environment, said: "This is the perfect time for parents and anyone looking after children during the October half term to get their homes ready for Halloween using resources they already have, rather than buying new ones. Have fun by experimenting with imaginative ideas to create something extraordinary and spooky."

The deadline for all entries is 5th November 2021

All entries should be sent BY EMAIL to:
waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk
with the subject line **Halloween Competition**

For full terms and conditions please visit Vale website page under **HalloweenWaste/HalloweenCompetition**

spotlight

ON SYDENHAM ACHIEVEMENTS

WE HAD TO DO A LITTLE SHOUT-OUT TO SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKING ON SOME SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES ACROSS THE VILLAGE. FROM SUCH A SMALL COMMUNITY, IT IS CERTAINLY AMAZING HOW MANY PEOPLE EMBARK ON THESE ADVENTURES AND TAKE ON ENDEAVOURS TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL GOALS.



LONDON MARATHON

We had not one, but two people competing in the London Marathon in October. The first was super fleet of foot Mel Wilkins (daughter of Dave) who you may have seen flying (and we mean ‘flying’!) around the village training over the last few months. Always a very strong runner, she achieved an incredible time of 2 hours 41 minutes and was the second British woman from the pack.



She was also joined by Mark Stiles from Park View, who you will probably also have seen training through-out the village for his marathon challenge. After completing one several years ago, Mark decided it was time to do another one this year for charity. So, he took up the mantle to support Bowel Cancer after some personal experiences encouraged him to do something to raise money for cancer care. When asking him about it all, there were clearly some high and low points through-out the whole experience:

“There were definitely some really low times when training for the marathon. It was really difficult to juggle it all with working full-time, being a Dad to two young boys and fitting in what was needed with the running too. Trying to balance life with the training did become an all-consuming passion and at points there were significant doubts about being able to actually achieve it. But equally, one of the highest points was that not that long before the race I had not actually done

anything further than a half marathon. But one day I felt strong and went for it and once I had completed that distance and felt OK off the back of it, my confidence returned, and I knew I could do it!”

He continues talking about his son being an inspiration too; **“My young son, who is only 7, also kept me going a lot during the training. He would join me for sections and was my training buddy – it was great to do something with him and see him inspired by what I was doing too.”** The training clearly paid off, as Mark ended up finishing in a time of 4 hours 10 minutes!

Our final accolade has to go to Amanda from The Jays at the bottom of Brookstones. She took on the massive mantle of swimming the channel in October. Her fearless attempt as part of a team was eventually thwarted by the weather and tides. A tragedy after all the hard work to even get to the start of such a challenge. But a massive well done for getting so far.

A GOOD DEED!

Rosemary alerted me to a small ball of... some sort of creature. It was all folded in on itself in a sorry state shivering uncontrollably and spotted with flies. She had rescued it from our drive and moved it a safe part of the garden in the hope that its mother would reclaim it. Leave it to nature to sort itself out we decided. But, in my warm kitchen my thoughts kept returning to this creature in need. It looked so exotic with a long black beak and yellow feathers and quite large too. A ‘recognise this bird’ app described it as a ‘laughing dove’ from Africa.. what if it was some rare endangered species that would excite the twitchers beyond belief! So it was scooped up, housed in a little basket and abandoning all those jobs waiting to be done, was taken to local animal saviour, Tiggywinkles.

“Yes,” said the nurse, “it is indeed in a sorry state – wounded by predators, fly eggs laid in soft down fur, most probably abandoned by its family but they would welcome and feed and care for him. Ring in a week to check to see how he is fairing.”



“What is it we eagerly asked the nurse? Have they ever seen such a thing?”

Dr Doolittle move over... **“This? This is a pigeon!”** she nonchalantly said...

Oh well, Rosemary and I returned happy in the knowledge that ‘Fluffy’ was in a happy place! See next issue for an update!



SYDENHAM CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 4th December 12.00pm-2.00pm
Sydenham Old School Room

Come and join us for a delicious lunch
of homemade soup and bread, desserts,
refreshments and browse the festive stalls.
A great start to the Christmas season!

santa claus IS COMING TO TOWN!

SYDENHAM'S SUPER SANTA SLEIGH IS RETURNING
TO THE VILLAGE WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER.
SANTA BEGINS HIS JOURNEY AT 5:00PM FROM
THE INN AT EMMINGTON, BEFORE MAKING HIS WAY
THROUGH THE VILLAGE.
MORE UPDATES TO FOLLOW!



WEDNESDAY
22ND DECEMBER

festive SPIRIT

With Christmas shopping, festive events, British grown Christmas trees and hand-finished wreaths. The Gallery, Gift Barn and Christmas Shop are a shopper's delight with great gift ideas for all the family this Christmas, from handmade ceramics and jewellery to Christmas decorations and linens, there is something for everyone. If you're looking for something different our Waterperry Gardens Annual Passes make an ideal present.

Don't miss the Christmas Craft Markets, for a chance to buy local handmade crafts and festive food treats – 20th and 21st November and 4th and 5th December. Enjoy some pre-Christmas fun with the children with an afternoon helping Rudolph 'Find Santa's Reindeer', running from the **20 November through to the 23 December**, family fun and Christmas excitement!

STOP PRESS

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the CROWN INN

As I sit here writing this, watching the conkers fall from the Horse Chestnut trees, I find it hard to believe that we are already in mid – October, but what a treat of a month it has been, with lovely warm sunny days and cooler nights (so much better for snuggling in your duvet, rather than tossing and turning trying to get cool!)

Oh, who else has noticed the abundance of juicy fat sloes this year? Are we set for a hard winter?

We are not opening at lunchtime at the moment, so I treated myself to an outing over the road to the OSR for the WI Coffee and Cake morning, I am so glad I did, what a lovely welcoming atmosphere, scrummy homemade cake and coffee... a great big thanks from me for a lovely morning.

The pub is looking and feeling rather cosy now with the new double glazing really making a noticeable difference to the retaining of heat within. Bookings for food now strongly recommended especially Friday through to Sunday. Our kitchen now opens at 6pm to 8.30pm.

Our Halloween Quiz is fully booked for Saturday 30th October, and we are excited to welcome all of the ghouls, ghosts, witches and wizards that shall be participating. On Sunday 31st October we are hoping to see the youngsters in their Halloween dress up out trick or treating, we shall stay open later than our usual 5pm for this.

Christmas is not far away, and bookings are already being taken, we can also cater for parties requiring a buffet at any time too. Please do contact us for further information.

Our Boxing Day Evening Quiz is also nearly full, team size is a maximum of 8 people, supper is included at £15 per head, with a cash prize to the winning team.

We thank you all for your valued custom and look forward to seeing you soon.

Tina, Pete & Sparky



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Tina, Pete & Sparky xxx



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November & December At Waterperry Gardens

Christmas at Waterperry Gardens

Get into the Christmas with Christmas shopping from our Gallery, Gift Barn & Christmas Shop along with British grown Christmas trees & hand-made wreaths. A shopper's delight with great gift ideas for all the family.

Christmas Markets - Sat 20 & Sun 21 Nov and Sat 4 & Sun 5 Dec: 10am till 4pm

Join us for our Christmas Markets - Arts and Craft Stalls with gorgeous handmade gift ideas and festive food and drink (free entry to markets).

STOP PRESS: Come & meet REAL Reindeer

Sat 20 & Sun 21 November - 11.30am till 2.30pm

A little taste of the North Pole will arrive right here in the Walled Garden at Waterperry Gardens! You'll get the chance to learn all about these unique creatures and their natural habitats (normal garden entrance fee applies).

Find Santa's Reindeer! - 20 Nov till 23 Dec 10am – 5pm

Help Rudolph find his friends lost all around the gardens and win a prize! £3.00 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult paying garden entrance fee.

Christmas Closure - We will be closed between Christmas and the New Year

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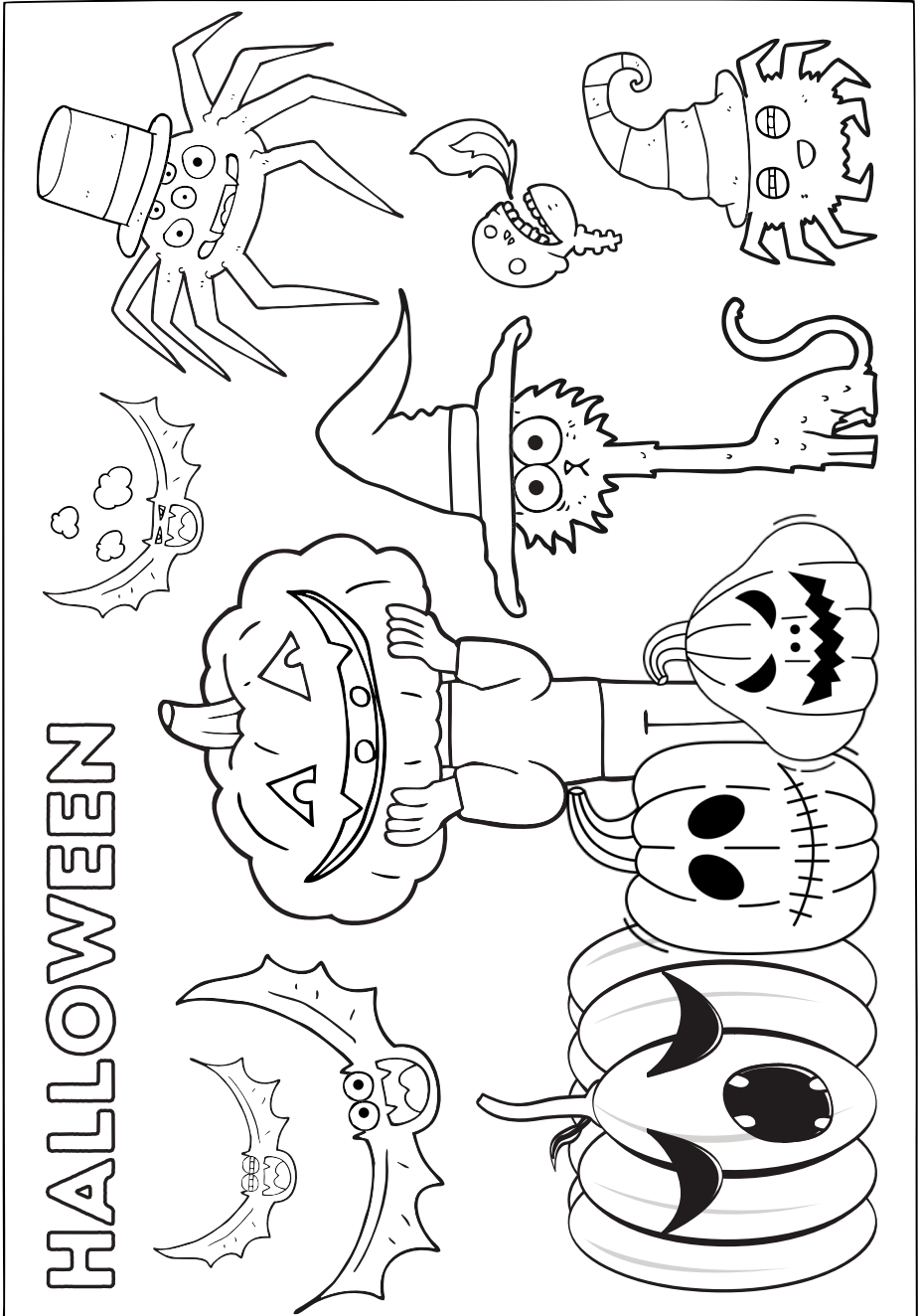
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Sydenham Newsletter is an integral part of our community and is read cover to cover and often kept as a reference for many years too! So, we also welcome editorial copy and images.

Please contact Fiona Kermack at fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com for more information.

childrens COLOURING CORNER



the INN AT EMMINGTON

October already... no petrol available, no toys in the shops, rising gas prices and a lack of turkeys - it's enough to turn you to drink... hopefully... as long as you're not taking part in Stoptober!!! (but even if you are we have a range of soft drinks and teas and coffees, as well as non alcoholic Becks Blue and Lucky Saint).

*Halloween takes place at the end of this month and we will be having some spooky celebrations here at The Inn. Firstly, we will be holding a pumpkin carving competition all week so please bring down your carved pumpkins with name and contact details attached anytime from midday on **Wednesday 27th October** and we will display them at The Inn - children or adult, it doesn't matter, carve away and lets have a spooktacular display at The Inn by the time the 31st comes round.*

*We will be judging and announcing the winners at **12 noon on Sunday 31st October**, Halloween itself so come down then to see how you've done. Prizes for the winners of course.*

We will also be hosting a Halloween house party at The Inn on Saturday 30th October - fancy dress optional, dancing from 8pm to midnight to our DJ, spooky cocktails and a Halloween themed menu if you would like to book a table for food.

Just a reminder that we are also now open for lunch every day midweek (apart from Mondays), so if you are looking for a quick snack such as a panini, jacket potato or selection of sandwiches, our lunch menu is served from 12 noon, as well as our main menu for something a bit more substantial. On Saturdays, we serve food all day from 12 noon and on Sundays we serve food from 12 noon to 4pm with a Sunday Roast now back on the menu using top quality rib of beef.





With December looming, our Christmas menu is now available and we are taking bookings from 1st December either at lunchtimes or evenings. Pop in for a menu, call us or visit our website for details.

After the non event of last year, why not make up for it this year and get together with friends, work colleagues or family.

We look forward to seeing your pumpkins!!

David, Sharon, Alice, Ed, Pickles x

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