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CHRISTMAS AT NINO'S

As 2021 begins to draw to a close, we're busy here making preparations to bring back our Christmas shop offerings bigger and better than ever before. Due to popular demand, we'll once again be stocking a wide range of panettone, homemade liqueurs, chocolates and biscotti, wines and prosecco, etc . . . All available for both gifting (in a hamper/Nino's gift bag), and/or for yourselves for your own celebrations at home.



2020 was by all accounts a very strange year, where most businesses had to rethink the way they did things and found themselves trying all sorts that they may not have ever imagined doing. This was very much the case for me, when during the November 2020 lockdown we launched for the first time ever an online shop website, and re-created our lockdown shop once

again which also doubled up as our hamper workshop! Our hampers proved very popular as gifts for friends, loved ones, colleagues/staff, and even just a treat for yourself after a hard year. Therefore we'll be reviving our website and Christmas shop selection once again, and hope to offer our services to even more people this year.

This Christmas will bring different challenges as where we'll have the restaurant open, we won't have the "workshop space" that we had last year. But by pre-ordering your gifts and goodies as early as possible, you'll help us stay organised and guarantee you get all the Nino's items that you may have on your Christmas list!

The website where you can order all things Italian Christmas (as well as general store cupboard necessities) is www.ninos-shop.co.uk or of course you can pop into the restaurant where we'll have most things on display too! And you can buy direct in person. We hope to see you soon!



NEW CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED WITH ENTRIES NOW OPEN TO BUDDING YOUNG FILMMAKERS

The Goring and Streatley GAP Festival team is excited to announce the opening of entries to a brand new Children's Film Festival competition, which will take place as part of the biennial cultural festival in June next year.

We are inviting youngsters of all school ages from Berkshire and Oxfordshire to get digitally creative and make their own short films.

With free video editing software now readily accessible on mobile devices, we hope this exciting new competition will receive entries from media studies students, budding young filmmakers and those that may have never clicked record before.

The films will be shortlisted by a group of industry professionals and shown on screen at a special red carpet premier event on the last night of the main GAP Festival on Sunday 12 June 2022.

With categories for primary, secondary and sixth form school ages, entries can be created by groups or individuals, on any subject matter, under a 'Universal' rating.

Prizes have been generously donated by The Arts Society Goring and Film Oxford. Each category winner will receive a voucher for a two day film course run by local arts and creative media charity Film Oxford, to continue building their filmmaking skills and knowledge.

Registration for entries is now open at www.thegapfestival.org/film-festival and closes on 10 December 2021.

Final film submissions will be due in late April 2022. Further details about entering the Film Festival competition and the wider GAP Festival can be found on The GAP Festival website too, or by following @TheGAPFestival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The GAP Festival team



THEALE COMMUNITY FIRE STATION NOW OPERATIONAL

Firefighters are now serving the community from Theale Community Fire Station, after successfully relocating from Dee Road Fire Station in Tilehurst.

The relocation has been made possible thanks to a team effort involving staff from across the Service, led by the Capital Projects Team, who have worked effectively with the contractors on site.

Contractors Knights Brown began the build in January 2020 and despite the challenges of working during a global pandemic, they have successfully completed the build and recently handed over the site to RBFRS.

This new station supports our ongoing commitment to work collaboratively with our emergency service partners, offering a shared location for Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Thames Valley Police and South Central Ambulance Service. As well as improvements for all Services in the efficient use of public funds, the relationships and opportunities of working more closely together is expected to support greater collective effectiveness for the services we provide to the public.

Councillor Angus Ross, Lead Member for Strategic Assets on Royal Berkshire Fire Authority, said: "I am delighted that Theale Community Fire Station is now operational. This represents a significant step forward and is the culmination of years of hard work from teams across Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

"The construction of this community fire station will help to deliver on our strategic commitment to ensure that our fire stations, people and resources are placed firmly at the heart of the local communities they are serving. I am sure that the new station will be a facility that the community will be proud of for many years to come."

Although crews have moved into the new facility, several other teams will relocate in the coming weeks, as well as our partners from Thames Valley Police. After this process is completed, we intend to welcome local residents to see the new facility, with the official opening ceremony planned to take place in spring 2022.

To find out more about the project, please visit rbfrs.co.uk/theale.

Mark Antell

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When it comes to Christmas turkeys, beef, pork, etc. years of close cooperation with excellent farmers ensures we will have plenty of the finest. **"No factory or gas flushing required"**.

Oh the benefits of local produce and making and preparing everything onsite.

Have a good Christmas!!

Royston Hine

Greens of Pangbourne

PANGBOURNE VILLAGE MARKET

We would like to give a big thank you to the team of volunteers who now run our kitchen providing our customers with hot drinks, bacon sandwiches and cake. Their efforts have led to a boost in numbers coming to market and provide a welcome buzz to the hall. Without them we would have had difficulty reopening the kitchen as we are short of helpers.

Thanks also to our customers who are gradually returning to support us. We are providing fresh fruit and veg, eggs, preserves, cakes, cards, woodturning, pictures, jewellery, fresh fish every fortnight and the occasional guest producer. We now feel more secure about the future of the market but we do depend on the continuing support of the village.

Because so many customers were arriving early at the market we have changed our opening hours to 9am to 11.30am with an order facility if people can't cope with the earlier opening time. Those who have work commitments or appointments will be allowed in before 9am but others will wait.

Our Christmas market will be held on Saturday the 20th November 10am to 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you at market.

LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS

CHEESE ETC

You may have spotted that there have been a few changes at 15 Reading Road over the past couple of months. New signage is now adorning the building revealing that the Tasting Rooms for Cheese Etc will soon be opening.

Cheese Etc will be keeping their shop next door at 17 Reading Road with its wide range of cheese, crackers, wine and other goodies. Ali and Jen have wanted to be able to offer tasting sessions for sometime and have been slowly transforming the additional premises to provide somewhere to enjoy tasting and learning about cheese in all its forms. Tasting Sessions will be running in the new year and will be available to book from November. In addition to booking a session direct, there is the option of buying a Tasting Session voucher, a great idea for a gift at any time of year, but a timely one with Christmas not too far away.

Downstairs, The Loose Larder will shortly be opening too, offering a range of loose goods including pasta, rice, cereals, nuts and seeds, herbs and spices and more. Bring your own containers along to fill them up so that you can top up your own kitchen larder without adding more plastic bags to your recycling pile.

The Loose Larder will also be the pick up point for Christmas cheese orders from Cheese Etc. Orders are now being taken and the cut off point this year is 6th December. Orders can be placed online or paper forms are available in the shop. This time of year is incredibly busy, and just before Christmas, the workshop at number 15 comes into its own, as hundreds of orders are cut, wrapped and packed, ready for seasonal festivities. Whether it is filling up your cupboards from The Loose Larder, visiting the Tasting Rooms or seeing orders being lovingly prepared in the workshop, this little spot in Pangbourne will soon be full of life.

THE DESIGN ROOM

This is located at No 9 High Street, Theale and is home to Studio 12 Designs interior design practice founded by BIID Registered Interior Designer Claire Tull.

Here you can shop in comfort for gifts, furnishings and accessories Wednesdays and Fridays 10-4 and Saturdays 10-2. Their specially selected Christmas decorations and gifts will be on sale from 30th October.

VIRGO HAIR & BEAUTY

Virgo Hair & Beauty Pangbourne opens 1st November.

Following refurbishment the Salon consists of 4 beauty rooms, spray tan, 4 nail stations, 10 hair stations.

They have beat the odds, surviving one of the most challenging periods in business history emerging stronger than ever. During 10 months of closure, they adapted to change, developed their knowledge, and widened their audience which has led to overwhelming demand for their services.

IT'S A MYSTERY, OH IT'S A MYSTERY



Mysteries . . . Why? Who? What? Why? When?

Stonehenge – I've often wondered what how the stones got to where they are now, who put them there and for what purpose . . .

Closer to home in beautiful Pangbourne every time I pass by the Cedar of Lebanon tree in the Pangbourne Club I wonder how old it is, who planted it and imagine the villagers meetings around it.

As for mysteries of the mind that's fascinating both conscious and unconscious – why people do what they do based on their hopes, fears, triggers, programming and many others factors.

Luckily people CAN change and as an expert in neuroplasticity I can help them to achieve GOOD changes, help reduce bad STRESS, sleep better and much, much more.

Simply put Neuro is neurons the nerve cells that are building blocks of the brain and nervous system and plasticity refers to the brains malleability.

It was great fun to again be on "live" TV's *This Morning* show with the gorgeous Alison Hammond and being captioned as "A Tree Guru" and it's unique to have Stonehenge tattooed on my left lower arm and spiritual to visit recently the inner Stonehenge for a very special anniversary for my wife Ginny.

Also an honour to have a meal named for me at "Baxter's" cafe called *Jibberjabber* – so named by our good friend and lockdown buddy Lorraine.

Also a coincidence while re reading *The Old Curiosity Shop* by Charles Dickens "... cold potatoes looking as edible as Stonehenge". Richard another brilliant regular at "Baxter's" might remark it's not quite St Paul to the Thessalonians!

My consulting room in the heart of Reading has been likened to a curiosity place with thousands of things designed to help access memories and also likened to the inside of a mind . . .

WHY visit? – Curiosity?

WHO – You

WHY – Help/curiosity

WHEN – call me to book in

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Our main 10am service each Sunday will be live-streamed via YouTube.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th

10am	Holy Communion	St James
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Laurence

Sunday 14th

7.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St James
10.30am	All Together Worship (to include act of Remembrance)	St James
3pm	Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance	St James

Sunday 21st

10am	Holy Communion	St James
11.15am	Family Worship	St Nicholas

Sunday 28th

10am	Holy Communion	St James
6pm	Advent Carol Service	St James

DECEMBER

Sunday 5th

10am	Holy Communion	St James
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Laurence
4pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Nicholas

Sunday 12th

7.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St James
10am	All Together Worship	St Laurence

Sunday 19th

10 am	Holy Communion	St James
11.15am	Crib Service	St Nicholas
6pm	Carol Service	St James

[See details of all Christmas services overleaf](#)

Sunday 26th

10am	Holy Communion (said)	St James
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A word from Rev Mark...

By the time this goes to print I will have been priest-in-charge at Pangbourne, Tidmarsh and Sulham for just a month. Thank you all for such a warm welcome at my licensing and in my first weeks here, from practical support to kind words of welcome.

Already the season of Remembrance is upon us, with our All Souls festival, when we remember the departed, taking place on October 31st this year and Remembrance Sunday on 14th November. In particular this year in addition to remembering those who have given their lives and service in conflict we think too about those who have lost their lives through the Covid-19 Pandemic, including health workers who have given their all to save others. Jesus said "Greater love has no one than this – that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

I hope to meet many more of you personally in the coming weeks and months, particularly as the Christmas season approaches. Please look out for all the events and services advertised here! I am also mindful that many are cautious about the future coming out of the pandemic and others may be eager to hold key life events such as baptisms which have been on hold more in recent months. Let us bear with one another in kindness and patience, allowing time for reflection on what has passed alongside looking to the future in hope.

God bless, Revd Mark



Revd Mark Hopkins' Licensing service.
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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

Advent Carol Service

All Churches Together with
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St James the Less, Pangbourne
6pm on Sunday 28th November



Carols by Candlelight

St Nicholas Church, Sulham

4pm on Sunday 5th December



Parish Carol Service

St James the Less, Pangbourne

6pm on Sunday 19th December



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

11.15am St Nicholas **Crib Service**

6pm St James **Carol Service**

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

3pm St James **Christingle**

3pm St Nicholas **Christingle**

5pm St James **Christingle**

11pm St James **Midnight Mass**

11pm St Laurence **Midnight Mass**

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

10am St James **Christmas Celebration**

All Age Worship with Holy Communion

10am St Nicholas **Christmas Family Worship**

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER

10am St James **Holy Communion**

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Sun 14 Nov, 9:30 am: **Remembrance Sunday**

Sun 28 Nov, First Sunday of Advent (9:30 Mass)

4 pm: **Advent Carol Service**

Sun 5 Dec, Advent Crafts after 9:30 am Mass

Sat 18 Dec, 12 noon: **Crib Service** and Carols for children, followed by mince pies, etc.

Sat 25 Dec, 9:30 am: **Christmas Day** Mass

Sun 26 Dec, 9:30 am: Holy Family Mass

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Lockdown & Changes

The Red Lion pub has recently gone through some management changes and we want to thank you all for bearing with us during the COVID closures and management change.

We have strong ambitions to re-establish the pub as the centre of the Upper Basildon and surrounding villages, where locals can enjoy good quality fresh food and great company.

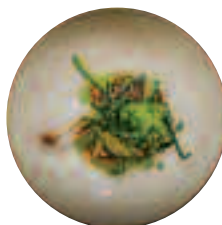
New Management

New management means a fresh new start for the pub and a local survey was sent out to hear what the locals wanted.

We have reflected on all the responses and already implemented changes to how we run as a pub, as well as new decor, outdoor facilities and creating a warmer, more inviting atmosphere when coming to The Red Lion.

Food & Drink

We aim to provide high quality, local, well thought out food and drinks at the pub. As the seasons change, we try to reflect this on our menu. You can expect to see plenty of new dishes appearing on the menu shortly, along the lines of pies, soups and other winter warmers.



Events

Private events & parties at The Red Lion are a great way to host a large gathering with access to our extensive drinks menu and wonderfully talented chefs. We recently hosted a private charity event that raised over £20,000 for Sarcoma UK!

Whether it's a birthday party, charity event or something you want to celebrate with friends, we can cater for almost any small to medium event. We are now taking bookings for your **Christmas** party throughout December, with both traditional and modern food and drink options!

Contact

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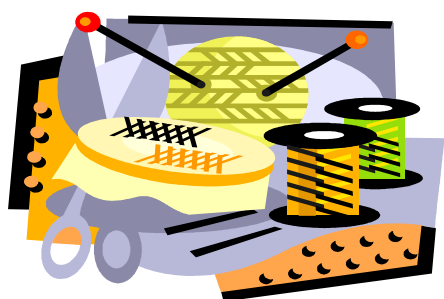
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9TH JANUARY 2022

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The cost of entry remains unchanged and full details of the course and event can be found on our website www.woodcote10k.org.uk along with the registration page. The earlier you book, the lower your bib number!

Start is at Woodcote Village Hall (RG8 0SD) at 10.15am.

Parkinson's UK will again be the primary beneficiary with many more local deserving causes being supported too.

We would love to see you again and our team look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be another great day. Please feel free to spread the word to your family and friends.

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Website: www.pangbournerotary.org.uk

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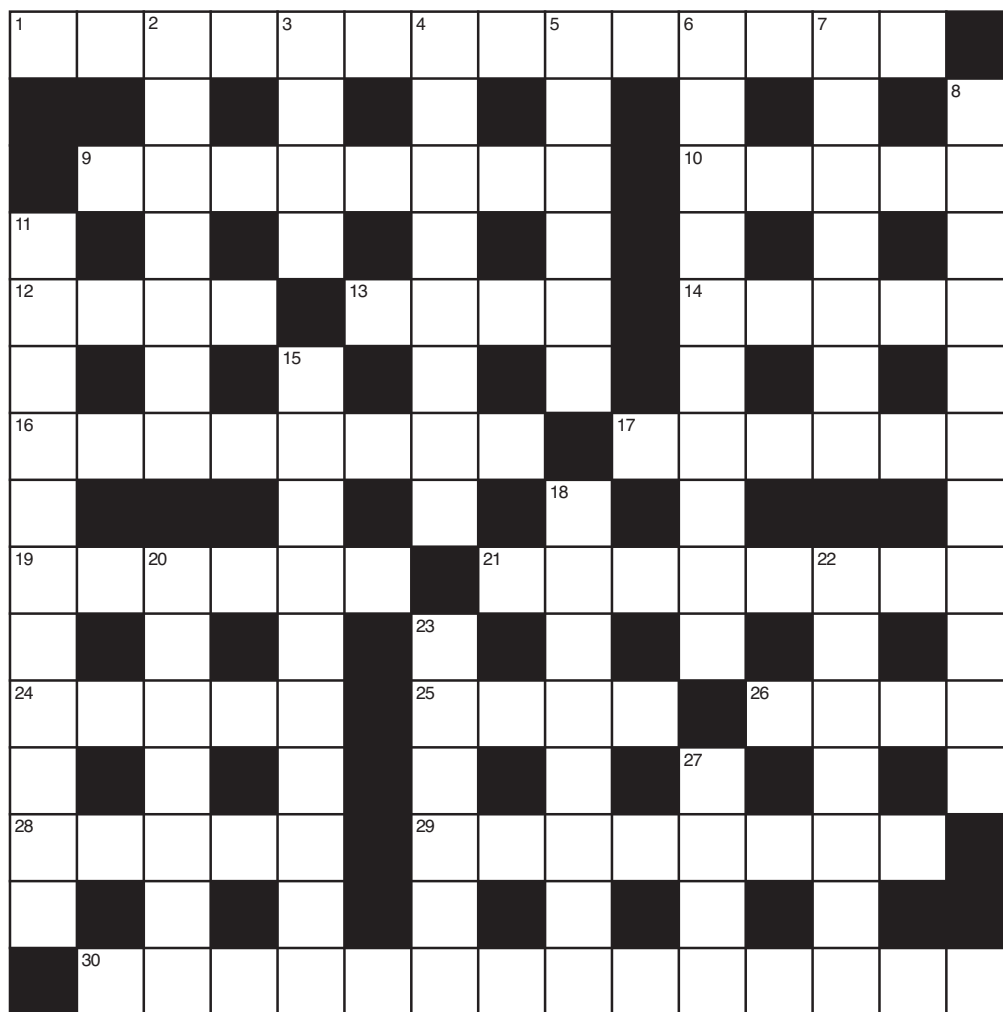
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CANTOR'S CROSSWORD NO. 20

ACROSS

1. You might wish for Marr's chemistry formula in a more seasonal format (5, 9)
9. Should they be recorded before having a match put to them? (4, 4)
10. You'll need to make a brutal raid on bereavement here (5)
12. Without being egged on The Holy Child was this, in his crib (4)
13. We were totally overcome, by the brief publicity round us (4)
14. A final overall appeal for quality – it's what's owed, ultimately (5)
16. Could their job description, here inn stable surroundings, include a bed of sorts? (8)
17. Someone with more than one string to their bow? One of the Gemini? (6)
19. Initially, could the United Nations have been uncertain – or not? (6)
21. Symbolically, this moment in time BeCame out of date as time ADvanced (8)
24. It's a challenge! Whoever accepts this will be a winner (5)
25. National, verbal, nominal, competitive – it's whatever (4)
26. You really just need ring ahead here (4)
28. Not applicable initially; but oh my, (by the sound of it), she knows who she is (5)
29. Tells the story of the flat lands cross country trip (8)
30. Ease off at the outset, then not so much, but finally go for it – no letting up (14)

DOWN

2. From the start it's about finally getting together (7)
3. Fashionably preceded Saint Laurent, by the sound of it, on the 24th Dec? (4)
4. Internally, not something you'd want to get caught up by (8)
5. Definitely not off, on, out – the best place to be now though! (6)
6. Should definitely be part of the seasonal airforce fly past? (6, 4)
7. Young oriental with lamp, noisy but magically rubs up well (7)
8. The traditional corn bale tie naturally leads to a party (11)
11. Just dessert for a good boy with a thumb? Rings a bell finally? (4, 7)
15. Now, listen, you! Watch! You WILL fit in A,R,I,V with Gx2, Ex2, Sx2 . . . or . . . got it! (10)
18. Clue for old Goon fans! Naturally there's a little bit of a piece Min! (5, 3)
20. Christmas? Bah! Humbug! (7)
22. She's a Smith through and through – the apple of our eye! (7)
23. Accident? I thought you said Occident, but you meant the opposite (6)
27. A service most attended by mothers, by the look of it? (4)

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 45)

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Objectives

PWMC is run as a non-profit making organisation by its members through an elected committee, which provides a social facility for residents of Pangbourne, the surrounding area and for people working in the village.

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PANGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

A SMASHING END TO THE SUMMER SEASON!

Tennis in Pangbourne has been very popular again this summer! We have smashed the record for the number of both adult and junior members. The courts have been busy throughout the season with all sorts of play – from friends enjoying a game together, to the all-comers social doubles sessions and the coaching programme on Tuesdays and Sundays. Competitive tennis has been provided with the club box leagues and team matches in the Newbury and District leagues. For the second year running, we ran summer and autumn coaching groups for juniors.



September Tournament Prize Winners 2021

professionals serve and received great tips on how to improve their serve from Josh and Damian. The extra special, fun part of the session was the chance to face Josh's serve. Some of our members did manage to get their racquet on the ball! Whether it was a fast (110mph) serve or a tricky one out wide with spin, making a return was much harder than it looks when watching the pros on TV.

All of this enthusiasm was reflected in the End of Season Tournament on the 26th September. Club coach Damian Lane set up a great format and all 24 participants played fun yet competitive matches for over three hours in superb tennis weather. Congratulations to the winners – Jenny Cope, Robbie Hiller, Sue Bates and Francois Durand.

New this year, Damian organised a serve clinic with former Davis Cup player and British Number 2 Josh Goodall which ran before the tournament. Members were fascinated to see at close quarters how the



*Josh Goodall
serve action*

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

The Annual General Meeting was held outdoors after the tournament. The year's achievements and successes were celebrated, including the completion of the court renovation, the successful junior programme and a significant increase in membership. Adult membership has doubled over the past couple of years and family memberships have really taken off. Three new committee members were voted onto the committee to join all the current members. There were many suggestions for continuing the development of the club and the new, expanded committee will be working on these over the winter.

TENNIS THIS AUTUMN

Summer may be fading memory and the evenings are drawing in, but tennis continues all year at Pangbourne!

Winter membership is now open. It's just £20 for adults, £5 for juniors or £40 for family membership which runs to 31st March 2022. Visit www.pangbournetennis.org/membership for full details and the membership form if you are new to the club.

Social Doubles will continue on Saturdays at the new time of 13:30 – 15:00. All members are welcome to come along.

Adult coaching continues on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Bookings are being taken for the block from 7th November to 12th December. There will be four, 90 minute sessions and the whole block can be booked for £32, or "pay and play" is £10 per session.

If you are free on Wednesday afternoons, join Damian for our new session from 14:45 – 16:15 starting on 10th November. This block will run to the 8th December and the five weeks can be booked for £40. "Pay and play" is available at £10 per session. The booking form and details of the dates and times are on our website at www.pangbournetennis.org/adultcoaching.

Competitive tennis will be continuing the autumn with a new round of club box leagues. Also, the club has entered two teams into the Newbury Winter Mixed League. If you have not already expressed an interest in taking part in the box leagues or being part of the squad for Newbury league matches, please do get in touch by emailing info@pangbournetennis.org

Finally, save the date for our next club tournament – Sunday 5th December. Don your best seasonal jumper and join us for an afternoon of tennis and festive fare to round off 2021 and get some fresh air before the festivities start in earnest. Damian Lane will be running the very popular American tournament and members, friends and family are all welcome. It's free to enter, although the maximum number of players is limited to 24. Contributions of prizes for a raffle for club funds will be very much appreciated. Let us know if you will be coming by emailing us at info@pangbournetennis.org

As always, find out more about the club by coming down to one of the social doubles sessions or by emailing us at info@pangbournetennis.org

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PANGBOURNE HERITAGE GROUP

THE DEMISE OF PANGBOURNE'S FIRE BRIGADE



There has been a fire service as such in the village since 1895, but it was formalised by public subscription when a manual engine at the cost of £130 was purchased.

PHOTO 1: 1916. (Some of these dates are approximate) Mr Blazey was captain of the brigade and Mr Downing his deputy. The engine was kept in a shed and horses in a paddock on land belonging to Mr DH Evans, probably next to Howarth Lodge. The firemen's uniforms were also purchased by public subscription.

PHOTO 2: Pangbourne Fire Brigade attended incidents in other villages including this one at Streatley Mill, and were commended for their efforts. The hoses and pump can be clearly seen.



PHOTO 3: A newspaper cutting displays the need for better facilities as fire engines become more sophisticated and increase in size.

PHOTO 4: A fire in the Constitutional Hall in Whitchurch Road attended by the Brigade.

PHOTO 5: The Fire Brigade on parade on the corner of the Square, where the Chemist's shop still stands today. The pump and hose was on a trailer pulled along by the motor vehicle.

PHOTO 6: A purpose built fire station stood in Reading Road until the late 1970s when it was replaced by Pangbourne Library. Larger vehicles with more equipment made it necessary to rehouse the appliances. *(photo by courtesy of Ian Nash)*

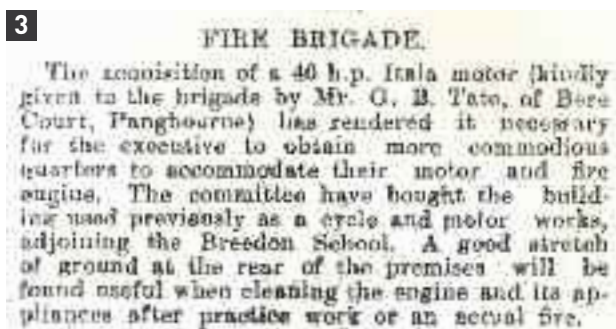


PHOTO 7: The present Fire Station in Horseshoe Road is shortly to be sold, and the service has been disbanded. It was latterly a retained service with part-time officers, mostly people working locally or from home. However it was still subject to the strict training applied to all of the service, and carried the same equipment as the full time appliances. It was part of the Royal Berks Fire and Rescue Service with a four by four engine, water carrier Land Rover.



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The new fire station has been built on land adjacent to the A4 Roundabout at the end of the Tidmarsh Road. It is far larger, and will serve a much wider area. The work of the Fire and Rescue Service has diversified greatly during the last decade or so, but Pangbourne has played its part in responding to the many emergencies over the years, and we are grateful to the local brigade of volunteer fire officers.

The Heritage Group held a well attended daytime social at the Dolphin Centre in September. The AGM in October will be a time when we can make decisions on the future direction of our activities. We are also planning a pre Christmas social, details of which will be sent to members once a date has been arranged. I don't think any of us are fully back to organising events long term at the moment, the effects of lockdown will take a while to disperse. In the meantime, we welcome any additions to our archive, or stories that we can link in to what we are learning about the village.

Lesley Crimp, Jane Rawlins, Ellie Thorne



PRESS RELEASE – "IT'S AN INCREDIBLE £636,983!"

Rotarians in the Thames Valley District raised this incredible sum in lockdown. Pangbourne Rotary Club managed to donate about £22 000, of which nearly half came from our voluntary donation of our "Dinner Money" (continuing to pay for our weekly meals despite the fact that we had to meet on ZOOM).

We have all been severely restricted with our fundraising activities during this period, and nobody could have imagined the value of our donations or the significant effect we would make to so many very deserving beneficiaries under such challenging times.

We resumed started meeting face to face and have just completed our first fundraising event – The Pangbourne Art Exhibition which was highly successful.

HAITI

Following the recent 7.2 earthquake in Haiti which resulted in over 2000 deaths, Pangbourne Rotary Club have donated £500 to Rotary District 7020 (which covers Haiti) to cover urgent needs such as food, water, tents first aid kits etc. Additionally the Club have funded a Shelterbox (ca £600).

Prompt action from our International Committee yet again.

The Rotary Club of Pangbourne was formed in 1989 and currently has 30 members, meetings taking place on Monday evenings, currently on Zoom, but hope to resume face to face meetings soon. Anyone interested in joining the Club and to participate in our meetings and fund-raising activities please contact membership@pangbournorotary.org.uk.

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RNLI

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have hosted our Race Night and raised a lot of much needed funds to help our wonderful volunteers on their lifeboats! Despite the pandemic, they have tirelessly continued to save lives!

I'm sure many of you will have seen the series on BBC2, *Saving Lives At Sea* which shows what these magnificent crews get up to! If you haven't seen it already, it's highly recommended!

To continue our pursuit of relieving you of your money, we shall be at The Art Cafe, just over the bridge in Whitchurch, on Saturday November 20th from 10am to around 12'ish where we shall be serving tea and coffee plus scrummy cakes and savouries. There will also be a raffle and souvenir stall.

Please do come along and support this lovely charity!

Also, a quick reminder that our collection boxes are distributed throughout the village in various establishments and are ready and waiting for your small – or large! – change!

Many thanks in advance and anticipation for your kind support.

Denise Saunders
RNLI Committee



PURLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

LATE SUMMER SHOW

We held a successful Show, together with Purley W.I. on Saturday, 11th September in Purley Memorial Hall. This was well attended by the public. The judge said the quality of the exhibits was good. After visitors had viewed the exhibits they were able to participate in a raffle and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of home-made cake. Mr. Graham Rolfe (Chairman of Purley Memorial Hall) presented the various cups to the prize winners. These were as follows:

Banksian Medal, PHS Perpetual Challenge Cup & Mrs. Fairfoull's Cup – Nancy Massie

Reg Ayers Memorial Trophy – Mrs. C. Howard

Purley W.I. Cup, Homecraft Salver & Frankston Vase – Mrs. P. Roper

Neil Buckle Trophy – Anne Thomson

Purley Home & Garden Bowl – John Thomson

Golden Jubilee Trophy –
No entries

TALK

On Wednesday, 17th November there will be a talk by Andrew Babicz on *Seasonal Container Gardening* in Purley Memorial Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Andrew Started as an apprentice gardener with the National Trust in Scotland and went on to study with RHS at Wisley, Kew Gardens & Hampton Palace Gardens. He is currently a gardening expert on Phoenix Radio, writes for the English Garden Magazine and is a judge with Britain in Bloom.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

We plan to have our Christmas Social evening on 5th December.

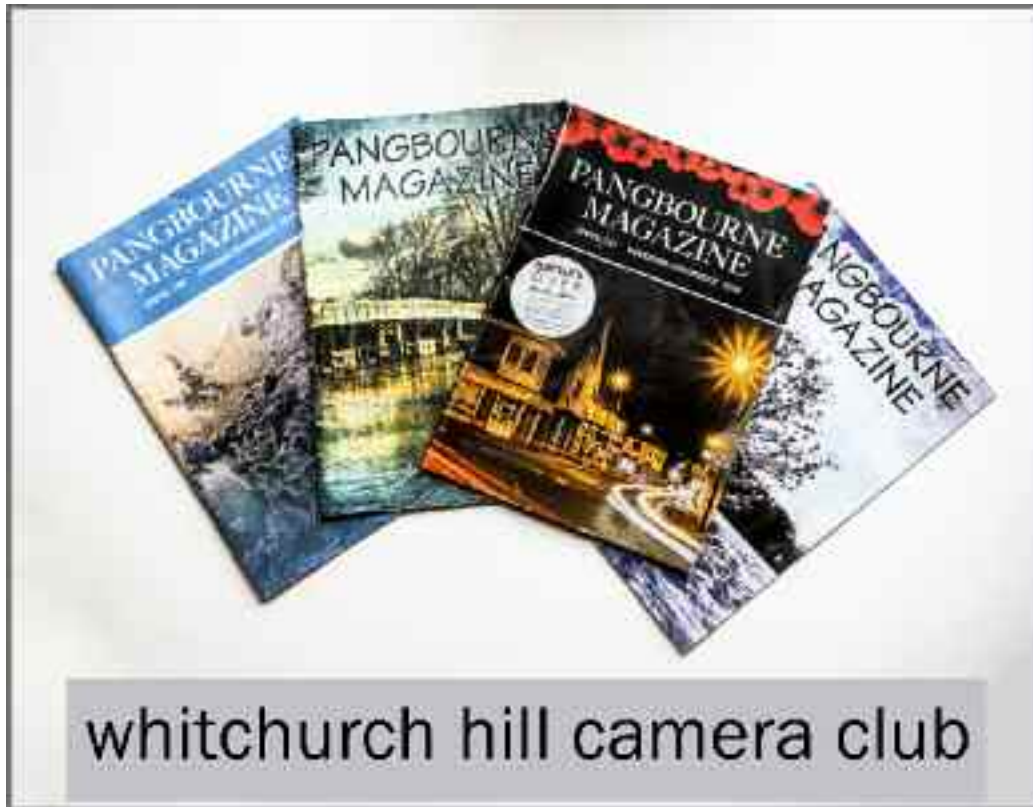
TRADING STORE

The Trading store will close at the end of October until the first week-end in February.

Hope you have had a successful gardening season in spite of the rain.

Marion Dabbs





At long last we are back together, as before we meet on a Wednesday and yes other days do exist, I'll tell you when ...

Our header this month features contributions from four of our members that featured on the front page of our Pang Mag – “HOLD THE FRONT PAGE” is the image, left to right ‘Iced Window’ by Dorothy Wood, a pleasing texture and shape to this well spotted image. Next ‘Pangbourne Bridge, a go to picture taken in a lovely low afternoon light – given just a little help from its author Ian Lewis. Ian Nash’s impactful night time image of Pangbourne with smudged street lighting. Woven with the 100 year anniversary of the end of the WW1 and decorated with iconic poppies by the Pang Mag publishers. Last but not least, Tony Bates gave us a snow laden sapling, solitary, crisp against a clear blue winter sky, brrrrr!

NOVEMBER

Wed 3rd – Shoot animals . . . and sometimes cut their heads off! Steven Galvin shares his natural history portfolio from around the world, together with the stories and anecdotes collected on his travels. Steve readily imparts his techniques and gives advice when shooting and post processing. I feel an informative, entertaining evening coming on.

Wed 10th – Rosebowl Competition. We host the first round of this prestigious annual local competition and welcome members from the Croxley, Hemel Hempstead and Stoke Poges Camera Clubs.

Wed 17th – A Year in Japan. Ric Gillams shows us his images taken four years ago when he worked in Tokyo and explored Japan. The contrast of geography, architecture, technology, culture and climate never ceases to fascinate.

Thurs 18th – Zoom Meeting

Wed 24th – The Journey After ABPE. Chris Forster DPAGB EFIAP FBPE MFIAP shows his award winning images and tells a story about taking pictures for and entering BPE national exhibitions.

DECEMBER

Wed 1st – Digital Competition No 2. No set subject once more, so expect a high entry. Our judge for the evening Sandy Watson.

Wed 8th – An Eye on Hebrides. Ruari Cummins ARPS present a photographic tour through the Hebrides. An evening of wonderful images. Ruari gives us a little history, tells a few humorous stories, accompanied with an AV(Audio Visual) sequence and captivating music.

Wed 15th – A Evening of Poetry Reading. Marilyn Ward LRPS CPAGB is in charge of this fun evening – when the club is divided into two teams, two laptops, two projectors. Poems will be read! pictures will be chosen – A Pam Ayres is mentioned!

During the season WHCC meet on a Wednesday evening at the Village Hall, Manor Road,Whitchurch on Thames at 8.00pm.

Find us at www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.com for further details.

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Lyn Higgs

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

1ST PURLEY AND PANGBOURNE SCOUT GROUP

Since we've returned to face-to-face Scouting last term, the young people and adults in our community have returned to the sort of activities that make our Scout Group so successful. Over the summer months, we have had plenty of on-water activities, loads of games and a sense of adventure that the great outdoors brings! It was wonderful to see our sections becoming active and meeting in person.

Now the autumn term is upon us, we are meeting indoors again, although we are still participating in outdoor activities whenever possible. The older sections have been back on the water, paddleboarding or sailing, and younger sections have been out learning about the local rivers and the wildlife in them. Members of the Group have also been learning about water safety, the science of bath bombs, honing their map-reading skills and making mini trebuchets! Our older Explorer Unit has been supporting Berkshire Youth with the Kit out the Nation sports and activity equipment collection, as well as participating in Black History Month activities.

The highlight of being back in the swing of in-person Scouting has been our Family Activity Day at Thirtover, near Cold Ash. We spent a beautiful September day there with 180 members of the Group taking part in activities as varied as archery, grass-sledging, pioneering and bushcraft. It was a timely reminder of why we do what we do, as we celebrated 20 years of 1st Purley and Pangbourne Scout Group!

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we remain a thriving and buoyant Scout Group with a long waiting list and an ever-present need for new adult volunteers. These are exciting times for 1st P&P with opportunities galore.

Three of our Group Executive Committee have handed over their responsibilities to other Group members, while we've also welcomed fresh faces. Our thanks go to outgoing Chair, Hamish Stout, our Treasurer, Gail Jugg and our Secretary, Hazel Kennedy, for their many years of combined service on the Executive Committee. Without their work, the Group would not be the success that it has become today.

We have also said farewell to one of our Group Scout Leaders, Suzanne Stout, after 20 years of making our Group what it is. Suzanne was instrumental in setting up the first Beaver Colony in Purley all those years ago, sowing the seeds for 1st P&P and nurturing them over so many years. Now, those Beavers have blossomed into our younger leaders and incredibly fine adults! Our thanks go to her for all she has done for the Group during this time. 1st P&P would not be what it is without the support of parents and adults, and as well as these specific thanks, we would like to thank everyone who contributes to running the Group.

These are exciting times as we enter our 21st year. More young people than ever before want to experience Scouting in our community, but to do that we need help. If you think you would like to be part of this vibrant, supportive local community, please get in touch. You might be surprised at how little of your time it will take to make a big difference to our young people – and to yourself.

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PANGBOURNE ALLOTMENTS

As I write, autumn is approaching and the frenzy of harvesting is calming down a bit, giving more time to get the allotments ready for the winter. As usual, there has been a wonderful display of sunflowers.



WATER

The PAA is starting to focus on rainwater collection on the allotments as a lot of the sheds and greenhouses don't have any water butts connected. If anyone has any guttering, barrels or large containers lying around unused, we'd be glad to have them. We hope to arrange to have an expert to come to talk to us – perhaps at the AGM next year – not just about water collection, but also about things like mulching and ground cover which would help us to use less water. Apart from being a precious resource, the costs are going up and up.



Brian MacDonald with the lime sapling, 14.3.2020

TREES

The new trees that were planted round the allotments at the beginning of this year are on the whole doing well, and the two larger lime trees either side of the field gate, planted at the beginning of 2020, are pretty well-established. According to The Times "One mature oak tree will give off enough oxygen for two people to live off for a year and absorbs 40lb minimum of carbon. It will also support one of the biggest ecosystems that we have in this country, in terms of 3,000 species of insects and life in its canopy".

Admittedly only one of this year's planting is an oak, as we have to be aware of the shade that will be cast when it is mature and growing fruit and vegetables is our priority, but many of the others – such as rowans – will have berries and shelter for birds and insects. If anyone is interested in "plant a tree for the jubilee" there is more information on 'queensgreencanopy.org'

The waiting list for an allotment for Pangbourne residents is not too long, and the benefits are huge, so if you would like your name added to the list, please contact pangbourneasstclerk@gmail.com, or phone Jo Power on 0118 984 5898. Depending on size, plots cost between £10.00 and £40.00 per annum.



Allotment produce at Harvest Festival, St James the Less, Pangbourne



Lime tree now (22.9.2021)

GORING GAP BOAT CLUB



September has been a very busy month on the river for GGBC. The spectacular late summer sunshine has meant many of our members have made the most of our Saturday and Sunday morning club sessions, as well as taking advantage of the remaining long days to be out on a Tuesday and Thursday evening. Not forgetting the rowers who go out on a Wednesday morning – there really is a time to suit everyone.

Sunday 26th September was World Rivers' Day and Nick Digby organised six of our members to go out on the river in three of our pleasure boats to do our bit for the local environment, picking up some of the rubbish that has accumulated along the edge of the bank in overhanging trees, which is difficult to reach other than from the water. They collected an assortment of items, including plant pots, plastic cups and an old curtain!

We have also had the excitement this month of some big budget Hollywood filming taking place nearby. For a couple of weeks our slipway and a section of the car park were taken over by a crew filming a scene for the block-buster Warner Brothers re-make of that perennial favourite *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Apparently one of the weeping willows just along the riverbank is a fine specimen, so we will eagerly be awaiting the film's release in March 2023 to see if we can spot it.



As always, a stalwart group of volunteers have been working hard over the past weeks to maintain the land around the boat house, clearing scrub, moving earth, weeding and generally keeping everything looking great for us all to enjoy. We always welcome new members so if you are interested in coming along to see us, please see our website for details <https://goringgapbc.org.uk/>.

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PANGBOURNE WI



Although Pangbourne WI does not meet in the village hall in August, we have still been busy socialising. On 3 August, a group visited St Bartholomew's Church in Lower Basildon and were entertained to a most interesting talk about the Church followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea – nobody needed to cook a meal that evening! On 21 August we hosted a session at the Art Cafe in Whitchurch, and members and local residents enjoyed delicious coffee and cakes (made by our members) and lots of convivial chat. There was also a raffle with some excellent prizes, and a craft and produce stall with the chance to purchase a range of items made by our members. This was a great chance to socialise and catch up with friends we had not been able to see for some time, as well as fund raising for our group.

We resumed our monthly meetings on Tuesday 14 September and our President, Sue, began by showing us our NFWI (National Federation of Women's Institutes) 100th Anniversary Certificate which had been presented to her by the Berkshire Federation President. It is wonderful that Pangbourne WI has been part of this village and its history since 1921 and we hope that it will continue for another 100 years. During lockdowns Sue had encouraged us (via her excellent monthly emailed newsletters) to produce a rainbow in any art/craft medium. Members had produced some really interesting pieces which were displayed on a table, together with photos of our centenary birthday party, our visit to St Bartholomew's Church and our morning at the Art Cafe, which brought back many happy memories and also the feeling that life was returning to some sort of normality. All of these photos will go into our archives for future generations to enjoy.



Our speakers, Catherine and Viv, were then introduced to present their talk entitled "All about Hedgehogs". We learned some interesting facts about this endangered species; for instance there are no hedgehogs in North and South America, Australia, South-East Asia nor, surprisingly, in Wales. Their declining numbers are due, in part, to the

widespread use of pesticides, fertilisers, slug pellets etc. Another contributing factor to their demise is the growth of large field sizes resulting in poor nesting opportunities. The African pygmy hedgehog, recognised by its white fur, is a popular pet in the UK and is sold in pet stores.



Hedgehogs like to eat creepy crawlies such as worms, beetles, slugs, and caterpillars. There are many dangers facing these delightful little creatures, such as litter (crisp bags, plastic cups etc) and garden rubbish. One way we can help is to provide a safe area with garden netting stretched tight and a lined tunnel under a solid fence to provide a safe route from one area to

another. With regard to garden ponds, hedgehogs can swim but need somewhere to climb on to; for example plants, bricks etc. Open drains should be covered to prevent them falling in and bonfires should always be checked for these little creatures before lighting.

We were then invited to have some fun producing a scented lavender bag hedgehog. All the materials were supplied and all we had to do was add some stuffing and a lavender bag, sew up the tummy and give them a mouth and eyes. For those not keen on sewing, pictures were provided to colour in. This all caused much merriment and prizes were awarded for the best exhibits.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12 October at 2.30pm, when we will be shown a selection of clothes from The Clothes Shop – Newbury, to try on and purchase if we wish. The theme will be "Bring back your sparkle by revitalising your wardrobe". We have had several visits from The Clothes Shop over the years and it is always a most entertaining meeting – definitely one not to be missed.

If you fancy refreshing your wardrobe without having to go to the shops, this meeting is for you. We are a very friendly group of ladies, and visitors are assured of a warm welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact our President Sue Smith on 0118 983 3258 who would be delighted to hear from you.

Judy Schurer



PANGBOURNE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

With the year drawing to its close, at its September meeting your Committee looked ahead to 2022, with a series of dates listed below for your diaries.

One Committee member had recently returned from a short visit to France, and asked us to point out the importance of checking the validity of your Passport. The EU insists that all travellers have at least 6 months unexpired on their passport, and that the passport is less than 10 years old. It is as well also to check the government website.

With our intended visit to Houdan over the Late May Bank Holiday, if your passport does need renewing, you must have done so by Christmas.

TENNIS

Our French partners have asked us if it would be possible for us to bring some tennis players from our local clubs to play some sociable tennis on our next weekend exchange to Houdan. Non-playing family and friends would also be most welcome. The dates are the **Late May Bank Holiday, Friday 27th May – Monday 30th May**.

The background is that, as part of the lead up to the Paris 2024 Olympics, the French government is sponsoring community sporting events across the country, and is keen to include neighbouring nations.

All ages and standards of tennis will be catered for. You will travel as part of the Twinning Association (there is now no membership fee for anybody), and accommodation and food will be provided by our French hosts. You will need to pay for travel costs, which will be kept to a minimum.

If you think you may be interested in a fun-filled French weekend of tennis and a chance to enjoy French culture and hospitality (there is no requirement to speak French), please do contact either Russell or Lauren for further information:

Russell Morse – 07973 908253, p.r.morse@gmail.com

Lauren Kilsby – lkilsbysteele@btinternet.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The next **French Film Night** is on **28th November 2021**. The Diving Bell and the Butterfly ('Le scaphandre et le papillon', 2007) is by the American artist and director, Julian Schnabel. It is the astonishing and life-affirming true story of Jean-Dominique Bauby, editor of Elle magazine, who suffered a massive stroke which left him trapped in his own body. The film has sub-titles in English.

Our annual **Epiphany Dinner** will be held on **Friday 7th January 2022** at The Ferryboat, Whitchurch. The proprietor, Graham, tells me that his costs are fluctuating from day to day at the moment, but his current estimate is that what will certainly be a delicious 3-course dinner is likely to cost not more than £21.00, with 2 courses £18.50. The price includes a slice of the *Galette des Rois* cake, traditionally shared in France at Epiphany. It celebrates the arrival of the Three Wise Men in Bethlehem, and has a small charm hidden inside, called a *fève*.



Galette des Rois, with its fève.

Whoever has the slice of cake containing the *fève* is traditionally crowned king or queen for the rest of the evening – which we do too.

Details of this excellent social event will be circulated shortly to all members of the Association. If you would like to join us and are not a member, please contact Nigel Suffield-Jones on 0118-976-7769, nigeljs2@gmail.com, as soon as possible, because seating is limited.

We are holding a **Salsa Evening** in the Village Hall on **Saturday 19th February**. No previous experience is needed of this form of dancing, as our expert caller, Russell Morse, will give all the instruction necessary fully to enjoy what should be a novel and fun-filled evening. Further details will be published in the New Year.

The dates for our next **visit to Houdan** are the **Late May Bank Holiday, Friday 27th May – Monday 30th May**. We are keeping an eye on any travel restrictions, and will inform members well in advance.

The details of further **French Film Nights** have already been published and, subject to any government restrictions, will be held on the last Sunday evening of January, February and March.

The **Marcher et Parler** walks, which remain very popular, will continue throughout the autumn. They are organised by Lauren, and involve a stroll in the countryside during which the chat is mainly in French, usually ending with a pub lunch or coffee.

Further information is available via our website pangbourne-twinning.org or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pangbournetwinning>.

Stay safe and well, and à bientôt!

Nigel Suffield-Jones and Lauren Kilsby



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FRIENDS OF PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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For the academic year of 2021/2022, we will be focusing our efforts on raising funds to replace two classroom smartboards, the reading scheme books across the whole school, and for fencing in the Secret Garden, a small wooded area which is a fantastic outdoor learning resource used by the whole school.

We are very grateful to David Wilford, Chair of Pangbourne Masonic Lodge for the fantastic donation of £1000 towards reading books, that was presented by Worshipful Master, W.Bro.Toks Aluko to the school in September. (Photo courtesy of Lodge Secretary Ray Lloyd.)



It has been a busy start to the academic year, with much effort going into organising the Pangbourne 10K, held on Sunday 3rd October. Local Physical Trainer Gareth France (founder of Mapledurham's Muddy Mayhem Event) stepped up as Race Director and is to take the reins of organising the event going forward – the FOPPS 10k committee did an exemplary job in showing him the ropes this year. Many thanks to them and to the many volunteers from school and the wider community who helped out on the day. Mrs Fry did an excellent job of compering on the field. This year, we have been very lucky to have the support of local estate agent Strutt & Parker who are kindly sponsoring the event both financially and practically having provided advertising boards, water for the runners, and sourced a beautiful shepherds hut serving hot drinks and pastries as well as inviting Sport Therapist Martin who offered Sports Massage to runners and donated his fees.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Up & Running Reading, who provided race numbers and offered 10% discount in their store for race entrants, Floatation Point Float Centre who donated prizes for the winners and 10% off for runners and also Pangbourne Valley Playgroup who ran the kids' races, face painting and glitter tattoo stall on the day. The much revered brownies received by the first 80 runners were lovingly baked by Magdalena Holloway of Berrygoose Cakes. It was lovely to have the support of these local businesses. Over 120 runners completed the course – congratulations to them! One of the original organisers of the Pangbourne 10k, Jenny O'Connor, took part this year in what was the 10th race. Full results from the race can be found at: <https://my.raceresult.com/181742/results>





Hot on the heels of the Pangbourne 10K, we are very excited about the return of the:

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Visitors to the event can enjoy a range of hot food, a licensed bar selling West Berkshire Beer and mulled wine, hot and cold drinks and cakes. Stalls will be selling glow toys and you can try your luck on the chocolate tombola. Other entertainment including face-painting will be available. Local folk rock band Dream Sellers will be entertaining the crowd. Strutt & Parker are sponsoring the event, providing advertising and volunteer support.

TICKET PRICES

Buy your tickets online at fopps.org.uk. Entry is via QR code on a mobile phone. Tickets are cheaper if you buy in advance (available up until Thursday 4th November).

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2. West Berkshire Lottery – Drive For Support!

West Berkshire Lottery is a weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in West Berkshire – and FOPPS is registered as one of the causes. West Berkshire Lottery also has grants available for any charity which buys more than ten tickets over a period of ten weeks, so please do get involved, because a potential win for you is also a win for FOPPS! If you would like the chance of winning up to £25,000 AND supporting FOPPS, all you need to do is go to www.westberkshirelottery.co.uk/support/fopps and purchase a ticket.

3. Reduce! Reuse! Recycle for FOPPS!

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PANGBOURNE COLLEGE

PANGBOURNE STUDENTS OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19 TO ACHIEVE EXAM SUCCESS

Despite the upheaval that students have faced this academic year, Pangbourne College is pleased to report that our A level, BTEC and GCSE students achieved results which have thoroughly reflected their capabilities and academic potential.

The percentage of A Level A*- A grades was 45%, evidence of the wealth of talented students in this year's group. The overall pass rate (Grades 9-4) for GCSE was 97% and 46% of the Grades were 9-7.

The vast majority of our A Level students will be progressing to their first-choice universities. Amongst those celebrating is Music Scholar Grace Spalton, who achieved A*A* A in her A levels. Grace will be accepting a place at the University of Cambridge to study Natural Sciences.

Six students will be heading to Durham University, with others taking up places at other Russell Group universities including the University of Edinburgh, University of York, University of Exeter and King's College London.

Mr Mark Seccombe, Director of Studies says: 'In common with most schools, Pangbourne College put a lot of time and effort into the Teacher Assessed Grades earlier this Summer. We gathered evidence from a broad range of assessments, including teacher-set examinations. We also carried out a rigorous moderation process before submission, so we are highly confident that these grades are fair reflections of individual pupils' achievements.'



Caroline Bond

PANGBOURNE COLLEGE APPOINTS ASSISTANT HEAD PUPIL MENTAL WELLBEING

Pangbourne College has appointed long-standing staff member, Caroline Bond, into the newly created role of Assistant Head Pupil Mental Wellbeing.

The appointment is a natural progression for Caroline who has been instrumental in developing the nurturing ethos of the College over the last 25 years. One of her many achievements has been the establishment of our peer mentoring programme in which Sixth Form students are trained to provide support to the younger pupils.

Thomas Garnier, Head explains; 'Since I arrived at Pangbourne in 2005, the world has evolved at great pace and young adults are facing greater pressures than ever. With the global pandemic exacerbating levels of stress and anxiety, we recognise that mental wellbeing is absolutely essential for our pupils to flourish and develop into adults who will make a positive difference to their community.'

There are very many pupils, parents and staff who can testify to the pastoral support she has provided them personally. Her compassion and vast experience in dealing with issues of mental health, especially working with outside professional agencies, has been invaluable to them and the College as a whole. We wish her every success in her new role.'

Caroline joined Pangbourne in 1994. For many years she has been the Designated Safeguarding Lead and for the last eight was the Deputy Head Pastoral. These roles will be taken up by Rupert Bancroft, the Senior Deputy, who was until last year the Deputy Head Co-curricular.

PANGBOURNE PARENTS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS MARKET

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LEST WE FORGET

As memories of the events surrounding the commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War 1 fade, I thought it might be useful to record the vestiges locally of two comparatively recent dark times in our Island's history, World War 1 and World War 2.

Both periods are brought together in the splendid work of the St James the Less 150th Anniversary Access Project when the lettering on the **War Memorial** in the churchyard was restored and safe access provided via the new gated entrance on Pangbourne Hill. It records 41 men from our village who died in WW1, including one set of brothers, Albert and Percy Swell. The youngest was Norman Hull, aged 16, and the oldest the village doctor, Captain Godfrey Hawes, aged 51, serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps. 15 were killed in WW2, covering all three Services. As we mourn the loss of them all, it is worth remembering that there are similar memorials across almost the whole of Europe, recalling ordinary men and women who died in the defence of their country's honour as they saw it, and at the command of their, mostly distant, governments and leaders. The futility of it all is so well summed up in the cemetery at Mons, where the first British soldier to die in WW1, Private John Parr, lies buried just a few yards from the last to die in that war, Private George Ellison. In-between lie four years and some four million deaths on the Western Front alone.

For me, equally telling is the east window of St James the Less, commemorating in particular 2/Lt George Armstrong, who died aged 18 in WW1, and his cousin Philip, as well as more generally all who perished in Pangbourne. The window can be read at a number of different levels, but I am constantly struck by the innocence of the faces. So many of those who died were young men, with their lives before them. Boys left school in July, joined the Army, after training were posted to France, and were regularly dead by Christmas. The carnage amongst any school's old boys was great, but it did produce the following curious cameo: In the 1920s, an absent-minded headmaster on an Old Boys Day was no doubt frantically searching in his mind for the right Christian name as one of his Old Boys descended on him. He is said to have come out with the memorable "Tell me, was it you or your brother who was killed in the war?"

An apparently major local vestige of WW1 is **Pangbourne College**. However, although founded in 1917, its original purpose was to provide recruits for the Merchant, as opposed to Royal, Navy. This focus has of course changed over the years, best exemplified by the Falklands Chapel. It was sited at Pangbourne at least in part because in the Falklands War in 1982 the College Old Boys had more citations for gallantry or meritorious conduct than any other school.



Railings in Horseshoe Road.

A very minor vestige of WW2 in our village is the absence of **railings** at the front of many houses built in the Pangbourne boom house-building period around the turn of the last century. The shape of the semi-circular bricks, often with the original metal hoop retained, in the front gardens of any number of houses in Horseshoe Road, Reading Road and Thames Avenue, with the absence of railings, bears this out. There are occasional reminders of what they originally might have looked like, as with modern reproductions in Horseshoe Road. The railings were offered by the owners as scrap metal, to be melted down "to help the war effort".

A similar fate befell the **German howitzer field gun**, on a plinth outside what is now The Old Breedon School. It was there between the Wars, but was taken away in 1940 to be melted down.

Unfortunately, there does not seem to be any photographic record of it.

The most dominant recollection of WW2 in our immediate area is not in Pangbourne, but across the Thames in Whitchurch, at **Thamesfield**. However, contrary to popular belief, this was not Eisenhower's Headquarters prior to D Day, which was actually at Southwick Park, Fareham. Eisenhower did come to Pangbourne in the months leading up to D Day, but only to have lunch with his old friend General Mark Clark. Thamesfield was in fact the headquarters of the major river crossing training centre just below Whitchurch Bridge, which gave training in bridge-building successively to British Royal Engineers, then their Canadian and in due course American counterparts. Shortly after VE Day in 1945 and no doubt to impress the local residents from Pangbourne and Whitchurch, they were invited to cross the Thames on foot on the Bailey bridges constructed specially for the purpose.



*Bailey Bridge building at Pangbourne.
(Photo courtesy of the Heritage Group.)*

PANGBOURNE PLACE-NAMES

Sturdy, but deliberately merging into the landscape, are the **pillboxes** built in haste in the days following Dunkirk in 1940, to defend the western approaches to Reading. Part of GHQ Stop Line Red, essentially along the Thames, they were strong points along a zigzag defended ditch 55 feet across linking the Thames to GHQ Stop Line Blue, along the Kennet and Avon Canal. Later in the War, when the threat of invasion had receded, the defensive ditch was filled in, apart from the stretch from the railway to the Thames, used as a small training facility in association with the Thamesfield river crossings training area. The only remains of that now is a small, ill-defined ditch.



Pillbox.

Less visible still, since it is in the private grounds of Jesmond Hill, is the garden shed where, perhaps in "Dad's Army" style, the Home Guard first paraded. No doubt those volunteers were subsequently also members of **Pangbourne and District Rifle Club**. Established at an unknown date in the 19th century, it became moribund in the late 1920s or early 1930s, in common with much target rifle shooting nationwide, a reaction to the horrors of WW1. In WW2 rifle shooting locally was in the hands of the Pangbourne HQ Wing Home Guard, which revived the Pangbourne & District Rifle Club in 1945. In 1946 membership stood at 169, including 37 from Pangbourne itself. For small-bore shooting, the Club is known to have moved to a new range at the far end of Riverview Road, backing onto the railway. It was opened, with War Office licence, on 1 May 1948 at 3 pm. At a later date it moved to the miniature range at Pangbourne College, and from there to Bradfield College. I think full-bore shooting must have taken place locally at the 30 yard range in the disused chalk pit, now filled with the spoil from the construction in the 1960s of the M4, by Chalkpit Farm, Englefield, and at the former full-bore range at Churn, near Blewbury. Churn Range closed in the 1970s and the Club in 2004.



Pangbourne Rifle Club in 1907. Courtesy of the Heritage Group.

nearest wartime vestige to Pangbourne that I am aware of is the **Merityre** premises at Purley. Now providing excellent tyre, exhaust and similar services, in the War it produced wings and parts for Spitfires.

More obscure still, since it no longer exists at all, now being an estate of upmarket houses, is **Tenaplas**, Upper Basildon. The factory of that name, which manufactured extruded plastics products on the site until 1999, was originally located in Putney, London. The Company's premises there were bombed out in 1940 and, since it was then producing reinforced petrol hose for the RAF, essential to the war effort, it was relocated to the disused brickworks site in Upper Basildon.

All that remains of the massive storage area used to stockpile military stores ahead of D Day on **Bucklebury Common** are some small stretches of concrete roadway and three topsoil mounds. These were formed from the soil scraped away to give a dry gravel surface on which to store military equipment.

Stately homes in our area were pressed into wartime service. In WW1 **Basildon House** was used as a convalescent home for wounded soldiers from Berkshire regiments, and in WW2 it was requisitioned. The House and Park were used for training before D Day by elements of the US 101st Airborne Division, known as 'The Screaming Eagles'. Later, there was a prisoner of war camp in the grounds, not of the barbed wire and searchlight type, but providing accommodation for captured junior ranks. These were men who were willing to work on the local farms, happy to be out of the war and working on the land, no doubt doing what many of them had done at home in the 1930s in peacetime.



Mounds of earth on Bucklebury Common, the remains of storage areas.

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Englefield House was a hospital in WW1, and one wing was a convalescent home in WW2, the family remaining in another part of the house. **Sulhamstead House**, now the **Police Training Centre**, temporarily housed personnel for RAF Theale, since accommodation for them was still under construction when that airfield was already in use.

RAF Theale was opened in 1941. It consisted of grass landing areas of about 900 by 800 yards, and was bounded to the north by the Kennet and Avon Canal. It was primarily used for elementary flying training, and later in 1944 by No 128 Gliding School. It was closed in 1948, with the site subsequently being bought for gravel extraction, whence the large lake there now, the home water of **Burghfield Sailing Club**.

However, still in use for light aircraft is the former **RAF Hampstead Norreys**, located at what is now called **Haw Farm Airfield**. It was mainly used for training Wellington Bomber crews, and at least two field-names in the vicinity still recall its wartime existence. **Lookout**, on the Aldworth-Streatley road, has a commanding view to the north-west and the Midlands, and nearby is a field called **Searchlight**.

RAF Greenham Common was opened in 1942, and in 1943 was turned over to the US Air Force. On 12 December 1944 it witnessed an accident involving a glider, in which all 33 on board were killed. The two pilots are remembered at **Albury Road**, Greenham, and **Buckner-Croke Way**, Thatcham, with Burton E Lindenmuth, a private soldier on board that glider, recorded in **Lindenmuth Way**.

Arnhem Road, Newbury, owes its name to a local resident, Norman Symons, who married Sophia Helena Schaap, from Arnhem, Holland. She was in that town during the Battle of Arnhem in 1944, and wanted the road so named in memory of the soldiers who died there. It thus performs the same sort of function as **Remembrance Road**, Newbury, remembering all those from Newbury who died fighting in WW1.

In the other direction, towards Reading, there is **Artillery Mews**, Tilehurst Road, built in 1922 and used in WW2 as an army barracks. **Yeomanry House**, at the top of Castle Hill, was built as a private house in the early 19th century, but in the 1900s it became the headquarters of the Royal Berkshire Yeomanry. The footprint of the current County Record Office is that of its former Riding School.

The **Museum of Berkshire Aviation** stands on the site of the former **RAF Woodley**. In the 1930s the aerodrome had been a thriving aircraft factory. The WW2 flying ace Douglas Badet lost both his legs there in a flying accident in 1931.



Yeomanry House, Reading.

The only major place-name in the region of which I am aware that recalls a WW2 victory is **Enham Alamein**, a village on the Newbury road just north of Andover. First recorded as *Enham militis* ('Knight's Enham') in 1316, and *Knyghtesenham* in 1389, after WW1 a rehabilitation colony for ex-servicemen was set up there. It was reendowed after WW2 by the government of Egypt in gratitude for the defeat of the German army at El Alamein, and the name changed from Knight's Enham to Enham Alamein on the wave of post-war national sentiment. However, like many other items in this article, its origin will soon be lost, if it is not already.

Lest we forget.

Nigel Suffield-Jones

If you would like to know about the possible meaning(s) of your Family name and/or First name, contact me at nsjnames@gmail.com.

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1 MERRY CHRISTMAS, 9 YULE LOGS, 10 REAVE, 12 LAID, 13 AWED, 14 ENDUE, 16 MANAGERS, 17 TWINER, 19 UNSURE, 21 MIDNIGHT, 24 DARES, 25 RACE, 26 HALO, 28 NAOMI, 29 EXPLAINS, 30 RELENTLESSNESS

Down

2 REUNION, 3 YVES, 4 HOOKWORM, 5 INSIDE, 6 TURKEY WING, 7 ALADDIN, 8 CELEBRATION, 11 PLUM PUDDING, 15 AGGRESSIVE, 18 MINCE PIE, 20 SCROOGE, 22 GRANNIE, 23 ORIENT, 27 MASS

PANGBOURNE AND WHITCHURCH SUSTAINABILITY NEWS



TREE FEST

Tree Fest started with a talk to PAWS by James Morison of Forest Research entitled "How will tree planting help in the climate emergency?" We learned that:

Tree growth removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, so trees are obviously important. However, the role of trees in the climate is not just about carbon; there are many other benefits of planting trees, maintaining those we have and creating new woodlands, and also some potential problems. James described the role of trees in carbon and greenhouse gas balances, and briefly discussed some of the other contributions they make to our environment and to sustainability.



He emphasised the need to plant the right tree at the right time of year in the right place.

The official launch of the tree planting event was in October in centre of Pangbourne where volunteers signed up to plant a tree in the Thames Meadows. At the same time prizes for the PAWS summer tree quiz were awarded by Sir Brian Hoskins to five well-deserving youngsters.



By the time you read this, hopefully you will have planted a tree on the meadows as part of Pangbourne Parish Council's initiative and either sponsored, adopted or planted a tree in your garden! It has been great to work with the Parish Council, especially Peter McIver and Becky Elkins who have obtained 31 trees from the Woodland Trust and worked on clearing the undergrowth preparing the land for planting. The trees will need watering and looking after until they are established.

You can source trees through the Woodland Trust or grow fruit trees available from good plant nurseries. Apple trees do not have to be super large – you can buy dwarf plants and maintain height by judicious pruning.

By now we all understand the science behind tree planting as trees absorb CO₂ which is the contributor to global warming, but we also plant trees and wild flowers to create a healthy biodiversity of plant and insect life. Without it humans cannot survive. The planet exists by virtue of interdependency of all species and the extinction of one species has a profound effect upon the life of others. We need our bees to fertilise our fruit trees and produce our apples. We have run an apple pressing day every year (except 2020) for ten years to ensure the fruit did not go to waste.

This year our Apple pressing day in September at the maze in Whitchurch was a great success. The beautiful weather and idyllic venue provided a peaceful setting for the hard work of chopping, crushing and pressing of apples brought by a good number of people. Some juice was taken home and a lot consumed on the day. After being unable to have apple pressing last year we all appreciated getting together, meeting new people and sharing in nature's bounty.

COP26

For this edition of the magazine we are focussing on the efforts of world leaders attending COP26 in Glasgow, chaired by our MP, Alok Sharma. This UN climate summit is happening at a time when the window of opportunity for action on climate change is shrinking rapidly. In recent months extreme weather has created havoc across the globe and in August, a landmark report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded that there is 'unequivocal' evidence that human activity is already changing the world in unprecedented and irreversible ways. The UN chief Antonia Gutierrez described it as a "code red for humanity".



SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

We hope the list of ideas and resources on the following page will help us all in our own Thameside communities to make changes in our daily lives that contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions. We can all be climate warriors leading politicians by example.

1. Transport

- ✓ **Walk or cycle to work and shops –**
In the neighbourhood: Bike racks available in Pangbourne at the Coop, Garlands, Library, WBC car park.
- ✓ **Take public transport –** *In the neighbourhood:* For train services from Pangbourne: www.nationalrail.co.uk; Bus route 142 (serving Pangbourne and Whitchurch): www.goingforwardbuses.com/goring-reading-the-parks-route-the-142-8; Bus route 143 (serving Pangbourne): www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/143
- ✓ **Buy an electric car –** *Online info:* RAC advice: www.rac.co.uk/drive/electric-cars/choosing-buyers-guide

2. Food

- ✓ **Eat more local, organic and seasonal food –**
In the neighbourhood: Organic box scheme: Tolhurst Veg www.tolhurstorganic.co.uk; Organic shop: Garlands Organic garlandsorganic.co.uk; Bakery: Birch Bread birchbread.co.uk; Cheese shop: Pangbourne Cheese Shop cheese-etc.co.uk; Butcher: Greens of Pangbourne greensofpangbourne.com
- ✓ **Eat less meat and dairy, and more vegetables**
- ✓ **Waste less food –**
Online info: www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

3. Make your home greener

- ✓ **Insulate your house –** *In the neighbourhood:* Retrofit service for Oxfordshire: <https://cosyhomesoxfordshire.org>
- ✓ **Install renewable energy technologies, e.g. PV panels, heat pumps, heat recovery –** *Online info:* <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/generating-renewable-energy>
- ✓ **Sign up to a green energy supplier and turn off appliances when not in use**
- ✓ **Wash clothes only when necessary, make sure you fill the washing machine and dry your clothes outside or on an inside clothes drier**
- ✓ **Buy from local shops rather than online**
- ✓ **Look for alternatives to plastic, particularly one-use plastic**

4. Clothing

- ✓ **Buy better clothes that last longer, avoid fast fashion and buy fewer clothes and shoes**
- ✓ **Get your clothes and shoes repaired –**
In the neighbourhood: Local shoe repair – Abbots in Pangbourne
- ✓ **Buy second hand and recycle good clothes –**
In the neighbourhood: Local charity shops: Age UK and Oxfam UK in Pangbourne

5. Green Your Appliances

- ✓ **Get appliances repaired if possible –** *In the neighbourhood:* NEW Repair café now running every second Saturday of the month at Mad Duck Café, Wintringham Way, Purley on Thames, RG8 8BG, 3-5pm
- ✓ **Buy energy efficient appliances –** *Online info:* <https://inthewash.co.uk/washing-machines/new-energy-ratings-explained>

6. Garden

- ✓ **Plant a tree –** *Online info:* How to choose a tree: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/choose; How to care for your tree: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/care/
- ✓ **Let the grass grow longer before you cut it and leave areas to become wild**
- ✓ **Plant insect and bee friendly plants and flowers –**
Online info: <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/nature/beefriendly-plants-every-season>
- ✓ **Avoid using pesticides and insecticides**
- ✓ **Make sure your garden can absorb water**

7. Holidays

- ✓ **Look for destinations closer to home**
- ✓ **Take the train if possible –** *Online info:* Really good resource for information on travelling by train to Europe: www.seat61.com
- ✓ **Take active holidays**

2021/22 PAWS CALENDAR

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Thursday 18 November 8pm start	The Making of CHEETAH the Movie A compelling drama inspired by the very real battle to save an endangered species. Gareth Ellis-Unwin, award winning film producer (The King's Speech) will be talking about sustainable film making, illustrated by film clips	Pangbourne Village Hall
Thursday 16 December 8pm – 10pm	Christmas Gathering: a celebration of 10+1 years of PAWS! Potluck supper; all welcome	Pangbourne Village Hall
Thursday 13 January 2022 8pm – 10pm	PAWS 2022 Planning Meeting	Pangbourne Village Hall

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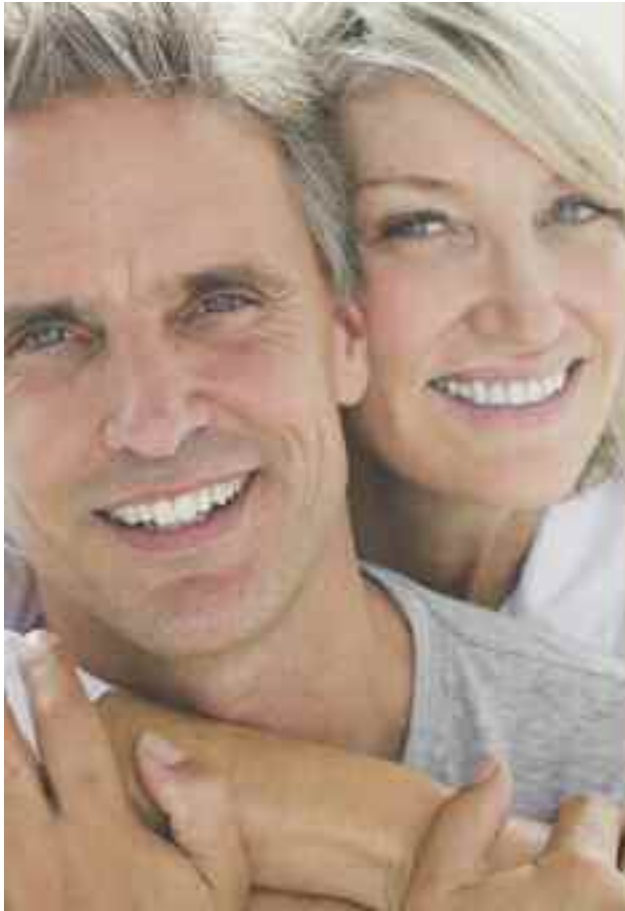


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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENT



The annual Remembrance Sunday Service will take place again this year on the afternoon of Sunday 14th November but please note that the details will be slightly amended.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing situation, there will be no indoor Service of Remembrance at St James the Less Church this year,

although the weekly Sunday Service will take place as normal in the morning. A slightly shortened outdoor Remembrance Service will be held in the Churchyard in the afternoon following on from the laying of wreaths.

It is also hoped that this year will also see the return of the Remembrance Parade to the Church departing from the Police Station at approx. 2.25pm with the outdoor service commencing shortly after. Members of the public are welcomed to attend both the parade and service, however we would ask that people continue to be mindful and considerate of the current situation and wear masks and keep a reasonable distance as appropriate for the benefit of the whole community.

Road closures will be in force for the duration of the parade and an extended closure will be in place for the duration of the service around the bottom of Pangbourne Hill /Station Road /Church Road.

(Please note that this event may be subject to change due to the ongoing situation so please do look on the Parish Council website, noticeboards and social media for the latest information and final details nearer the time.)

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Unfortunately the annual Village Christmas Evening will be unlikely to be held in its usual form this year.

The Parish Council will still be installing its seasonal lights on the street lighting columns and also providing a Christmas tree for the village, but there will be no official switch on event.

Please see individual businesses and retailers for details of any special activities or late night openings they may be running.

It is hoped that Christmas events may be held in St James the Less early in December. Please see separate details in the magazine for details of all upcoming services and events at St James the Less.

Please also check in with the Parish Council website and social media nearer the time.

PANGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL – REPAIRS COMPLETE

We are really pleased to be able to report that repairs to the small hall following the flood in February are now complete. This work has been hampered by delays in materials (particularly the flooring) and trades but is finally now looking smart, new and fresh.



We are back to full capacity and look forward to welcoming new and regular bookings.

Please do visit the re-launched Parish Website www.pangbourne-pc.gov.uk/ to see more details for the hall and to book online via the Hallmaster system.

Alternatively, please contact the Hall Bookings Clerk June Hughes to make a booking.

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TRAFFIC ORDER – THAMES AVENUE

West Berkshire District Council
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING
AND LOADING, PARKING PLACES AND
RESIDENTS' PARKING (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER
2009 (AMENDMENT NO 31) ORDER 2021

The temporary Traffic Order relating to yellow parking prohibition lines at the far end of Thames Avenue which was introduced last year has now been made a permanent Order. This is to improve access to the Recreation Ground and ensure that Emergency vehicles are able to gain access.

TVP AND RBFRS MOVE TO THEALE

At the September meeting of the Parish Council, we were fortunate to have a presentation from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer at the Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service. He gave us an update on the Fire Service's move to the new facilities on the A4 at Theale. The project is running ahead of time and the service is due to begin vacating the existing Fire Station on Horseshoe Road from the end of October. Thames Valley Police are also beginning their transfer to the same site during the Autumn.

The new building will be a triple service centre as it will also house SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service) and it is hoped that this new location should improve response times across the area and to the village.

Further information on the Fire Service's move can be found elsewhere in this edition.

The Parish Council is in discussion with RBFRS and other local organisations to find a suitable replacement site for the Defibrillator that is currently housed at the fire station.

20TH ANNIVERSARY

The village is only what it is because of its people. Helen Stock has been with GWR for 20 years now doing many roles, but the last 15 have been at Pangbourne Station. She will be a familiar face to many within the village. A number of local residents have highlighted this special anniversary to us and expressed a wish to give thanks to Helen for her service during that time. Helen says "I just love to be able to help people out, I've made some good friends including some furry friends too, and have a really good rapport with all of my customers. I feel part of the community. Thank you so much everyone." Helen is keen to mark her anniversary with some planting in and around the station, a subject which has been raised a number of times in recent years. As many will know, this has been a great success at Goring Station. This is being looked into and please do get in touch if you would like to be involved if we can gain agreement from GWR.

FREE ONLINE DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We have secured the opportunity to hold an online defibrillator course with places for approx. 100 people from within the village community and local groups so that as many people as possible are trained in their use.



If you would like to attend this course, please contact the Clerk: clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk to register your interest in the first instance.

Thank you to all those people who have already signed up for the course, we will be in touch shortly with more details.



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE LAST ARTICLE

APP NO:	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION
21/02187/ HOUSE	Single storey rear extension 27 Bourne Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JT	NO OBJECTION
21/02191/ FULD	Change of Use from Vacant / Sui Generis to Dwelling Kiosks, Water Pumping Station, Tidmarsh Road, Pangbourne	NO OBJECTION (COMMENTS)
21/01726/ LBC2	Replacement of ceramic tiled flooring and cement/concrete base to entrance hall with Limecrete and stone tile flooring Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	NO OBJECTION
21/01869/ HOUSE	First floor rear extension 35 St James Close, Pangbourne RG8 7AP	NO OBJECTION
21/01801/ CERT	Permission was granted in 2004 for the construction of stables and the use of a total area of 0.09Ha of agricultural land as equestrian. The stables and the yard were built and the owners, using their field behind the stables for grazing and exercising the horses found the use of the designated equestrian land immediately adjacent to their garden unsuitable. Subsequently, to accommodate their daughters use of their relatively small garden various pieces of children's equipment were sited adjacent to the garden including a circular swimming pool, climbing frame slide and trampoline. This was done over 12 years ago and I attach an aerial photograph taken in 2010 which shows the land in use as garden with the pool and trampoline clearly shown. There is no fencing or division between the designated equestrian land and the residential garden. Jumps in the adjacent field can be seen in this photograph demonstrating the use of the field for exercising the horses. The applicants therefore request the current designation of the area of land as equestrian and as outlined in purple on drawing No LTC2021/02 be changed to residential. Lime Tree Cottage, Bowden Green, Pangbourne RG8 8JN	NO OBJECTION (COMMENTS)
21/01941/ FULD	5 Bedroom detached dwelling, detached garage and hardstanding. Section 73 application to vary/remove conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 3 (Materials) and 13 (Lighting) of previously approved application 20/02329/FULD. Former Camden Ridge, Riverview Road, Pangbourne	NO OBJECTION
21/02072/ HOUSE	Rear mono-pitched extension and blocking up two side windows. 38 Reading Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JF	NO OBJECTION (COMMENT)
21/02060/ HOUSE	Proposed rear dormer roof additions. Blue Daws, Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7AS	NO OBJECTION (COMMENT)
21/02114/ HOUSE	Demolition of existing rear lean-to conservatory and extension, and erection of new single storey tile-roofed rear extension. Creation of new loft room with traditional gabled dormer to rear elevation. Removal of 1970s front door and reinstatement of original placement of front door set back from front facade. 26 Thames Avenue, Pangbourne RG8 7BU	NO OBJECTION
21/02372/ HOUSE	Erection of garden building 3 Croft Drive, Pangbourne RG8 8AN	NO OBJECTION
21/02273/ FULD	Detached replacement residential dwelling Gulberg, Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne, RG8 7AS	NO OBJECTION

APP NO:	PROPOSAL	WBC DECISION
APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY WBC SINCE LAST ARTICLE:		
21/01103/ HOUSE	Proposed ground floor rear extension, balconies to two rear bedrooms and loft conversion to provide bedroom, lounge and en suite. 3 Croft Drive, Pangbourne RG8 8AN	APPROVAL
21/01232/ HOUSE	First floor extension over existing garage Holly House, Courtlands Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7BE	APPROVAL
21/01129/ HOUSE	Garage extension and alterations Cadache, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
21/01296/ HOUSE	Internal and external alterations to existing garage outbuilding, and erection of lean-to greenhouse extension (resubmission of Planning Permission No. 17/01768/HOUSE). Use of part of ground floor for residential purposes ancillary to the main dwelling. Courtlands, Tidmarsh Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AY	APPROVAL
21/01423/ LBC2	Internal refurbishment works to ground floor, first floor and loft. 45 Shooters Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7EA	APPROVAL
21/01491/ HOUSE	Single storey link extension, partial garage conversion and new terrace. Cornerways, 12 Sheffield Close, Pangbourne RG8 7GD	APPROVAL
21/01769/ HOUSE	Single storey side and rear extension 3 Meadow Lane, Pangbourne RG8 7ND	APPROVAL
20/01801/ CERT	Appeal (Planning Inspectorate APP/W0340/X/21/3266253) – Certificate of Lawful Use 14 Whitchurch Road, RG8 7BP	APPROVAL
21/01726/ LBC2	Replacement of ceramic tiled flooring and cement/concrete base to entrance hall with Limecrete and stone tile flooring Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
21/00751/ HOUSE	Single storey extension for an Orangery to the rear of the existing building. To the north-west of the existing building. Summerlea Grange, Road Known as Theale Road, Tidmarsh RG8 8ES	APPROVAL
21/01869/ HOUSE	First floor rear extension 35 St James Close, Pangbourne RG8 7AP	APPROVAL
21/01289/ OUTD	Application for Outline Planning Permission With Some Matters Reserved: Erection of 4no new dwellings at Land Rear of Wakemans. Matters to be considered: Access and Layout. Land at Wakemans, Upper Basildon	REFUSAL
21/01481/ HOUSE	The proposal consists of two main parts. Firstly, to convert the current indoor pool to create a kitchen, dining and family room area within ancillary storage areas to include boot and utility space. Above a subservient first floor extension, we propose to form two bedrooms with en suites with associated dressing areas and covered balcony. Secondly, we propose a single storey extension to the current outbuilding courtyard to create a gym. Oakingham House, Bere Court Road, Pangbourne RG8 8JU	APPROVAL

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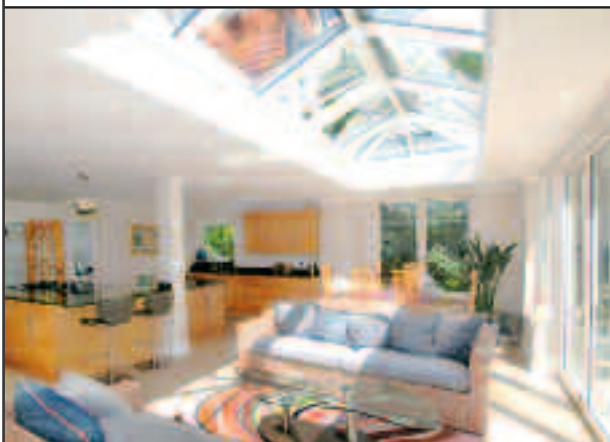
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